



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 - 9:00 AM
1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081
Phone: (760) 597-3100

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In the case of an emergency, items may be added to the Agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An emergency is defined as a work stoppage, a crippling disaster, or other activity that severely imperils public health, safety, or both. Also, items that arise after the posting of the Agenda may be added by a 2/3 vote of the Board. Items on the agenda may be taken out of sequential order as their priority is determined by the Board of Directors. The Board may take action on any item appearing on the agenda.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public may address the Board on items not appearing on the posted agenda, which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to five (5) minutes; the total time allowable for all public comment on items not appearing on the agenda at any one meeting may be limited. Comments on items listed on the agenda will be taken before or during discussion of the agenda item. Members of the public desiring to address the Board are asked to complete a speaker's slip available on the table near the entrance of the Boardroom and present it to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Any member of the Board, staff or public may request that items from the Consent Calendar be removed for discussion. Items so removed shall be acted upon separately immediately following approval of items remaining on the Consent Calendar.

A. Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2019

Recommendation: Informational report concerning the investments of the District.

B. Acceptance of water system

Recommendation: Accept this water system for a three-lot single-family dwelling subdivision consisting of approximately 1.14 gross acres owned by John P. and Lori R. Ivicovic, located at 262 Hannalei Drive, Vista (WOI-3084; LN 2018-011; APNs 183-122-71, -72, and -73; DIV 3).

C. Encroachment Permit

Recommendation: Approve Encroachment Permit (130) for a dedicated specific easement over a single-family residence, consisting of approximately 1.2 gross acres owned by Thomas Tombs and Sandy Deveze, located at 1000 Miramar Drive, Vista (LN 2019-012; APN 183-170-81; DIV 4).

D. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on January 22, 2020

Recommendation: Approval of draft minutes.

E. Ratification of check disbursements

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution ratifying checks numbered 63594 through 63685 in the amount of \$539,862.26 pursuant to the cash disbursement report detailing expenditures.

7. **DIVISION REPORTS**

Informational reports by Operations and Field Services, Water Resources, Administration, and Engineering Divisions concerning District operations and activities.

8. **LAKE HENSHAW/WARNER RANCH INSPECTION TOUR**

Recommendation: Schedule a Board inspection tour to Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch.

9. **VISTA HALL OF FAME REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION**

Recommendation: 1) Consider appointing a Board member to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame; and 2) Consider making a nomination to the Vista Hall of Fame.

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

Informational report by staff and directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority.

11. **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- A. *Reports on meetings and events attended by Directors*
- B. *Schedule of upcoming meetings and events*

12. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES**

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.

13. **COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS**

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.

14. **COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

- *The agenda package and materials related to an agenda item submitted after the packet's distribution to the Board, are available for public review in the lobby of the District office during normal business hours.*
- *Agendas and minutes are available at www.vidwater.org.*
- *VID Board meetings are generally held on the first and third Wednesday of each month.*

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Lisa R. Soto, Board Secretary of the Vista Irrigation District, hereby certify that I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda in the lobby of the District office at 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, in accordance with Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(a).

Date: January 30, 2020



Lisa R. Soto, Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Lisa Soto

SUBJECT: CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2019
- B. Acceptance of Water System
- C. Encroachment Permit
- D. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on January 22, 2020
- E. Ratification of check disbursements



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.A

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Shallako Goodrick
Reviewed By: Marlene Kelleher
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

RECOMMENDATION: Informational report concerning the investments of the District.

SUMMARY: Attached for review by the Board of Directors is the Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2019. The report is formatted to provide information as required by the California Government Code and the Vista Irrigation District Investment Policy. The Treasurer’s Report contains both an investment summary and a detailed security listing. Also, attached is a five-year cash flow forecast, which indicates the District’s investments are sufficiently liquid to meet anticipated cash flow needs.

DETAILED REPORT: Activity for the quarter included deposits and withdrawals from the District’s cash and cash equivalent accounts: checking, California Asset Management Program (CAMP), and Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). During the quarter, \$4.5 million of Treasury bills matured and \$4.5 million of new Treasury bills were purchased.

As of December 31, 2019, the net unrealized gain on the portfolio was as follows:

	<u>Unrealized Gain</u>
Treasury Bills	\$267,483
LAIF	<u>30,760</u>
Net Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	<u>\$298,243</u>

All investment transactions have been made in accordance with the District’s Investment Policy.

The following is a five-year summary of the District’s investment portfolio:

	<u>12/31/15</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>
Total Portfolio	\$31,190,314	\$33,044,707	\$27,670,600	\$37,386,158	\$51,136,758
Unrealized Gain	\$13,988	\$56,255	\$70,754	\$197,113	\$298,243
Weighted Average Maturity	110 Days	90 Days	96 Days	89 Days	65 Days
Portfolio Interest Rate	0.37%	0.68%	1.19%	2.32%	1.95%

ATTACHMENTS: Treasurer’s Report
 Securities Detail
 Cash Flow Projection

Vista Irrigation District
TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2019

<u>Category</u>	<u>Maturity Value</u>	<u>Percentage Permitted by Board Policy</u>	<u>Actual Percentage</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (in Days)</u>	<u>Current Interest Rate</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents					
Checking/Petty Cash	\$ 966,903	n/a	1.9%	0	0.00%
California Asset Management Program	13,294,520	40%	26.0%	1	1.77%
Local Agency Investment Fund	17,375,335	40%	34.0%	1	2.02%
	<u>31,636,758</u>		<u>61.9%</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1.85%</u>
Securities					
U.S. Treasury	19,500,000	100%	38.1%	170	2.12%
Total Portfolio	<u>\$ 51,136,758</u>		<u>100.0%</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>1.95%</u>

