

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

April 17, 2024

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Vásquez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Directors present: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary of the Board; Lesley Dobalian, Director of Water Resources; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; Shallako Goodrick, Director of Administration; and Elizabeth Xaverius, Administrative Assistant. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present.

Other attendees: None.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kuchinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

24-04-49	<i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.</i>
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**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director of Water Resources Lesley Dobalian, Director of Operations and Field Services Frank Wolinski and Director of Engineering Randy Whitmann provided clarification on specific line items of Item 6.D, Cash Disbursements Report.

Mr. Wolinski provided clarification regarding the costs presented in Consent Calendar Item 6.A, Materials for Mainline Replacement. Director of Administration Shallako Goodrick provided further clarification regarding material costs, noting that pipe costs had increased by 167%.

24-04-50	<i>Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 2024-17 proclaiming the week of May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024 as Special Districts Week and Resolution No. 2024-18 approving disbursements.</i>
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A. Materials for Mainline Replacement

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board approved the purchase of pipeline materials from Pacific Pipeline Supply for mainline replacement on Independence Way (D-2382; DIV NO 3) in the amount of \$248,934.41.

B. Special Districts Week

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board took the following action:

*The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2024-17 proclaiming the week of May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024 as Special Districts Week by the following roll call vote:*

*AYES: Directors Kuchinsky, Sanchez, Miller, MacKenzie, and Vásquez*  
*NOES: None*  
*ABSTAIN: None*  
*ABSENT: None*

*Resolution No. 2024-17 is on file in the official Resolution book of the District.*

C. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on April 3, 2024

The minutes of April 3, 2024 were approved as presented.

D. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 74472 through 74573 drawn on US Bank totaling \$430,342.53.**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the execution of the checks by the appropriate officers of the District.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by a roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 17th day of April 2024.**

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**7. BOARD COMPENSATION**

See staff report attached hereto.

President Vásquez opened the public hearing at 9:10 a.m. It was noted that there were no members of the public present in-person or telephonically. General Manager Brett Hodgkiss stated that no public comments were received in writing or by telephone. President Vásquez closed the public hearing at 9:11 a.m.

The Board discussed that the California Water Code allows the governing board of a water district to increase its compensation by five percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment. Escalating the current per diem rate of \$200 by five percent for the nine years since its last adjustment, the maximum compensation allowable to the Board at this time would be \$290 per day’s service. The proposed increase would take the per diem amount from \$200 to \$210.

Director Miller stated that a nominal increase to the per diem would serve to “reset the clock” and lessen the possibility of a large increase in the future.

Director MacKenzie concurred with Director Miller’s statement and commented that the Board’s responsibility has increased tremendously over the past nine years and that a \$10 increase to the per diem would not be unreasonable.

Director Kuchinsky commented that he is not in favor of increasing Directors' per diem by \$10; he would prefer the option of requesting a per diem for Directors' involvement in activities that directly serve the community.

President Vásquez commented that the only benefit of increasing Directors' compensation would be to "reset the clock" to lessen the possibility of a large increase in the future; he expressed concern about the impact on District ratepayers and indicated that he was not in favor of increasing the per diem amount.

In response to a question by the Board, General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell clarified that should the Board vote to increase the Directors' per diem to \$210 each Director can decide whether to take the increase.

24-04-51 *Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Miller, the Board of Directors adopted Ordinance No. 2024-01 setting Directors' per diem compensation at \$210 for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board of Directors, by the following roll call vote:*

*AYES: Directors Sanchez, Miller, and MacKenzie*  
*NOES: Directors Vásquez and Kuchinsky*  
*ABSTAIN: None*  
*ABSENT: None*

*Ordinance No. 2024-01 is on file in the official Ordinance book of the District.*

**8. SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

See staff report attached hereto.

Ms. Goodrick presented a brief summary of the Public Affairs Committee's discussion in its April 10, 2024 meeting regarding the Scholarship Contest. Public Affairs Committee Chair Sanchez stated that the Committee reviewed the applications and after careful consideration recommended awarding \$2,000 scholarships to Elizabeth Fellars and Juan Paz of Rancho Buena Vista High School and Ilona Medina from Vista High School. Committee Member Kuchinsky commented that he enjoyed reviewing the applications and that all three scholarship recipients submitted well thought out and unique solutions to the essay question. Chair Sanchez stated that Ms. Fellars, Mr. Paz and Ms. Media would be presented a certificate in the amount of the scholarship award at the May 1, 2024 Board meeting and that he and Committee Member Kuchinsky would be attending the upcoming awards presentations for each recipient at their respective high schools.

24-04-52 *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors approved the Public Affairs Committee's recommendation to award \$2,000 scholarships in honor of George S. Henry, Vista Irrigation District's first Board President, to Elizabeth Fellars and Juan Paz from Rancho Buena Vista High School and Ilona Medina from Vista High School.*

**9. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller reported that the next San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) Board of Directors meeting would be April 25, 2024. He said that Metropolitan Water District (MWD) had finalized its biennial budget, and the MWD Board adopted rates and charges for Calendar Years 2025 and 2026. The rates and charges will increase by 8.5 percent each calendar year. The MWD Board also approved increasing the Ad Valorem property tax rate from 0.0035 to 0.0070 percent. Director Miller indicated that the Water Authority would begin finalizing its rates and charges for Calendar Year 2025 now that MWD has adopted its rates and charges.

## 10. MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Director MacKenzie reported on her attendance at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Legislative Symposium where she heard updates on the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and legislative action related to groundwater management and water conservation in California. She reported on her attendance at a meeting of the ACWA State Legislative Committee where there was discussion on various bills. Director MacKenzie reported on her attendance at a Council of Water Utilities meeting where she heard a presentation on the East County Advanced Water Purification Program and her attendance at a California Special Districts Association (CSDA) San Bernardino Chapter meeting where she heard a presentation from East Valley Water District General Manager/CEO Michael Moore regarding progressive design build.

Director Sanchez mentioned that the Fiscal Policy Committee would be meeting on April 30, 2024.

Director Miller reported on his attendance at a San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority Board of Directors meeting where he gave a presentation on the Colorado River.

Director Kuchinsky reported that he attended a Vista Government Affairs meeting and made a presentation on the Vista Irrigation District. He also heard a presentation from the Clean Energy Alliance (CEA) regarding the transition of energy distribution from San Diego Gas & Electric to CEA in north San Diego County.

President Vásquez requested authorization to attend the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame Luncheon on May 18, 2024 and informed the Board that he would not be able to attend ACWA Spring Conference May 7-9, 2024 due to medical reasons.

