

West Valley
Water District

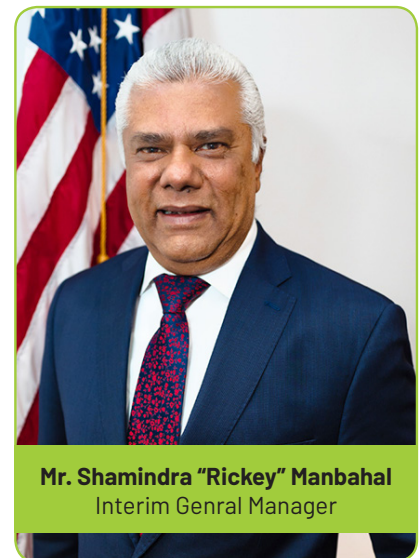
Celebrates

**EARTH DAY
2021**



MR. SHAMINDRA "RICKEY" MANBAHAL APPOINTED INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

Last month, the WVWD Board of Directors appointed Mr. Shamindra "Rickey" Manbahal as interim general manager. Having served the water district for over a year and a half as chief financial and administrative officer, "Rickey" Manbahal brings extensive experience in finance and government management to the position and has been critical to overseeing many of the agency's successful financial, transparency and accountability reforms. He has served as director of finance for several cities throughout California and previously even worked for the County of Los Angeles as an internal auditor. Mr. Manbahal has a Master's degree in Public Administration from California State Northridge and a bachelor's degree in accounting. In addition to his duties at WVWD, Manbahal also is a part-time lecturer at UCLA Extension, leading auditing, accounting and business management courses. Mr. Manbahal has been essential to WVWD's turnaround and success and are in good hands while the search for a permanent general manager is under way.



Mr. Shamindra "Rickey" Manbahal
Interim Genral Manager

IEWORKS TO SPUR REGIONAL ECONOMIC EQUITY, CAREERS IN THE WATER AND WASTEWATER INDUSTRY

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, water agencies like ours face a significant number of retirements from water treatment plants and system operators over the next several, which could lead to a talent shortage for our growing industry. Experts within the Inland Empire project a total of 835 openings in critical local water industry occupations by 2023, so to address this problem, a group of Inland Empire utility agencies, educational institutions and community stakeholders have come together to form IEWorks, a workforce development group that will train more candidates for these critical jobs.



Officially launching on April 1st, 2021, IEWorks will foster talent, diversity and jobs through apprenticeships, internships and career awareness opportunities in the region's water and wastewater industry. To fulfill this mission, IEWorks secured over \$1 million in funding from the U.S Department of Education and additional funding from the California High Road Training Partnership to support a full-time staff position, worker wages, supportive services, and technical assistance.

"I'm passionate about this initiative because my life changed as a result of targeted opportunities like these," said Western Municipal Water District Board Vice President Gracie Torres. "When I was a young single mom, I applied for a small Western Municipal Water District scholarship that changed the trajectory of my life. There are so many of us with local water agencies that are ready to move the Inland Empire forward together and invest in the lives of our people."

For more detailed information, please visit www.wvwd.org/news.

WVWD CELEBRATES EARTH DAY!

April 22 is Earth Day, and WVWD is dedicating the entire month of April to promoting conservation and care for our planet and its limited resources! Stay tuned to WVWD's emails and social media for water saving tips and more information on our coming Earth Day virtual event. This month, we invite you to learn more about how you can save water and to take advantage of our generous rebates on water-saving equipment by visiting www.wvwd.org/conservation.



STATE OF THE DISTRICT VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE



Our inaugural State of the District event, in which WVWD senior staff and elected leaders outlined WVWD's accomplishments for 2020 and agenda for 2021, is available to watch online! We encourage all ratepayers and community members, especially those wondering about WVWD's progress and plans, to watch a recording of the event on the WVWD Facebook page or our MyWVWD YouTube channel.



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IN MEMORY OF JACQUALYNNE YOUNG

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of the dear wife of our Board Director Dr. Clifford O. Young, Jacquelynne Young. On behalf of the West Valley Water District family, we offer our deepest, most

heartfelt sympathies to the Youngs. We also encourage our entire community to reach out and lift our dear friend and brother with love and prayer during this difficult time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2021



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Board of Directors Meetings:



April Fool's Day



Good Friday



Easter



Earth Day

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