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State of the District Address

THE INAUGURAL STATE OF THE WATER DISTRICT, 2021

On February 26, 2021, the Board of Directors for the West Valley Water District hosted its inaugural State of the Water District event, which was streamed live via Zoom, YouTube and Facebook. As viewers watched online, President Channing Hawkins delivered a keynote address that detailed the agency's improvements and accomplishments in 2020 and plans for the next year. Board members also presented progress on their committees and dedicated areas of success and improvement. Vice President Kyle Crowther provided an overview of critical internal reforms that improve transparency and efficiency and Director Greg Young provided insight into the recent and coming capital improvements that will keep West Valley supplied with water for decades to come.

WVWD leadership highlighted its Certificate of Excellence in Transparency from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation for transparency reforms; Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the ninth year in a row; critical Roemer water filtration facility expansion project that will nearly double WVWD's filtration capacity; and the beginning of a new educational partnership that will help fill an enormous skills gap in the water industry and provide over a hundred jobs for local students and residents. The acting General Manager,

Shamindra Manbahal, closed the event with an outline of the district's plan for 2021 with updated policies and new initiatives focused on continued transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility. You can watch a recording of the event by visiting MyWVWD on YouTube and view the full WVWD financial report at

www.wvwd.org/transparency/#comprehensiveannualfinancialreports.



WVWD CONTINUES MASSIVE TURNAROUND WITH FAVORABLE FINANCIAL REPORT

Capping off a year of tremendous turnaround, the West Valley Water District (WVWD) Board of Directors proudly received a "clean" Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 2020 fiscal year, which is a significant improvement from a 2019 fiscal year audit.

Board President Channing Hawkins said, "This marks the end of a tough period for the water district. This report is a receipt to ratepayers of our work to deliver greater transparency and improved accountability at the West Valley Water District."

Board Vice President Kyle Crowther said, "Collaboration was key here. Without proper planning and consistent cooperation between our board members, staff and independent organizations that helped to ensure compliance, this wouldn't be possible. I'd like to thank our board members, managers and staff for working diligently together over the last several months to help turn around our district's finances and financial operations."

The Pun Group, LLP, which served as the certified public accountant that audited WVWD's finances, prepared the "clean" CAFR and were responsible for the report's data and accuracy ensuring compliance with strict Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidelines. According to The Pun Group, the audit's "clean" results means that "the financial statements were fairly presented in all material respects, accounting policies have been consistently applied, estimates are reasonable, and disclosures are properly reflected in the financial statements."

Kenneth H. Pun, Managing Partner with the Pun Group said, "Management has taken our recommendations seriously and addressed all the issues identified in the 2019 audit, which has significantly improved and strengthened the internal controls at the Water District."



GROUNDWATER WEEK IN MARCH

In March, we celebrate National Groundwater Awareness Week, which focuses on the necessity of conserving and restoring groundwater. It's a top priority of the West Valley Water District (WVWD) to increase the agency's treatment capacity from the expansion of the Oliver P. Roemer Water Filtration Facility. Groundwater is often used, but rarely replenished and traditional methods of trapping local rainfall and snowmelt are no longer enough to serve the growing water needs of the region. To combat this problem, WVWD will ensure a reliable water supply and long-term groundwater sustainability by partnering with neighboring water agencies through the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council, a collaborative and voluntary team that manages groundwater resources in the



San Bernardino Basin. Working alongside other agencies, we are working together to provide a sustainable, reliable water supply for all residents and businesses throughout the region for years to come.

CONSERVATION - PLANTING SEASON HAS BEGUN



Planting season is upon us, and as many of you are looking at new garden and produce options, we would like to remind you to use high efficiency irrigation systems and select drought-resistant plants that do not require large amounts of water. So as you make use of this coming planting season for everyday essentials, please keep water savings and your water bill in mind. To make sure your garden is sustainable and affordable, be sure to make use of WVWD's rebates for weather-based "smart" irrigation controllers and high-efficiency irrigation nozzles.

For more conservation tips and rebate options, please visit WVWD.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2021

Board of Directors Meetings:



National Groundwater Awareness Week



St. Patrick's Day



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