All Directors reported on their attendance at the Ethics Training on April 15, 2024.

24-04-53      *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors authorized President Vásquez to attend the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame Luncheon on May 18, 2024.*

## 11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Kuchinsky suggested adding an item to a future agenda recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alta Vista Botanical Gardens.

Mr. Hodgkiss said that the Board would receive a status report from the District's grant writing consultant in June.

## 12. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Kuchinsky commended engineering staff on the Edgemoor Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station Project and suggested that staff explore avenues for recognition of the project. He noted that Mr. Wolinski and Meter Repair Technician Abraham Gomez received a commendation from a District customer for assisting with a water leak. Director Kuchinsky commented on the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Annual Review and Risk Assessment Visit letter provided to the Board.

Director Sanchez also commented on the ACWA JPIA Annual Review and Risk Assessment Visit letter congratulating Mr. Wolinski on providing a successful and informative walkthrough.

Director MacKenzie commented on a newspaper article that reported on the ongoing water quality issues at the Warner Springs Unified School District.

President Vásquez noted that he and Director Sanchez were featured in the *Movers & Shakers* section of a recent edition of California Special Districts (a CSDA publication); he also commented on several articles contained in the publication.

**13. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Mitchell addressed various questions regarding Conflict of Interest and Form 700 reporting requirements that were posed by the Board during the Ethics training on April 15, 2024.

**14. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr. Hodgkiss informed the Board that the agenda packet for the April 29, 2024 Financing Capital Projects Workshop would be sent out early next week to allow extra time to review the information. He said that the water level at Lake Henshaw was at 28,500 acre feet at the time of his report.

President Vásquez called for a brief break at 10:30 a.m. prior to going into closed session. The Board returned from break and went immediately into closed session at 10:38 a.m.

**15. CLOSED SESSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

President Vásquez announced the closed session item as follows:

*Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2).  
Number of cases: 4*

The Board came out of closed session at 10:44 a.m. at which time Director Sanchez recused himself from item number 1 of the anticipated litigation on the grounds of common law conflict of interest. Director Sanchez left the room and the Board returned to closed session at 10:45 a.m.

At 10:57 a.m. Director Sanchez returned to the dais. Ms. Mitchell stated that there was no reportable action on that matter. The entire Board returned to closed session on the other three items of anticipated litigation. The Board came out of closed session at 11:04 a.m. and Ms. Mitchell reported that there was no reportable action.

**16. CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

The Board returned to closed session at 11:05 a.m. for the following:

*Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6(a). Agency negotiators: Phil Zamora, Frank Wolinski and Shallako Goodrick.*

The Board took the following action:

24-04-54	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Sanchez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors appointed Shallako Goodrick, Phil Zamora and Frank Wolinski as lead negotiators and Brett Hodgkiss an alternate negotiator for the upcoming District labor negotiations.</i>
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The Board came out of closed session at 11:07 a.m. and went immediately into closed session for item 17.

**17. CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – GENERAL COUNSEL**

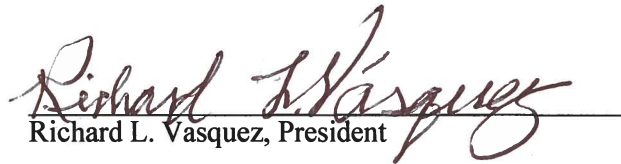
*Performance evaluation of public employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957.*

The Board came out of closed session at 11:46 a.m. Ms. Mitchell stated that there was direction given and no reportable action for item 17.

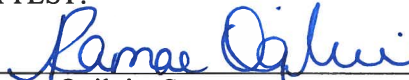
Director MacKenzie informed the Board that Kent Foster, former General Counsel for the District, had passed away.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 11:50 a.m., President Vásquez adjourned the meeting.

  
Richard L. Vasquez, President

ATTEST:

  
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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date:** April 17, 2024  
**Prepared By:** Frank Wolinski  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: MATERIALS FOR MAINLINE REPLACEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the purchase of pipeline materials from Pacific Pipeline Supply for mainline replacement on Independence Way (D-2382; DIV NO 3) in the amount of \$248,934.41.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On December 6, 2023, the Board approved the purchase of pipeline materials from Ferguson Waterworks totaling \$244,239.62 for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$248,934.41 including tax and freight.

SUMMARY: The District solicited bids from three vendors, Core & Main, Ferguson Waterworks and Pacific Pipeline Supply. All bids were responsive to the District’s specifications; Pacific Pipeline Supply submitted the lowest bid.

DETAILED REPORT: This bid represents the remaining balance of material needed to replace 6,100 feet of various sizes of steel, asbestos cement and PVC pipe in Independence Way, Sherman Way, Monte Mar Road, Elm Drive and Dolphin Circle that was installed between the mid-1930s and 1980. Storage limitations at the project’s staging area and District headquarters restricted the amount of materials that could be ordered at one time; therefore, two separate material orders were necessary. Staff recommends the replacement of this mainline, as it will eliminate a segment of steel pipe with an elevated leak history that has reached the end of its useful life.

Materials being purchased for this phase project include 4-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch PVC pipe and various fittings.

Bid Results:	Pacific Pipeline Supply	\$248,934.41
	Ferguson Waterworks	\$253,652.37
	Core & Main	\$259,496.95

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): This purchase is for a mainline replacement project that staff previously determined to be exempt under Class 2 of the State CEQA Guidelines section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 14 CCR § 15302(c) because it consists of replacement or reconstruction of an existing utility system and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and there is no potential for the project to cause either a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.



**Agenda Item: 6.B**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX proclaiming the week of May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024 as Special Districts Week.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On May 3, 2023, the Board adopted Resolution No. 23-18 proclaiming the week of May 14, 2023 to May 20, 2023 as Special Districts Week.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Last year, Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 52, which would proclaim the week of May 14, 2023 to May 20, 2023 (coinciding with Special Districts Legislative Days) to be *Special Districts Week*; it encouraged all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government. On March 21, 2024, Assembly Member Gregg Hart introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) No. 163, which would proclaim the week of May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024 (coinciding with Special Districts Legislative Days) to be *Special Districts Week*. Like last year, the legislature is encouraging Californians across the state to engage with their local communities and to be actively involved with their government, particularly with special districts and the areas they serve.

The California Special Districts Association is requesting that special districts support the legislature's efforts by taking various actions, including sending a letter of support for ACR 163 (attached) and adopting a resolution proclaiming the week of May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024 to be Special Districts Week. A draft resolution of is attached for the Board's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ACR 163
- Letter of Support
- Resolution No. 2024-XX



**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 163**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hart**

March 21, 2024

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 163—Relative to Special Districts Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 163, as introduced, Hart. Special Districts Week.

