



LABOR SECRETARY VISIT

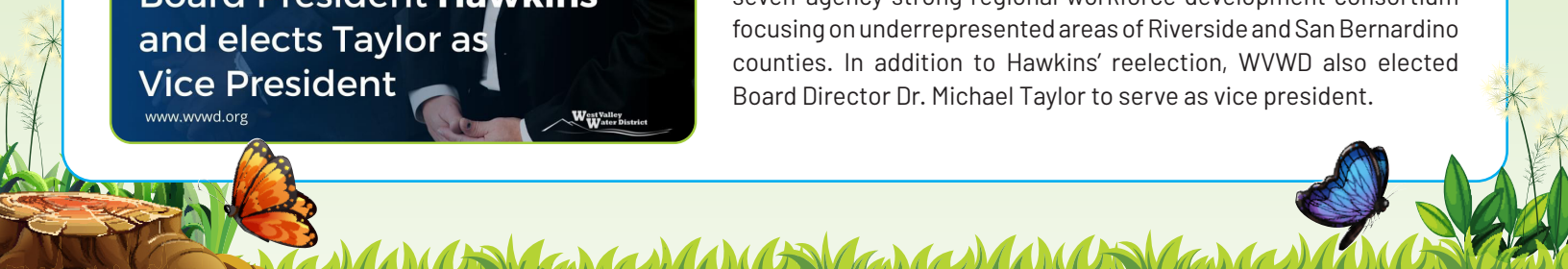
In December, West Valley Water District (WVWD) welcomed California Labor Secretary Natalie Palugyai to the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility. Secretary Palugyai, the first Latina to serve as California Labor Secretary, recently issued a \$1 million state grant to fund IEWorks, our nonprofit organization that helps recruit and train jobseekers in underrepresented areas of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Earlier this year, WVWD graduated its first class of interns through the program. During her visit, Secretary Palugyai toured the Roemer facility with IEWorks leadership, WVWD Board President Channing Hawkins and Western Municipal Water District Vice President Gracie Torres. WVWD extends its thanks to Secretary Palugyai for working to fund and grow our future water industry workforce.



HAWKINS AND TAYLOR ELECTIONS



The West Valley Water District (WVWD) Board of Directors reelected Board President Channing Hawkins. Hawkins is committed to continuing to provide accountability, transparency and local jobs for ratepayers in the region. During his tenure as Board President, Hawkins spearheaded reforms such as rigorous accounting and financial reporting measures, a new board policies and procedures manual and new water sustainability and efficiency projects. These reforms earned WVWD the Special Districts Leadership Foundation's Transparency Certificate of Excellence, an award which recognizes transparency in operations and governance of special districts. Hawkins also serves as president of IEWorks, a seven-agency strong regional workforce development consortium focusing on underrepresented areas of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. In addition to Hawkins' reelection, WVWD also elected Board Director Dr. Michael Taylor to serve as vice president.



HOLIDAY CHARITABLE EFFORTS

To celebrate the holidays this year, the West Valley Water District (WVWD) supported the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Giving Program, which helps to provide new clothing and toys to hundreds of thousands of struggling families and children around the country each year for Christmas. This year, WVWD provided gifts for underserved children and families attending school within the Rialto and Colton Unified School Districts. WVWD is honored to contribute to our region's children and families this Christmas. We hope their Christmases are a little merrier this year!



WVWD LONGEST RUNNING EMPLOYEE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS



West Valley Water District (WVWD) recently celebrated the commitment of our longest-running employee, Board Secretary Peggy Asche. Born and raised in Bloomington, Asche has worked at WVWD for 40 years. Over her years at West Valley Water District, Asche gained expertise in many different departments, working in the customer service, billing and engineering departments before transitioning to positions as administrative secretary and board secretary. "My favorite part of the job is working with my coworkers," Asche said. "My coworkers have become my family, and I am honored to serve as board secretary. I take pride in what I've learned throughout my years here." WVWD extends our utmost thanks to Ms. Asche for her years of dedicated service.

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