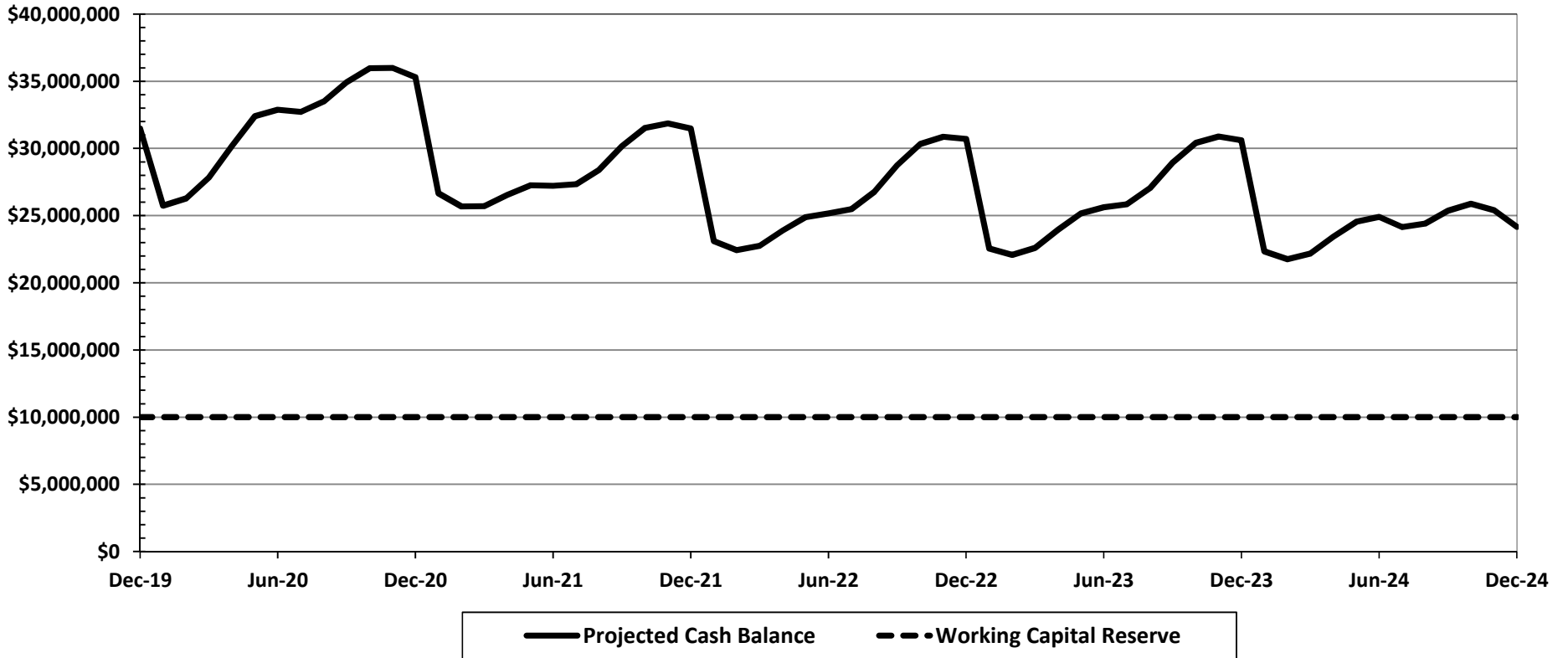
Notes:

- ◆ This report excludes accrued interest and employee flexible spending accounts.
- ◆ California Asset Management Program (CAMP) is a California Joint Powers Authority (JPA) established to provide California public agencies with professional investment services. The CAMP pool is a permitted investment for all local agencies under California Government Code Section 53601(p). The market valuation is provided by PFM Asset Management LLC.
- ◆ Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) is a pool of funds invested for California governmental agencies and is managed by the State Treasurer's Office of the State of California. The market valuation is provided by the State Treasurer's Office.
- ◆ The above portfolio is in full compliance with the District's Investment Policy.
- ◆ The District's investment portfolio is adequate to meet the District's cash flow requirements for the next six months.

Vista Irrigation District
SECURITIES DETAIL
December 31, 2019

Issuer	Investment Type	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Days to Maturity	Maturity Value	Cost	Market Value	Unrealized Gain
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	2.631%	01/02/20	2	1,500,000	\$ 1,461,401	\$ 1,499,889	\$ 38,488
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	2.600%	01/30/20	30	1,500,000	1,461,856	1,498,255	36,400
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	2.552%	02/27/20	58	1,500,000	1,462,538	1,496,429	33,891
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	2.443%	03/26/20	86	1,500,000	1,464,207	1,494,706	30,499
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	2.443%	04/23/20	114	1,500,000	1,464,207	1,492,879	28,672
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	2.359%	05/21/20	142	1,500,000	1,465,420	1,491,130	25,710
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	2.049%	06/18/20	170	1,500,000	1,469,894	1,489,290	19,396
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	1.976%	07/16/20	198	1,500,000	1,470,956	1,487,526	16,570
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	1.855%	08/13/20	226	1,500,000	1,472,700	1,485,883	13,183
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	1.793%	09/10/20	254	1,500,000	1,473,610	1,484,186	10,576
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	1.647%	10/08/20	282	1,500,000	1,475,733	1,482,558	6,825
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	1.610%	11/05/20	310	1,500,000	1,476,264	1,480,827	4,563
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	1.569%	12/03/20	338	1,500,000	1,476,871	1,479,581	2,710
		<u>2.117%</u>		<u>170</u>	<u>\$ 19,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,095,657</u>	<u>\$ 19,363,139</u>	<u>\$ 267,483</u>

**Vista Irrigation District
CASH FLOW PROJECTION
December 31, 2019**





STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.B

Board Meeting Date:	February 4, 2020
Prepared By:	Matt Atteberry
Reviewed By:	Randy Whitmann
Approved By:	Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF WATER SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION: Accept this water system for a three-lot single-family dwelling subdivision consisting of approximately 1.14 gross acres owned by John P. and Lori R. Ivicevic, located at 262 Hannalei Drive, Vista (WOI-3084; LN 2018-011; APNs 183-122-71, -72, and -73; DIV 3).