This measure proclaims the week of May 19, 2024, to May 25, 2024, to be Special Districts Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Special districts are local governmental entities  
2 created by a community’s residents, funded by those residents,  
3 and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services  
4 and infrastructure; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, just over 2,000 independent special districts  
6 provide millions of Californians with essential services, including  
7 services related to water, sanitation, and water recycling, fire  
8 protection, electricity, parks and recreation, health care, open space,  
9 ports and harbors, flood protection, mosquito abatement,  
10 cemeteries, resource conservation, airports, transit, road  
11 maintenance, veterans’ facilities, and more; and

12 WHEREAS, Special districts first arose when San Joaquin  
13 Valley farmers needed a way to access their local water supply;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Under the Wright Act of 1887, the Turlock  
16 Irrigation District became California’s first special district and

1 made it possible for local farmers to intensify and diversify  
2 agriculture in California's central valley; and

3 WHEREAS, In the 20th century, special districts increased  
4 dramatically in both number and scope, and during the periods of  
5 prosperity and population growth that followed both world wars  
6 when the demand for all types of public services increased, and  
7 special districts met that need; and

8 WHEREAS, The statutory authorization for mosquito abatement  
9 districts was enacted in 1915 to combat the salt marsh mosquitoes  
10 around the San Francisco Bay and higher than average malaria  
11 cases in rural counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Fire protection districts can trace their origins to  
13 a 1923 state law, and in 1931, the Legislature authorized recreation  
14 districts, the forerunners of today's recreation and park districts;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Hospital districts arose in 1945 because of a  
17 statewide shortage of hospital beds. In 1994, the Legislature then  
18 expanded their breadth and renamed them health care districts in  
19 recognition of the diverse, modern needs of California's  
20 communities and the importance of proactive, affordable health  
21 care beyond the walls of a hospital building; and

22 WHEREAS, Although originally created to provide individual  
23 services, in 1961, the Legislature authorized special districts to  
24 address multiple needs when it provided for multipurpose,  
25 community services districts; and

26 WHEREAS, Special districts vary in size and scope and serve  
27 diverse communities throughout California, from small rural  
28 neighborhoods, such as the Pine Cove Water District in the San  
29 Jacinto Mountains in the County of Riverside, to large urban  
30 regions, such as the East Bay Municipal Utility District spanning  
31 much of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa; and

32 WHEREAS, Local residents own special districts and govern  
33 them through locally elected or appointed boards. A series of  
34 sunshine laws ensure special districts remain transparent and  
35 accountable to the communities they serve, as these laws require  
36 open and public meetings, public access to records, regular audits,  
37 online posting of finances and compensation, and more; and

38 WHEREAS, To prevent overlapping services and ensure that  
39 local agencies are operating effectively and efficiently to meet  
40 community needs, special districts are formed, reviewed,

1 consolidated, or dissolved through a methodical local process that  
2 includes the oversight of a local agency formation commission  
3 and the consent of local voters; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1969, several independent special districts  
5 formed a statewide association called the California Special  
6 Districts Association, commonly referred to as the CSDA, to  
7 promote good governance and improved essential local services  
8 through professional development, advocacy, and other services  
9 for all types of independent special districts; and

10 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to promote democratic  
11 institutions, community-based services, local control, and  
12 self-determination; and

13 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to promote and educate the  
14 public about their local public service providers, including  
15 awareness and understanding of special districts; now, therefore,  
16 be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
19 week of May 19, 2024, to May 25, 2024, inclusive, to be Special  
20 Districts Week and encourages all Californians to be involved in  
21 their communities and be civically engaged with their local  
22 government; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.



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April 3, 2024

The Honorable Gregg Hart  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***Re: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 163 (Hart) – Support [As Introduced]***

Dear Assembly Member Hart:

Vista Irrigation District, a public agency that provides water service to over 130,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside and unincorporated areas of San Diego County, is pleased to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 163, which would establish Special Districts Week from May 19 to May 25, 2024.

Communities form special districts to provide a needed service that is overseen by a local board and funded by local revenue. By focusing on one service, or a small suite of services, these public entities are able to perform efficient, effective, sustainable service delivery and infrastructure development, while maintaining local accountability.

Special districts date back to 1887 and have a long, rich history of providing benefits to their residents. They vary in size to meet local needs, ranging from servicing multi-county regions and sometimes millions of residents, to small rural communities. As a representative of the special district community, we are pleased to support ACR 163.

Vista Irrigation District would like to thank the author for introducing this resolution recognizing and commending special districts for the important work that they do throughout California. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Hodgkiss".

Brett Hodgkiss  
General Manager

CC: Assembly Member Laurie Davies  
Senator Catherine Blakespear  
Marcus Detwiler, Legislative Representative, California Special Districts Association

**Board of Directors**

Richard L. Vásquez, *President, Division 2*  
Marty Miller, *Division 1*  
Peter Kuchinsky II., *Division 3*  
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Jo MacKenzie, *Division 5*

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*General Manager*  
Ramae A. Ogilvie  
*Board Secretary*  
Elizabeth A. Mitchell  
*General Counsel*

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2024 TO MAY 25, 2024  
TO BE SPECIAL DISTRICT WEEK

WHEREAS, special districts are local governmental entities created by a community's residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, today, just over 2,000 independent special districts provide millions of Californians with essential services, including services related to water, sanitation and water recycling, fire protection, electricity, parks and recreation, health care, open space, ports and harbors, flood protection, mosquito abatement, cemeteries, resource conservation, airports, transit, road maintenance, veterans' facilities, and more; and

WHEREAS, special districts first arose when San Joaquin Valley farmers needed a way to access their local water supply; and

WHEREAS, under the Wright Act of 1887, the Turlock Irrigation District became California's first special district and made it possible for local farmers to intensify and diversify agriculture in California's central valley; and

WHEREAS, in the 20th century, special districts increased dramatically in both number and scope, and during the periods of prosperity and population growth that followed both world wars when the demand for all types of public services increased, and special districts met that need; and

WHEREAS, the statutory authorization for mosquito abatement districts was enacted in 1915 to combat the salt marsh mosquitoes around the San Francisco Bay and higher than average malaria cases in rural counties; and

WHEREAS, fire protection districts can trace their origins to a 1923 state law, and in 1931 the Legislature authorized recreation districts, the forerunners of today's recreation and park districts; and

