



RIALTO HIGH STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR INLAND SOLAR CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION

Rialto High School (RHS) students were recognized by the WVWD Board of Directors for their participation in the 2022 Inland Solar Challenge (ISC) at the July 7 board meeting.

"While WVWD is proud of all the students who participated in this year's challenge, we're especially proud of our Rialto High School team," said WVWD Board President Channing Hawkins. "We're thrilled to serve as a local sponsor for this event that helps to encourage students to study and pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. And we're also glad that we're teaching future generations about the benefits of water conservation."

The ISC event engages and educates high school students across the Inland Empire on the importance of sustainability and water conservation. The annual program challenges students to design, build and race sixteen-foot boats, concluding in a three-day event hosted by a number of local water agencies at Yucaipa Regional Park.

WVWD sponsored the Rialto High School (RHS) team, which placed second at the event in Yucaipa Regional Park. The Rialto High School boat was evaluated on its technical design and a public service announcement (PSA) on water conservation.



BOARD SECRETARY RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS



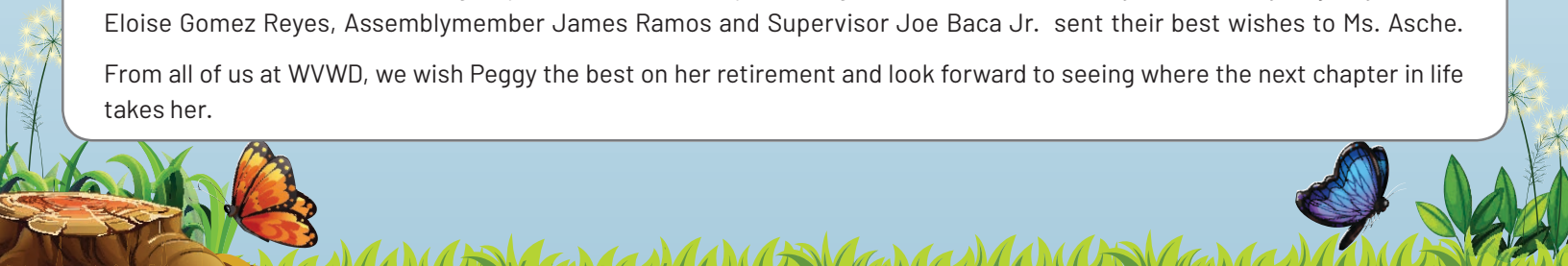
West Valley Water District (WVWD) said a bittersweet goodbye to Board Secretary Peggy Asche, who retired this month after 40 years of dedicated service to WVWD and its ratepayers.

Ms. Asche started within the customer service department in December 1981 and has since received promotions to the billing, engineering, operations, and administrative departments. Her tireless dedication to her job, her coworkers, and WVWD ratepayers have made her an invaluable resource to the district.

During the July 7 board meeting, the Board of Directors presented Ms. Asche with a resolution commending and memorializing her 40 years of great work and tireless devotion to the water district.

Local elected officials, including Rep. Norma Torres, Rep. Pete Aguilar, Senator Connie Leyva, Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes, Assemblymember James Ramos and Supervisor Joe Baca Jr. sent their best wishes to Ms. Asche.

From all of us at WVWD, we wish Peggy the best on her retirement and look forward to seeing where the next chapter in life takes her.



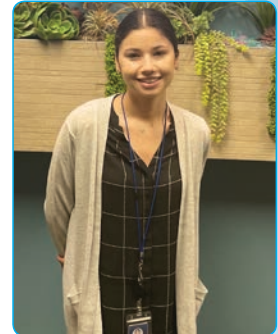
WVWD WELCOMES GIS INTERN TO ASSIST DIGITAL MAPPING

In June, WVWD welcomed Sarah Ramirez to the team as a geographic information system (GIS) intern.

Sarah helps the GIS department create and maintain digital maps that represent the water district's boundaries, infrastructure, assets, and other datasets necessary to conducting and planning water district operations.

Sarah attends California State University, San Bernardino where she is majoring in geology. Sarah hopes to follow her interest in the water industry, noting the importance of the limited resource and hoping to use her experience to improve the efficiency of water management systems.

In her free time, Sarah likes to run, read non-fiction books and cheer on her favorite teams, the Rams and Angels.



JULY IS SMART IRRIGATION MONTH

Amid California's dry and hot summer months, the West Valley Water District (WVWD) Board of Directors recognizes July as Smart Irrigation Month, which was launched by the National Irrigation Association in 2005 to raise public awareness of smart irrigation products and water-saving practices that can provide real solutions to today's water challenges.



We encourage all of our ratepayers and our community members to improve their irrigation efficiency taking these easy steps!

- Take advantage of WVWD rebates to install weather-based irrigation controllers and high efficiency irrigation nozzles; weather-based controllers mean your plants only get watered when necessary, and efficient nozzles protect your plants while minimizing waste.
- Minimize water runoff by ensuring your sprinklers are directed toward landscape and not pavement.
- Use drip irrigation, to apply water only to the base of plants, and is ideal for smaller landscaped areas.
- When hiring a professional to install your landscape irrigation system, make sure he or she is certified by a WaterSense labeled irrigation program.

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