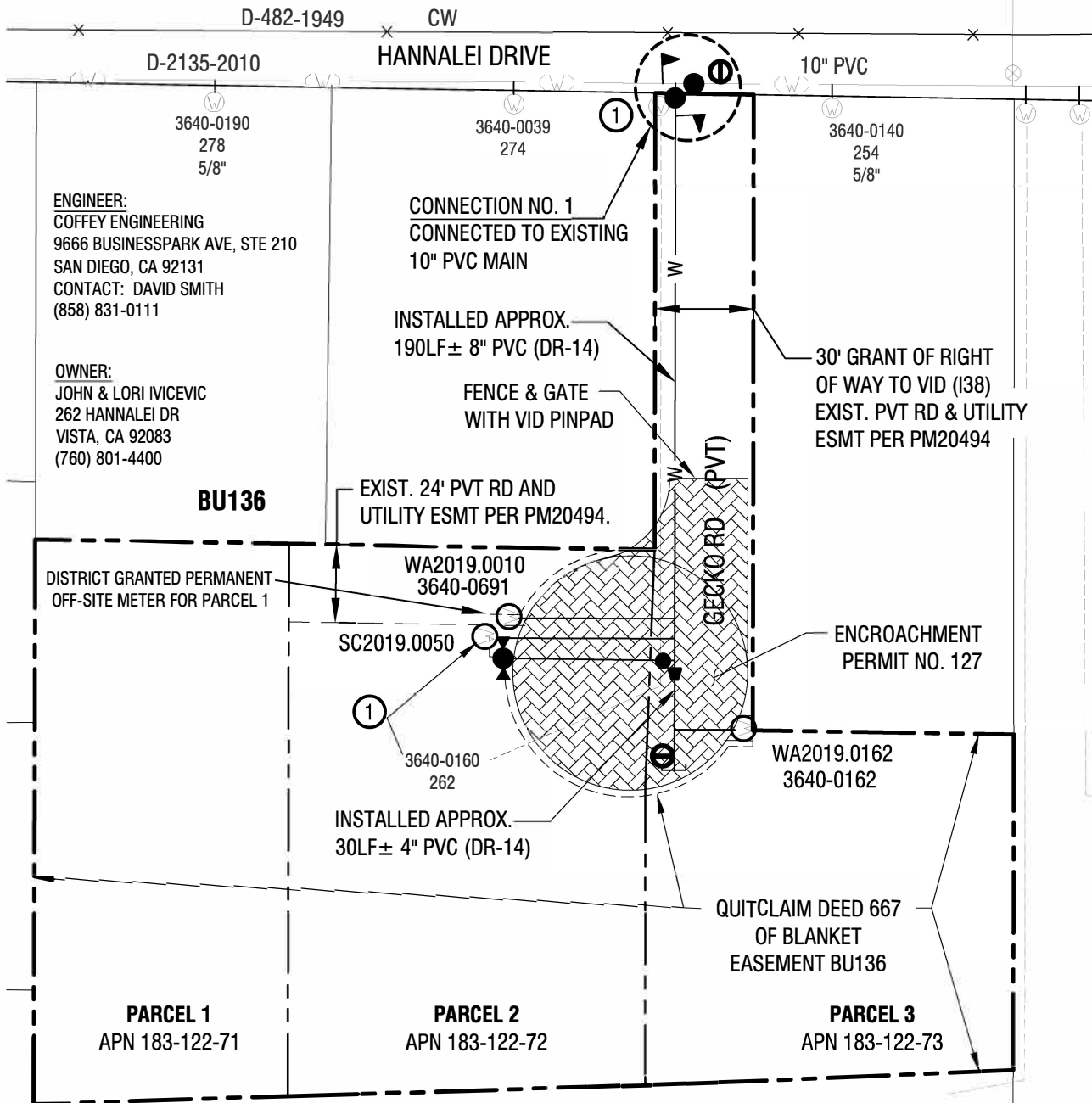
PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On December 20, 2006, the Board approved the parcel map for this project. On April 3, 2019, the Board approved the waterline project, Encroachment Permit (127), Quitclaim Deed (667), accepted Grant of Right of Way (I38) and directed staff to file the Notice of Exemption for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: The water system is ready for acceptance by the Board which will allow the Notice of Completion to be filed with the County Recorder.

DETAILED REPORT: All the work required by the construction contract (WOI-3084) has been completed. At the owners' expense, the District completed the installation of approximately 190 feet of 8-inch waterline, 30 feet of 4-inch waterline, two 1-inch air-vents, two 2-inch blow-offs, one 8-inch gate valve, one 10-inch gate valve, three 1-inch domestic water services and one standard 6-inch fire hydrant. The owners have paid for three ¾" domestic meters for parcels 1, 2, and 3. This project will be completed with the filing of the Notice of Completion.