WHEREAS, hospital districts arose in 1945 because of a statewide shortage of hospital beds. In 1994, the Legislature then expanded their breadth and renamed them health care districts in recognition of the diverse, modern needs of California's communities and the importance of proactive, affordable health care beyond the walls of a hospital building; and

WHEREAS, although originally created to provide individual services, in 1961 the Legislature authorized special districts to address multiple needs, when it provided for multipurpose, community services districts; and

WHEREAS, special districts vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout California, from small rural neighborhoods, such as the Pine Cove Water District in the San Jacinto Mountains of the County of Riverside, to large urban regions, such as the East Bay Municipal Utility District spanning much of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, local residents own special districts and govern them through locally elected or appointed boards. A series of sunshine laws ensure special districts remain transparent and accountable to the communities they serve, as these laws require open and public meetings, public access to records, regular audits, online posting of finances and compensation, and more; and

WHEREAS, to prevent overlapping services and ensure that local agencies are operating effectively and efficiently to meet community needs, special districts are formed, reviewed, consolidated, or dissolved through a methodical local process that includes the oversight of a local agency formation commission and the consent of local voters; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, several independent special districts formed a statewide association called the California Special Districts Association, commonly referred to as the CSDA, to promote good governance and improved essential local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts; and

WHEREAS, Vista Irrigation District seeks to promote democratic institutions, community-based services, local control, and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Vista Irrigation District seeks to promote and educate the public about their local public service providers, including awareness and understanding of special districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED by the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors that Vista Irrigation District hereby joins the California State Legislature in proclaiming the week of May 19, 2024, to May 25, 2024, inclusive, to be Special Districts Week and encourages all residents to be involved in their community and be civically engaged with their local government.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District this 17th day of April, 2024.

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Richard L. Vásquez, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District



## Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 3/21/2024 - 4/3/2024

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
74472 - 74476	03/27/2024	Refund Checks 74472 - 74476	Customer Refunds	1,268.62
74477	03/27/2024	Refund Check 74477	Customer Refund	2,217.39
74478	03/27/2024	Refund Check 74478	Customer Refund	353.68
74479	03/27/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Water Filter for Refrigerator	40.15
74480	03/27/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Electrical Repair Parts - F1	48.09
	03/27/2024		Warehouse Supplies	211.33
	03/27/2024		Transmission Pan, Filters	156.96
	03/27/2024		Beacon Guard - F3	36.25
	03/27/2024		Warehouse Supplies	143.16
	03/27/2024		Binders (6)	193.80
	03/27/2024		Headache Rack Mounting Kit - Truck 17	143.21
	03/27/2024		Generator Carburetor	42.92
74481	03/27/2024	Hendey Meter	3" Construction Meters (2)	1,900.87
74482	03/27/2024	Benjamin Barton Bareno	Tuition Reimbursement 03/2024	349.99
74483	03/27/2024	Branden O'Donnell	Reimburse - Supervisor Academy 03/19/24	63.38
74484	03/27/2024	Bryan and the Bee's	Live Bee Removal (1)	192.50
74485	03/27/2024	Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Legal 02/2024	3,120.00
74486	03/27/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Independence Way	3,087.50
	03/27/2024		Traffic Control - Camino Loma Verde	570.00
	03/27/2024		Traffic Control - Via Teresa	1,662.50
	03/27/2024		Traffic Control - Maryland Dr	1,235.00
74487	03/27/2024	City Of Escondido	Escondido Water Treatment Plant 01/2024 - 02/2024	172,386.13
74488	03/27/2024	City of Vista	Refund - CMP Phase 1 Deposit	1,532.50
74489	03/27/2024	CleanCapital HC4 Borrower LLC	Solar Energy 02/2024	3,300.00
74490	03/27/2024	Core & Main	12" Deflection Couplings (6)	2,869.76
	03/27/2024		12" 45 Degree Push On Angles (3)	1,600.40
74491	03/27/2024	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	Real Quest Online Services 02/2024	309.00
74492	03/27/2024	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	128.21
	03/27/2024		Portable Restroom Service	84.23
74493	03/27/2024	Electrical Sales Inc	Ground Rods & Wires	417.96
74494	03/27/2024	Farwest Corrosion Control Company	Magnesium Anodes (10)	2,996.64
74495	03/27/2024	Ferguson Waterworks	3/4" & 1" Brass Ball Valve Lever Handle Ford HB34S (8)	64.26
	03/27/2024		1 1/4"- 2" Brass Ball Valve Lever Handle Ford HB67S (2)	38.23
	03/27/2024		Angle Ball Mtr Valve 1" Flare Swl Mtr Nut Lockwing (3)	441.56
	03/27/2024		EII / 0.75" / 90° / PVC / S x S / Sch 40 (9)	2.17

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74496	03/27/2024	Grainger	Ethernet Port Covers	187.98
74497	03/27/2024	Hoch Consulting	Grant Research 11/22/23 - 03/03/24	14,140.00
74498	03/27/2024	InfoSend Inc	Backflow Notices	402.74
74499	03/27/2024	Lawnmowers Plus Inc	Clutches for Saws (2)	129.28
74500	03/27/2024	McMaster-Carr Supply Company	Unistrut Channel (4)	84.62
	03/27/2024		Address Labels (2)	45.92
74501	03/27/2024	Moodys	Dump Fees/Oversize (3)	1,800.00
	03/27/2024		Dump Fees/Oversize (2)	1,200.00
74502	03/27/2024	MRC, Smart Technology Solutions	Manage Printer Services	334.76
74503	03/27/2024	Mutual of Omaha	LTD/STD/Life Insurance 04/2024	6,718.62
74504	03/27/2024	NAPA Auto Parts	Filters, Ignition Sealer Spray	64.07
74505	03/27/2024	North County Auto Parts	Rear View Mirror Adhesive, Wiper Blades	36.07
	03/27/2024		Relays (3) - F1	67.26
	03/27/2024		Sensor - Truck 5	20.82
74506	03/27/2024	Opto 22	SCADA Controller (1)	1,343.13
74507	03/27/2024	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Coupling 10" Deflection C900 (3)	993.74
	03/27/2024		Gate Valve 3" R/S DI Flange (2)	796.72
	03/27/2024		Tubing 1.5" Copper Soft 20' (40)	606.20
	03/27/2024		Pipe 10" PVC DR-14 C900 (40)	1,905.20
	03/27/2024		Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 6"-8" (6" gasket) 3/4 x 3 1/4 (36)	506.59
	03/27/2024		Adapter 10" DI FLxPO (1)	287.95
	03/27/2024		Fire Hydrant Spool 6x6 DI (3)	402.69
	03/27/2024		Clamp 6x12 Repair Full Circle SS Romac SS2 Series (1)	324.75
	03/27/2024		Coupling 10" Repair PVC C900 (1)	317.18
	03/27/2024		Coupling 2" Brass (5)	108.25
	03/27/2024		Fire Hydrant Spool 6x24 DI (2)	526.10
	03/27/2024		Flange 6" DI Blind 6-hole (1)	98.51
	03/27/2024		Pipe .75" PVC Schedule 40 (60)	64.95
	03/27/2024		Fire Hydrant Rod 15"x.5" Break Off SS (5)	400.53
74508	03/27/2024	Powerland Equipment, Inc	Weed Whip String	45.85
74509	03/27/2024	San Diego Chapter CSDA	COWU Lunch Meeting 04/16/24 - J MacKenzie	60.00
74510	03/27/2024	San Diego Co Superintendent of Schools	Splash Lab Sponsorship 3/19/24	855.00
74511	03/27/2024	Sonsray Machinery LLC	Instrumental Cluster Printed Circuit Board (1)	257.16
74512	03/27/2024	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 03/01/24 - 03/15/24	8,253.49
74513	03/27/2024	Sunbelt Rentals	Concrete	607.41
74514	03/27/2024	Tifco Industries	Shop Supplies	224.94
74515	03/27/2024	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	1,959.00
74516	03/27/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	259.13
74517	03/27/2024	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phones 02/16/24 - 03/15/24	2,275.41
74518	03/27/2024	West Coast Civil, Inc	Independence Way LCC Bid Preparation (TO 24-02)	3,920.00



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74519	03/27/2024	TS Industrial Supply	Broom Utility Corn (1)	17.74
	03/27/2024		Flaring 1" Tool (2)	55.97
	03/27/2024		Shovel Spade (1)	57.10
	03/27/2024		Blade Replacement VP-30 PVC (2)	67.33
	03/27/2024		Cutter 1/8" to 1 5/8" Ridgid #RC-1625 PVC (1)	85.73
	03/27/2024		Lifter SS 36" Meter Lid (2)	90.93
	03/27/2024		Measuring Tape Holder 25' (5)	115.02
	03/27/2024		Nozzle Heating Victor (1)	237.07
	03/27/2024		Gloves Thickster Nitrile LG 100 per box (10)	281.45
	03/27/2024		Wrench Magnum 1.25" One Hand (2)	308.95
	03/27/2024		Towel Wypall X80 (5)	248.16
	03/27/2024		5" Spray Wand End Trigger Assembly (1)	78.59
	03/27/2024		Fittings (5)	17.05
74520	03/27/2024	White Cap Construction Supply	Concrete Tools	73.68
74521	03/27/2024	Xerox Corporation	Xerox Maintenance & Supplies	249.27
74522 - 74524	04/03/2024	Refund Checks 74522 - 74524	Customer Refunds	936.10
74525	04/03/2024	Refund Check 74525	Customer Refund	101.20
74526	04/03/2024	A-1 Irrigation, Inc	Rain Gauges (5)	20.20
74527	04/03/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Light - Truck 37	213.24
	04/03/2024		File Folders	77.92
	04/03/2024		Brush/Bug Screen - Truck 6	44.50
	04/03/2024		Socket Set, Boot Hook	138.94
	04/03/2024		Concrete Saw Parts	34.89
74528	04/03/2024	Bennett-Bowen & Lighthouse Inc	Strobe Light Bar w/Traffic Advisor - Truck 17	1,552.92
	04/03/2024		Strobe Lights - Truck 17	452.74
74529	04/03/2024	BHA Inc	Survey of Henshaw Dam 02/2024	4,797.50
74530	04/03/2024	Boot Barn Inc	Footwear Program (1)	180.00
	04/03/2024		Footwear Program (1)	180.00
	04/03/2024		Footwear Program (1)	180.00
74531	04/03/2024	Brown and Caldwell	Flume Replacement Alignment Study 11/25/23-1/25/24	42,389.60
74532	04/03/2024	Dixieline	Concrete Form Stays, Nails	57.28
74533	04/03/2024	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration	Mar'24 Use Tax Return	50.00
74534	04/03/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Independence Way	6,460.00
	04/03/2024		Traffic Control - Bodega Way @ Live Oak	1,425.00
	04/03/2024		Traffic Control - E Vista Way	1,235.00
74535	04/03/2024	Certified Laboratories	Motor Oil	487.34
74536	04/03/2024	Akeso Occupational Health	New Hire Physical	168.00
74537	04/03/2024	Core & Main	Fire Hydrant 6x4x2.5 (3)	11,999.52
	04/03/2024		Angle Ball Valve 2" FNPT X MNPT (CurbStop) (19)	7,260.33
	04/03/2024		Ball Valve 1.5" FIP X FIP with handle PSI 300 (6)	1,539.32

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	04/03/2024		Pipe Fitting Restrainers (10)	1,251.80
	04/03/2024		F/H Spool (1)	206.44
	04/03/2024		DI Spool (1)	401.94
74538	04/03/2024	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	108.01
	04/03/2024		Portable Restroom Service	100.57
74539	04/03/2024	Dudek	E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 11/2023	2,925.00
	04/03/2024		E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 12/2023	4,190.00
	04/03/2024		E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 01/2024	2,895.00
74540	04/03/2024	Electrical Sales Inc	Electrical/Materials	121.93
74541	04/03/2024	Fastenal Company	Washers (200)	129.40
74542	04/03/2024	Ferguson Waterworks	3/4"&1"Brass Ball Valve Lever Handle Ford HB34S (4)	32.13
	04/03/2024		Fire Hydrant 6x4x2.5 (3)	12,366.48
	04/03/2024		Zinc Anode bag 30lb (24)	4,837.48
	04/03/2024		Meter Box DFW 16 x11x12 (19)	1,354.37
74543	04/03/2024	Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co (EyeMed)	Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	8.78
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	8.78
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Cobra	(67.62)
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - Employees	1,566.00
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - J MacKenzie	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - M Miller	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - R Vasquez	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - P Kuchinsky	14.24
	04/03/2024		Vision Insurance 04/2024 - P Sanchez	14.24
74544	04/03/2024	Government Finance Officers Association	GFOA Membership Renewal	150.00
74545	04/03/2024	Grainger	Drain Line - E Reservoir	250.74
	04/03/2024		Reducing Bushing (1) - E Reservoir	8.80
74546	04/03/2024	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Engine Parts - L4	545.57
	04/03/2024		Blade for Broom Bucket	297.67
74547	04/03/2024	Hello Deli	Lunch 3/28/24 (6) - Construction Worker Interviews	120.02
74548	04/03/2024	Joe's Paving	Re-Stripe Driveway & Parking - Marlin Dr	2,909.00
74549	04/03/2024	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	MAP Sensor - Truck 5	69.50
74550	04/03/2024	Lawnmowers Plus Inc	Concrete Saw Parts	8.03
	04/03/2024		Throttle/Choke Cable Assembly - Truck 10	60.54
74551	04/03/2024	Mallory Safety and Supply, LLC	Vest Lime Hi-Viz XL (3)	67.06
74552	04/03/2024	North County Auto Parts	Shop Chemicals, Oil, Wiper Blades	233.27