ATTACHMENT: Map



ENGINEER:
 COFFEY ENGINEERING
 9666 BUSINESSPARK AVE, STE 210
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92131
 CONTACT: DAVID SMITH
 (858) 831-0111

OWNER:
 JOHN & LORI IVICEVIC
 262 HANNALEI DR
 VISTA, CA 92083
 (760) 801-4400

BU136

DISTRICT GRANTED PERMANENT
 OFF-SITE METER FOR PARCEL 1

WA2019.0010
 3640-0691

SC2019.0050

3640-0160
 262

INSTALLED APPROX.
 30LF± 4" PVC (DR-14)

QUITCLAIM DEED 667
 OF BLANKET
 EASEMENT BU136

ENCROACHMENT
 PERMIT NO. 127

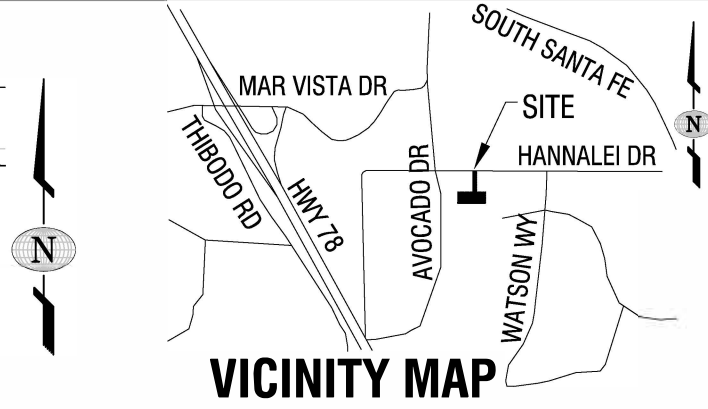
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PARCEL 1
 APN 183-122-71

PARCEL 2
 APN 183-122-72

PARCEL 3
 APN 183-122-73

ADDITIONAL NOTES	
①	RELOCATED EXISTING METER AS NECESSARY PER VID STD DWG 1-1, 1-1A & 1-4.



VICINITY MAP

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LEGEND

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| <p>(W)</p> | <p>EXISTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10" PVC WATER MAIN BLOW OFF AIR VENT VALVE WATER METER FIRE HYDRANT <p>PROPOSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4" & 8" PVC (DR14) WATER BLOW OFF AIR VENT VALVE REDUCER WATER METER 6" FIRE HYDRANT |
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VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

GECKO ROAD

262 Hannalei Dr.

APN 183-122-71, -72, -73		T.B. 1108 A2
SCALE: NO SCALE		L.N. 2018-011
APPD. BY	DATE	W.O. I-3084
DRAWN BY JB	DATE 03/05/18	
SHEET 1 of 1	MAP H17	
REVISED 1/27/20 Matt Atteberry		
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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.C

Board Meeting Date:	February 4, 2020
Prepared By:	Matt Atteberry
Reviewed By:	Randy Whitmann
Approved By:	Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

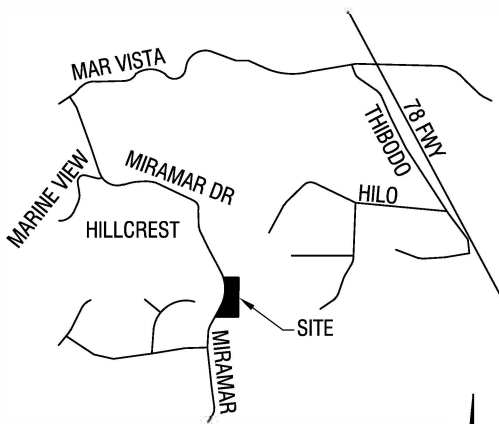
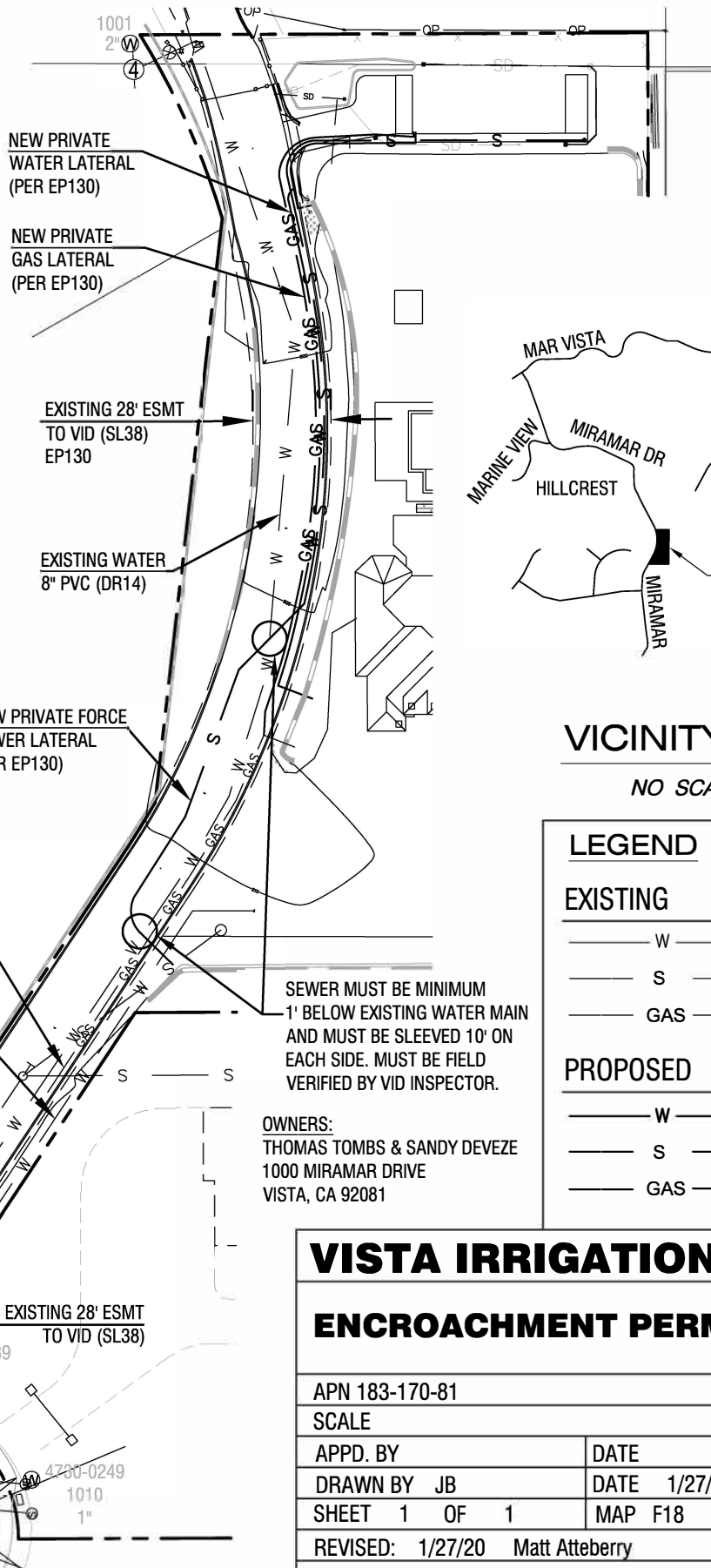
RECOMMENDATION: Approve Encroachment Permit (130) for a dedicated specific easement over a single-family residence, consisting of approximately 1.2 gross acres owned by Thomas Tombs and Sandy Deveze, located at 1000 Miramar Drive, Vista (LN 2019-012; APN 183-170-81; DIV 4).

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On November 12, 2003, the Board accepted Grant of Right of Way (L38).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: The owners, Thomas Tombs and Sandy Deveze, are in the process of developing an additional dwelling unit located at 1000 Miramar Drive (APN 183-170-81). Approval of the Encroachment Permit (130) will allow the owner to install private utility lines to serve the additional dwelling unit within a portion of Grant of Right of Way (L38); in accordance with said permit, any costs to replace the new private utilities as the result of a District water main repair will be borne by the permittee.

ATTACHMENT: Map



VICINITY MAP

NO SCALE



LEGEND

EXISTING	DESCRIPTION
— W —	VID WATER
— S —	SEWER
— GAS —	GAS
PROPOSED	DESCRIPTION
— W —	PVT WATER
— S —	PVT SEWER
— GAS —	PVT GAS

SEWER MUST BE MINIMUM 1' BELOW EXISTING WATER MAIN AND MUST BE SLEEVED 10' ON EACH SIDE. MUST BE FIELD VERIFIED BY VID INSPECTOR.

OWNERS:
THOMAS TOMBS & SANDY DEVEZE
1000 MIRAMAR DRIVE
VISTA, CA 92081

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO. 130**

APN 183-170-81	T.B.
SCALE	L.N. 2019-012
APPD. BY	DATE
DRAWN BY JB	DATE 1/27/20
SHEET 1 OF 1	MAP F18

W.O.

REVISED: 1/27/20 Matt Atteberry

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

January 22, 2020

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 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, Dorey, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; Shallako Goodrick, Finance Supervisor; Mark Saltz, Water Resources Specialist; Marlene Kelleher, Director of Administration; and Ramae Ogilvie, Administrative Assistant. General Counsel David Cosgrove was also present.

Other attendees: Daphnie Munoz of White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP; and Barbara Kus, Research Ecologist for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Scarlett Howell, Field Researcher for USGS.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Miller led the pledge of allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20-01-07 *Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Dorey, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.*

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board commented briefly on the large permit fee paid to the State Water Resources Control Board shown in agenda Item 6.C, the Cash Disbursement Report.

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20-01-08 *Upon motion by Director Dorey, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Dorey, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 20-03 approving disbursements.*

A. Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority President's Special Recognition Awards

See staff report attached hereto. The Board noted and filed this informational report.

B. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on January 22, 2020

The minutes of January 22, 2020 were approved as presented.

C. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 63473 through 63593 drawn on Union Bank totaling \$741,800.21.

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 22nd day of January 2020.

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7. FISCAL YEAR 2019 AUDIT

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Administration Marlene Kelleher introduced Daphne Munoz of White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP (auditors), who presented the results of the audit for the year ended June 30, 2019. Ms. Munoz reviewed the auditors' opinion and the methods and standards by which the audit was conducted. She stated that the District's financial statements and best practices were reviewed, and the auditors found no material weaknesses involving the District's internal control structure or its operation. She noted that the auditors encountered no significant difficulties in performing the audit and that there were no disagreements with management.

Ms. Munoz stated that the auditors made a recommendation to staff regarding a recent increase in fraudulent activity related to fictitious vendors notifying entities, such as the District, of bank information changes for electronic payments. The auditors recommended implementing a system in which any banking information change requests are followed up by District staff before any changes or payments are processed in order to decrease the risk of fraudulent payments to fictitious vendors.

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The Board thanked Ms. Munoz for her report. General Manager Brett Hodgkiss and the Board thanked Ms. Kelleher and Finance Supervisor Shallako Goodrick as well as Finance staff for their good work and another clean audit.