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	04/03/2024		Wire Cable - Truck 17	41.78
74553	04/03/2024	North County Industrial Park	Association Fees 04/2024	1,028.22
74554	04/03/2024	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Ell 8" DI PO 22.5 Degree (2)	415.68
74555	04/03/2024	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tire (1) - Truck 26	477.61
74556	04/03/2024	Phenova Inc	Proficiency Testing for Bac-T Samples	631.55
74557	04/03/2024	Premier Chevrolet	Speaker, Bumpers - Truck 37	187.99
74558	04/03/2024	Ramco Petroleum	Fuel 02/2024	2,367.63
74559	04/03/2024	Ramona Disposal Service	Trash Disposal 03/2024	327.83
74560	04/03/2024	S & R Towing	Tow Service - Truck 73	169.00
74561	04/03/2024	San Diego Friction Products	Exhaust Stack Pipe	253.17
74562	04/03/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	Gas 03/2024 - VID Headquarters	1,175.32
	04/03/2024		Electric 03/2024 - Henshaw Buildings & Grounds	536.23
	04/03/2024		Electric 03/2024 - Henshaw Wellfield	12,997.78
	04/03/2024		Electric 03/2024 - VID Headquarters	4,847.48
74563	04/03/2024	SignArt	Easement Signs (10)	161.20
74564	04/03/2024	Sunbelt Rentals	Scaffolding Rental - Lupine Hills Reservoir	158.32
74565	04/03/2024	Sunshine Supply Co Inc	Sealant, Cone Nozzle	191.26
74566	04/03/2024	The UPS Store 0971	Shipping 03/2024 - HABs	850.00
74567	04/03/2024	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	1,959.00
74568	04/03/2024	Midas Service Experts	Tires (4) - Truck 69	1,078.94
74569	04/03/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	318.62
74570	04/03/2024	Valley CM, Inc	E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 02/2024	14,870.40
74571	04/03/2024	Vista Fence Company Inc	Fence Material - E32 Regulator Vault	5,990.58
74572	04/03/2024	VWR International LLC	Glassware for Lab	84.56
74573	04/03/2024	TS Industrial Supply	Large Gate Valve - VE2	359.62
	04/03/2024		First Aid Kits (2)	83.70
	04/03/2024		Nemesis Safety Glasses - Smk / Blk Frame (12)	81.97
	04/03/2024		Survey Marking Paint Pink #229 (12)	85.47
	04/03/2024		Gloss Black Spray Paint / Aervoe 306 (12)	86.64
	04/03/2024		Maxiflex Gloves / Large / Maroon Cuff (12)	71.70
	04/03/2024		Primer Spray Paint / Z8072 (12)	68.59
	04/03/2024		Electrical Tape / 0.75" x 60' / 3 rolls of 10 (30)	52.93
	04/03/2024		Maxiflex Gloves / XL / Yellow Cuff (12)	71.70
	04/03/2024		White Striping Paint #710 (12)	99.37
	04/03/2024		Blue Striping Paint #750 (12)	99.37
	04/03/2024		Sqwincher Tea / 0.6 fl oz / 200 pack case (1)	107.82
	04/03/2024		Screwdriver / 8" / Standard Tip / 3/8" x 13" (8)	134.14
	04/03/2024		Screwdriver / 12" / Standard Tip / 1/2" x 17" (8)	178.35
	04/03/2024		Black Striping Paint #770 (24)	198.75
	04/03/2024		Black Pipe Wrap Tape / 2" x 100' / 10 Mil (24)	227.33

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	04/03/2024		Blue stake Chasers (Marking Feathers) (8)	38.19
	04/03/2024		Maxiflex Gloves / Medium / Green Cuff (12)	71.70
			<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>430,342.53</b>



**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: BOARD COMPENSATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on a revision to the District ordinance setting compensation for the Board of Directors.
- 2) Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2024-01 setting \$210 as Directors' per diem compensation for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board of Directors.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: At its May 13, 2015 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) adopted Ordinance No. 15-01 setting \$200 as Directors' per diem compensation for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board. At its March 20, 2024 meeting, the Board approved calling for a public hearing to receive comments on a revision to the District Ordinance setting compensation for the Board of Directors at \$210.

FISCAL IMPACT: Undeterminable due to the Board's discretion; however, at the March 20, 2024 Board meeting, the Board called for a public hearing to consider an increase in the per diem amount from \$200 to \$210 per director, per day's service. If adopted, \$3,050 would be the approximate increase to the average annual Board per diem total expense based on data for three years (excluding Fiscal Years 2020 through 2022 due to the pandemic).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to State Water Code section 20200 et seq. (Water Code), the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-01 setting its per diem compensation at \$200 per day's service as a director at its May 13, 2015 meeting. Based on direction and discussion from the previous Board meeting, a draft ordinance changing the compensation for Directors from \$200 to \$210 per day's service is attached for the Board's consideration at today's public hearing. In compliance with Government Code 6066, the Notice of Public Hearing was (and will be) duly published in the San Diego Union-Tribune (Union-Tribune) a newspaper of general circulation in the District's service area on April 8, 2024 and April 14, 2024. The affidavit of publication will be included as part of the administrative record and made available to the public upon receipt from the Union-Tribune.

DETAILED REPORT: As per the District's Rules and Regulations, per diem compensation is pre-approved for directors to attend meetings of the Board and standing or ad hoc committees of the Board. Per diem compensation is pre-approved for Directors appointed by the Board President to represent the District at meetings of water industry related organizations including, but not limited to, joint powers boards, San Luis Rey Watershed Council, Groundwater Resources Association of California and legislative water advisory meetings. Per diem compensation is also pre-approved for directors duly elected or appointed to serve on the governing board or committee of another governmental agency or association, to which the District is a member, to attend official meetings of said governing boards or committees, including, but not limited to, the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Local Agency Formation Commission and Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

Prior authorization must be received from the Board in a public meeting in order to receive per diem compensation for attendance at functions that constitute the performance of official duties such as conferences, seminars, training sessions, educational activities or other events sponsored by professional organizations such as ACWA, CSDA and Urban Water Institute. Per diem compensation is not allowed for attendance at events that are primarily meal or social functions. According to the Water Code, no compensation shall be authorized for any Director for more than 10 days of service in any calendar month.