20-01-09 *Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Dorey and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Dorey, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors accepted the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit report by White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP.*

Ms. Munoz left the meeting at this time.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

See staff report attached hereto.

Ms. Kelleher presented the Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2019. She stated that this report is the same information included in the Comprehensive Annual financial Report, but more detailed, comparing the budget versus actual expenditures. She stated that overall the District experienced a \$5.1 million operating gain in Fiscal Year 2019, which is a decrease from the \$5.3 million operating gain for the prior fiscal year. Ms. Kelleher noted that the District purchased \$21.3 million of water from the San Diego County Water Authority. She reviewed and explained the revenue and expense budget comparison as well as the property revenues and legal expenses.

Director MacKenzie noted that only about half of the small amount budgeted for tuition reimbursement was used. She encouraged staff to promote the tuition reimbursement program and make sure employees know it is available to help. Mr. Hodgkiss stated that employees are made aware of the program by their supervisors and/or managers; however, the level of participation can vary from year to year. The Board thanked Ms. Kelleher for her report.

9. STUDY OF SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER ON DISTRICT LAND

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Water Resources Don Smith stated that in 2015 the Board authorized the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct field surveys, nest monitoring, and color banding of southwestern willow flycatchers (SWFL) on District lands. He said that staff has received annual reports on the study from Research Ecologist Barbara Kus, who conducted the study. Mr. Smith commented that the reports had been unremarkable for the first few years; however, in 2018 that changed, when the study area included Lake Henshaw for the first time. Low water levels at Lake Henshaw lead to new riparian growth, which is thought to be the reason several southwestern willow flycatcher habitats were found in the Lake Henshaw area. Mr. Smith said that the report that USGS is preparing for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is still pending, but Ms. Kus was in attendance to present preliminary data.

Mr. Kus introduced Project Lead Scarlet Howell, who was in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the study. Ms. Kus presented the status of the SWFL on District lands and highlights from the study via a PowerPoint presentation (attached hereto as Exhibit A). She stated that the report being prepared for SANDAG will be available for review later in the year.

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Ms. Kus presented background regarding the SWFL stating that it was listed as federally endangered in 1995, and its population has continued to decline due to shrinking riparian habitat and brood parasitism by the brown-headed cowbird. She reviewed how the study was conducted, and what type of information was gathered. Ms. Kus noted that the information collected along the upper San Luis Rey River was compared to other populations throughout the rest of the range in an attempt to identify threats and reasons for the population declines. She said that 16 territories of SWFL were located at Lake Henshaw in 2018 and that the number of territories increased to 24 in 2019. She commented that many of the birds found at Lake Henshaw were color banded, which provided researchers with good information about the movement of adults between breeding locations.

Ms. Kus stated that the largest population of the SWFL in Southern California occurs on the Upper San Luis Rey River, and District land supports approximately 56-68 percent of this population. The District population appears to be buffered against steep population declines regionally; however, low productivity remains a concern. She said that the study has demonstrated the compatibility between water management and endangered species conservation, particularly SWFL conservation, since it is a water-associated species.

Ms. Kus thanked the Board for allowing USGS to conduct research on District property, and she looks forward to being able to continue this relationship in order to learn more about how to protect the SWFL species. Ms. Kus stated that USGS would like to seek additional authorization (at a later date) to continue to survey the Lake Henshaw area for the SWFL in order to monitor its population size and distribution.

The Board commented and received clarifications on the information presented from Ms. Kus and Ms. Howell. The Board thanked them both for an enlightening presentation. Ms. Kus and Ms. Howell left the meeting at this time.

10. RESOLUTION HONORING PAST PRESIDENT JO MACKENZIE

See staff report attached hereto.

The Board thanked Director MacKenzie for her services as President of the Board in 2019.

20-01-10	<p><i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Dorey, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 20-04 honoring the District's 2019 past president, Jo MacKenzie, by the following roll call vote:</i></p> <p>AYES: <i>Directors Miller, Vásquez, Dorey, Sanchez, and MacKenzie</i></p> <p>NOES: <i>None</i></p> <p>ABSTAIN: <i>None</i></p> <p>ABSENT: <i>None</i></p> <p><i>A copy of Resolution 20-04 is on file in the official Resolution Book of the District.</i></p>
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President Vásquez presented her with a framed copy of the resolution.

DRAFT MINUTES

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

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller stated that there had not been a meeting of the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) Board of Director since November, and the next meeting was scheduled for the following day. He commented on the status of an offer made by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to the Water Authority to settle the ongoing legal dispute between the two agencies, and the counter-offer the Water Authority made to MWD, stating that Water Authority had not received a response from MWD regarding its counter-offer.

Regarding the potential detachment of Fallbrook Public Utilities District and Rainbow Municipal Water District from the Water Authority, Director Miller stated that both agencies have submitted the necessary paperwork to the Local Agencies Formation Commission (LAFCO) and both are awaiting LAFCO's response.

Mr. Hodgkiss reported that on January 14, 2020, the District was informed by the Water Authority about a leak on treated water pipeline, Pipeline 1 east of North Broadway in Escondido. In order to repair this leak, there will be a 10-day shutdown, February 10-19, 2020.

Mr. Hodgkiss reported on an email he received from Water Authority General Manager Sandi Kerl, announcing some organizational changes at the Water Authority, including Dan Denham being named as Deputy General Manager. The Water Authority will conduct a recruitment to fill its Assistant General Manager position. Director Miller said that he met with Ms. Kerl the previous week, and she expressed her intention to provide more outreach to its member agencies and her desire to make the Water Authority more accessible, supportive and involved with its member agencies.

12. MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Dorey reported on his attendance at the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Workshop hosted by the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board on January 9, 2020 in Clovis, California. The workshop included a review of the evaluation and assessment process for Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) submitted by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and the annual reporting requirements and assistance programs to support GSP implementation.

Director MacKenzie said that she was previously approved to attend the City of Vista State of the Community Luncheon on January 27; however, she had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. Director MacKenzie asked to be put back on the list of approved attendees, as her schedule had cleared for that day. She stated that she was also previously authorized to attend the San Diego Chapter, California Special Districts Association (CSDA) quarterly dinner meeting in Kearny Mesa on February 20; unfortunately, she will not be able to attend. She suggested her fellow Board members consider attending to represent the District. Director Sanchez said that he would check his availability and consider attending if available.

Director MacKenzie reported on her attendance at the recent CSDA Board meeting. She brought copies for the Board of information regarding CSDA Conferences planned for 2020. She also provided the

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Board with a list of CSDA accomplishments in 2019. She stated that she also attended a San Diego Chapter CSDA Board meeting in which the Board discussed moving forward with registering with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit unincorporated association. The San Diego Chapter CSDA Board also discussed grants for visits to select local special districts available to fourth through eighth grade classes.

President Vásquez reported that he attended the Council of Water Utilities (COWU) meeting the previous morning where Nancy Vogel, Director of the Governor's Water Portfolio Program at the California Natural Resources Agency, spoke about the Water Resilience Portfolio. He said it was noted in her presentation that the Water Resilience Portfolio does not impose any new mandates but rather seeks to implement conservation as a way of life. The draft Water Resilience Portfolio is currently out for public review with comments due by February 7, 2020. President Vásquez noted that new financial policies for COWU were also presented at this meeting and were voted on and approved by the membership in attendance. The new policies outline COWU's relationship with its new fiscal sponsor, Labor's Alliance. Mr. Hodgkiss stated that as COWU Treasurer, he will be tasked with reviewing and providing approval for expenditures and reimbursements, and Labor's Alliance will issue payments following his approval.

20-01-11	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Dorey, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors authorized Director MacKenzie to attend the City of Vista State of Community Luncheon on January 27, 2020, and Director Dorey to attend the upcoming ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting February 11, 2020 in Sacramento.</i>
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13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Hodgkiss stated that the list of upcoming items for future agendas includes the Water Supply Planning Study. He queried if the Board had a preference for the date on which to hold the workshop covering this topic. The Board discussed their respective schedules and agreed that Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. would be ideal. The Board also discussed the impending June 2020 deadline for renewing its ethics training and requested that staff inquire with General Counsel to see if he or his designee could provide Ethics training for the Board on May 12 or May 14, 2020.

14. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Miller said he attended a Water Authority Committee Chairs meeting the previous day at the Water Authority where Nancy Vogel (identified in agenda Item 12 above) and those present discussed alternatives for transporting water from the Imperial Irrigation District to San Diego. The discussion included current plans for the proposed northern alignment, which was originally being planned to pass by Lake Henshaw and end at the Twin Oaks Water Treatment Plant; however, the alignment is now going to go through the mountains via a tunnel and end in Escondido.

15. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Hodgkiss informed the Board that the water level at Lake Henshaw was at 5,000 acre feet.

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16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 11:00 a.m., President Vásquez adjourned the meeting.

Richard L. Vásquez, President

ATTEST:

Lisa R. Soto, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 01/09/2020 - 01/22/2020

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
63594	01/15/2020	Refund Check 63594	Customer Refund	39.13
63595-63599	01/15/2020	Refund Checks 63595-63599	Customer Refunds	9,513.56
63600	01/15/2020	ACWA/JPIA	Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	860.63
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	69.09
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	69.09
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	69.09
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	33.72
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	1,650.70
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Employees	173,237.82
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - Retirees	39,959.09
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - P Dorey	1,719.79
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - R Vasquez	1,719.79
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - J MacKenzie	1,790.34
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - P Sanchez	1,790.34
	01/15/2020		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2020 - M Miller	1,790.34
63601	01/15/2020	ACWA/JPIA	Workers Compensation 10/1/19 - 12/31/19	42,010.21
63602	01/15/2020	Airgas USA LLC	Silver Solder (25)	1,784.77
63603	01/15/2020	Answering Service Care, LLC	Answering Service	395.00
63604	01/15/2020	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Bonair Road	2,090.00
	01/15/2020		Traffic Control - York Dr/Montgomery Dr	6,365.00
	01/15/2020		Traffic Control - Cedar Rd/West Dr	1,140.00
63605	01/15/2020	Christopher Craghead	Reimburse - COSS Certification Renewal Fee	149.00
63606	01/15/2020	CleanCapital HCA Borrower LLC	Solar Use 12/2019	2,654.65
63607	01/15/2020	Core & Main	1 1/4" Copper Washer for Flare Cop Adapter SLC-5 (50)	131.53
	01/15/2020		Zinc Anode Bar 15lb (60)	4,221.75
63608	01/15/2020	EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc	40 yd Dumpster	497.23
63609	01/15/2020	Ferguson Waterworks	Meter 1" electronic read (48)	9,708.73
	01/15/2020		Meter 5/8" x 3/4" electronic read (100)	13,801.88
63610	01/15/2020	Frank & Son Paving. Inc	Final Paving - Oak Knoll Drive	25,130.00
63611	01/15/2020	Gary Arrasmith	Reimburse - D5 Certification Renewal	105.00
63612	01/15/2020	HUB Construction Specialties	Carburetor	227.32
63613	01/15/2020	Labor's Alliance	Council of Water Utilities Mtg 1/21/20 - R Vasquez	40.00