According the Water Code, the governing board of a water district may increase its compensation by five percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment. Escalating the current per diem rate of \$200 by five percent for the nine years since its last adjustment, the maximum compensation allowable to the Board at this time would be \$290 per day's service. The Board has previously indicated a desire to consider an increase to \$210 per day's service. If adopted, this Ordinance would become effective 60 days after its adoption.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Public Hearing Notice
- Draft Ordinance No. 2024-01



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Vista Irrigation District will hold a public hearing in its Board Room located at 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider revising the Rules and Regulations of the District relating to Board member compensation and adopting such revisions effective June 16, 2024. Pursuant to California Water Code section 20200 *et seq.*, Board member compensation for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board is proposed to be increased from \$200 to \$210. All interested parties are invited to observe and participate in this public hearing to express opinions and/or present evidence relative to this matter and the compensation being proposed.

Members of the public may attend this hearing in person or may observe and participate in the hearing through Vista Irrigation District's teleconferencing line; the phone number and applicable pass code for such participation is as follows: Phone (877) 873-8018; Pass Code 474698#. Telephone participants who are interested in observing and/or participating in the public hearing regarding the Board member compensation being considered are requested to call the number listed above at or before 8:50 a.m. on April 17, 2024, so that District staff can organize the number and order of speakers and assure the ability of all who wish to participate.

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
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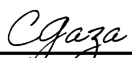
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Executed at San Diego, California, on this 16th day of April, 2024.

  
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/s/ Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors, Vista Irrigation District

(SDUT 11659965)



ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION  
FOR DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2015, members of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District adopted Ordinance No. 15-01 authorizing Board compensation at a rate of \$200 for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 20200 *et seq.* provides that increases in the rate of compensation for directors may be authorized by ordinance, and that such increases shall not exceed an amount equal to five percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment; and

WHEREAS, April 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office was designated as the time and place for hearing on this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, such hearing was held and evidence submitted to the Board of Directors, and the Board having heard and considered all such evidence including public comments and objections, both oral and written as was received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District as follows:

SECTION 1.       **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as findings.

SECTION 2.       **Effective Date.** Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the rate of compensation set forth in this Ordinance will be effective June 16, 2024.

SECTION 3.       **Additional Findings.** The Board of Directors hereby makes the following additional findings:

1. According to California Water Code section 20200 *et seq.*, the governing board of a water agency may increase its compensation by ordinance and that such increases shall not exceed an amount equal to five percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment.
2. Escalating the current compensation rate of \$200 by five percent for nine years since the last adjustment, the maximum compensation allowable would be \$290 per day's service.
3. Increasing the compensation rate to \$210.00 per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors and for each day's authorized service to the District rendered as a member of the Board of Directors is permitted pursuant to California Water Code section 20200 *et seq.*

4. No compensation shall be authorized for any Director for more than a total of 10 days of service in any calendar month consistent with California Water Code section 20200 *et seq.*

SECTION 4. **Notice.** The Notice of Public Hearing was duly published on April 8, 2024 and April 14, 2024 in The San Diego Union-Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in the District's service area.

SECTION 5. **Amendment to Rules and Regulations.** Based on the foregoing conclusions and evidence, the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby amend certain provisions of the District's Rules and Regulations as follows:

### 1.5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 1.5.1 Director's Compensation

Each member of the Board of Directors shall receive compensation of \$210 per day (per diem compensation) for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board by request of the Board, and for each day while reasonably engaged in travel time to attend authorized meetings, up to a maximum of ten (10) days in any calendar month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April 2024, by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Richard L. Vásquez, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



**PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Approved By: Dirs. Sanchez & Kuchinsky**

SUBJECT: SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Public Affairs Committee's recommendation to award \$2,000 scholarships in honor of George S. Henry, Vista Irrigation District's first Board President, to Elizabeth Fellars and Juan Paz from Rancho Buena Vista High School and Ilona Medina from Vista High School.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On May 3, 2023, the Board awarded \$2,000 scholarships to Naia Riggenbach from Pacific Ridge High School and Riley Robbins from Rancho Buena Vista High School, and \$1,500 scholarships to Monica Lozada from San Marcos High School and Colin Gastauer, Sarai Rojas and Samantha Harris from Vista High School.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$6,000; the Fiscal Year 2024 budget included \$10,000 for the scholarship contest.

SUMMARY: Each year, the District invites high school seniors who live or go to school within its service area to compete for a scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship program is to increase student knowledge and awareness of water related issues affecting the District and its customers. Students who compete for a scholarship must complete an essay and provide a one page personal statement related to their background and/or goals; selection criteria also include community involvement or volunteer service, and letters of recommendation.

DETAILED REPORT: In November 2023, application packets, which included a brochure for the 2024 scholarship contest in honor of George S. Henry, Vista Irrigation District's first Board President in 1923, were provided to counselors of high schools located within the District's jurisdictional boundaries. Follow-up calls and e-mails were made to the counselors to ensure receipt of application materials and inquire as to students' interest in the program; additional scholarship promotional efforts included issuing a news release and promoting the contest on the District's website and San Diego County Water Authority's Water News Network webpage and in the City of Vista's newsletter. Application materials were made available on the District's website. The District received eight applications from high school seniors by the February 23, 2024 deadline.

Committee members Sanchez and Kuchinsky were the judges for the contest. The Committee reviewed the applications and recommended awarding \$2,000 scholarships to Elizabeth Fellars and Juan Paz from Rancho Buena Vista High School and Ilona Medina from Vista High School.

If the Board approves the Committee's recommendation, a certificate in the amount of the scholarship award will be presented to each of the winners at the May 1, 2024 Board meeting. Once the student has enrolled at a university, District staff will forward a check in the awarded amount to each university on behalf of the student(s).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Scholarship Application Instructions/Requirements
- Scholarship Applications



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

Vista Irrigation District (VID) invites local high school seniors to compete for scholarship(s) to college, university or vocational (trade) schools from VID. Up to six scholarships may be awarded; the minimum scholarship award amount is \$1,000 and the maximum scholarship award amount is \$3,000. Winners will be selected based on the quality and originality of an essay prepared by the applicant as well as school and community involvement. Applications will not be accepted if all criteria are not met, including correct formatting. **Applicants must submit each of the following documents in PDF format by 4:00 PM on Friday February 23, 2024:**

1. Completed application form.
2. School/Community involvement:
  - a. One letter of recommendation from a high school faculty member.
  - b. One letter of character reference from a personal or professional associate.
3. A personal statement (**two pages or less, Arial font, 12 point type, with 1 inch margins top, bottom, left and right, and line spacing set to 1½**). Suggested topics include the student's reasons for applying for the scholarship or seeking a higher education, the student's educational/career goals, personal background or interests.
4. An essay (**two pages, Arial font, 12 point type, with 1 inch margins top, bottom, left and right, and line spacing set to 1½**) addressing the following topic:

*The Vista Irrigation District just celebrated their 100-year anniversary of service in 2023.*

*Looking back over the past 100 years, what were the major milestones that occurred that enabled the San Diego region to have the reliable water supply we enjoy today? When the Vista Irrigation District celebrates its 200-year anniversary in 2123, what major milestones might be achieved, or water supply resources invented, and/or programs developed to ensure the San Diego Region and the Vista Irrigation District has a reliable water supply for the next 100 years? (Think creatively)*

The essay will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar/spelling and your response to the essay topic above.

Students may obtain an application package from their High School Counselor or download it from the district's website ([www.vidwater.org](http://www.vidwater.org)). For questions, please contact Brent Reyes at (760) 597-3107 or by email at [scholarships@vidwater.org](mailto:scholarships@vidwater.org).

A completed application package must be received via e-mail at [scholarships@vidwater.org](mailto:scholarships@vidwater.org) or at Vista Irrigation District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081-8840, **by 4:00 PM on Friday February 23, 2024.**

VID will review qualified applications and select winner(s) who will receive scholarships. Once enrolled at a college, university or vocational school, VID will send a check directly to the school on scholarship recipient's behalf.



**2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(Competition is open to all high school seniors who live or attend school in VID's service area)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number and best time to call:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about the VID Scholarship?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, etc.)**

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**Service and/or other extracurricular activities performed through school or volunteer organizations, community groups, church or clubs, etc. (Include contact name/telephone for verification where possible)**

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**Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)**

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**If employed, job title and total hours per week:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Responsibilities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarship applications were provided to the Board of Directors under separate cover.



**Agenda Item: 9**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SUMMARY: Informational report by staff and directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority. No action will be required.



**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 10.A**

**Board Meeting Date:** April 17, 2024  
**Prepared By:** Ranae Ogilvie  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: Directors will present brief reports on meetings and events attended since the last Board meeting.





**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 10.B**

**Board Meeting Date:** April 17, 2024  
**Prepared By:** Ramae Ogilvie  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SUMMARY: The following is a listing of upcoming meetings and events. Requests to attend any of the following events should be made during this agenda item.

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Apr. 19, 2024; Noon-2:00 p.m.; Wilson Creek Winery, Temecula</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	Vásquez (R)
<b>2 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>May 2, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>3</b>	<b>Hoover Dam Tour (MWD)</b> <i>May 2-4, 2024; Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>4</b>	<b>ACWA Spring Conference</b> <i>May 7-9, 2024; Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: April 19, 2024; Cancellation deadline: April 19, 2024</i>	MacKenzie (R, H, A) Sanchez (R, H, A) Vásquez (R, H, A)
<b>5 *</b>	<b>Vista Historical Society Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Induction</b> <i>May 18, 2024; Shadowridge Country Club</i> <i>Reservation deadline: May 3, 2024</i>	Kuchinsky MacKenzie
<b>6</b>	<b>Special Districts Legislative Days (CSDA)</b> <i>May 21-22, 2024; Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel; Sacramento</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: April 24, 2024; Cancellation deadline, April 24, 2024</i>	MacKenzie (R, H)
<b>7 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Jun. 6, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>8</b>	<b>Diamond Valley Lake Tour (MWD, Hosted by Director Miller)</b> <i>Jun. 7, 2024; Diamond Valley Lake (1-day tour)</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky MacKenzie
<b>9 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Jul. 4, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>10</b>	<b>Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Jul. 29, 2024; Noon-2:00 p.m.; Downey, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
<b>11 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Aug. 1, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>12</b>	<b>Urban Water Institute Annual Conference</b> <i>Aug. 21-23, 2024; San Diego, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>13 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Sept. 5, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>14</b>	<b>CSDA Annual Conference</b> <i>Sept. 9-12, 2024; Indian Wells</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: August 21, 2024; Cancellation deadline: August 21, 2024</i>	Sanchez

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
<b>15 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Oct. 3, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>16</b>	<b>Western Groundwater Congress: A Sustainable Adventure</b> (Groundwater Resources Association of California) <i>Oct. 7-9, 2024; Tahoe</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>17 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Nov. 7, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>18</b>	<b>ACWA Fall Conference</b> <i>Dec. 3-5, 2024; Palm Desert</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>19 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Dec. 5, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>20</b>	<b>Colorado River Water Users Association Conference</b> <i>Dec. 4-6, 2024; Paris Hotel, Las Vegas</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	Miller

\* *Non-per diem meeting except when serving as an officer of the organization*

The following abbreviations indicate arrangements that have been made by staff:

**R**=Registration; **H**=Hotel; **A**=Airline; **S**=Shuttle; **C**=Car; **T**=Tentative; ◇=Attendee to Self-Register



**Agenda Item: 11**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

SUMMARY: This item is placed on the agenda to enable the Board to identify and schedule future items for discussion at upcoming Board meetings and/or identify press release opportunities.

*Staff-generated list of tentative items for future agendas:*

- Capital Project Financing Workshop (April 29, 2024 at 9:00 AM)
- Lake Henshaw/Warner Ranch Inspection Tour itinerary (May)
- Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (May/June – after Fiscal Policy Committee review)
- Lake Appreciation Month (July)
- Communication and Engagement Plan



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 12**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Ranae Ogilvie**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public not requiring discussion or action.



**Agenda Item: 13**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Counsel on items not requiring discussion or action.



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 14**

**Board Meeting Date:**

**April 17, 2024**

**Prepared By:**

**Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.



**Agenda Item: 15**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

SUMMARY: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2).  
Number of cases: 4



**Agenda Item: 16**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

SUMMARY: Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6(a). Agency negotiators: Phil Zamora, Frank Wolinski and Shallako Goodrick.





**Agenda Item: 17**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – GENERAL COUNSEL

SUMMARY: Performance evaluation of public employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957.