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
	01/15/2020		Council of Water Utilities Mtg 1/21/20 - B Hodgkiss	40.00
63614	01/15/2020	Medical Eye Services	Vision Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	8.78
	01/15/2020		Vision Insurance 02/2020 - Cobra	8.78
	01/15/2020		Vision Insurance 02/2020 - Employees	1,505.28
	01/15/2020		Vision Insurance 02/2020 - P Dorey	14.24
	01/15/2020		Vision Insurance 02/2020 - J MacKenzie	14.24
	01/15/2020		Vision Insurance 02/2020 - R Vasquez	14.24
	01/15/2020		Vision Insurance 02/2020 - M Miller	14.24
	01/15/2020		Vision Insurance 02/2020 - P Sanchez	14.24
63615	01/15/2020	North County Auto Parts	Gas Cap, Oil Filter	14.61
63616	01/15/2020	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Batteries - AZ2	374.16
	01/15/2020		Battery - Truck 17	163.91
	01/15/2020		Breakaway Battery - T23	45.23
	01/15/2020		Battery Core - T23	(15.00)
	01/15/2020		Battery - Truck 41	163.91
63617	01/15/2020	Rancho Environmental Service	Pine Tree Removal (3) - Pechstein Reservoir	3,800.00
63618	01/15/2020	Raymond Handling Solutions Inc	Scheduled Maintenance - Forklift F3	98.00
63619	01/15/2020	Richard Vasquez	Reimburse - ACWA & CRWUA Conferences 12/19	353.77
63620	01/15/2020	San Diego Friction Products	Fan Clutch Kit - Truck 52	1,093.84
	01/15/2020		Belt - Truck 52	(45.74)
63621	01/15/2020	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 12/16/19 - 12/31/19	4,724.63
63622	01/15/2020	Spok, Inc	Pagers	43.90
63623	01/15/2020	Sunrise Materials Inc	Pallet Deposit (2)	43.31
	01/15/2020		Delivery Fee (1)	135.31
	01/15/2020		Gravel Bags (140)	568.31
	01/15/2020		Cement 50lb Quikrete (7)	344.78
	01/15/2020		Pallets (4)	(86.60)
63624	01/15/2020	Tegriscap Inc	Landscape Maintenance 12/2019	1,787.50
63625	01/15/2020	The UPS Store 0971	Shipping 12/2019	206.03
	01/15/2020		Flashlights (2)	54.11
63626	01/15/2020	TS Industrial Supply	NSF Fire Hoses (4)	2,084.12
63627	01/15/2020	Tyler Technologies Inc	Maintenance 03/01/20 - 02/28/21	606.38
63628	01/15/2020	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	372.06
63629	01/15/2020	VG Donuts & Bakery Inc	Board Meeting 01/08/20	33.00
63630	01/15/2020	Vista Brake & Smog	Tire (1) - W5	97.97
63631	01/15/2020	Xerox Corporation	Xerox Services & Supplies	364.30
63632	01/15/2020	Zuza LLC	Paving Ticket Forms (500)	350.73

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63633	01/22/2020	Refund Check 63633	Customer Refund	86.58
63634	01/22/2020	Refund Check 63634	Customer Refund	2,475.97
63635-63640	01/22/2020	Refund Checks 63635-63640	Customer Refunds	998.44
63641	01/22/2020	Escondido Metal Supply	Stainless Bars (23)	80.08
63642	01/22/2020	Allie's Party Equip Rental Inc	Table & Chair Rental - Health Fair	454.67
	01/22/2020		Rental Items - Employee Event 12/10/19	697.62
63643	01/22/2020	Amazon Capital Services	Keyboard Holder Arm	20.02
	01/22/2020		Batteries for Exit Signs	16.74
	01/22/2020		Cooling Jet Pump - AZ2	189.43
63644	01/22/2020	Big Drip Plumbing	Meter Tie-backs - Sunrise Dr	5,790.00
	01/22/2020		Meter Tie-backs - Alta Vista	5,950.00
	01/22/2020		Meter Tie-backs - Montgomery Dr	5,960.00
63645	01/22/2020	Boot World Inc	Footwear Program	180.00
63646	01/22/2020	California Chamber of Commerce	CA Labor Law Posters 2020 (2)	84.13
63647	01/22/2020	California Department of Justice	Fingerprinting - New Hire	49.00
63648	01/22/2020	CDW Government Inc	HP PD 600 Desktop	1,019.05
63649	01/22/2020	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - York Dr/Montgomery Dr	1,330.00
	01/22/2020		Traffic Control - Tiger Tail Road	1,520.00
63650	01/22/2020	Certified Laboratories	Oil for Turbine Motors	420.53
63651	01/22/2020	Clinical Lab of San Bernardino Inc	Stage #2 Samples	920.00
63652	01/22/2020	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	Real Quest Online Services 12/2019	300.00
63653	01/22/2020	County of San Diego	County Permit Fees 12/2019	313.50
	01/22/2020		County Permit Fees 12/2019	181.00
	01/22/2020		County Permit Fees 12/2019	178.50
	01/22/2020		County Permit Fees 12/2019	1,071.00
63654	01/22/2020	Cozad & Fox	Structural Engineering Services - Pechstein Reservoir	1,819.35
63655	01/22/2020	Digital Deployment, Inc	Website Hosting Maintenance & Support 12/2019	300.00
63656	01/22/2020	Direct Energy	Electric 12/2019 - VID	1,338.04
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Henshaw Buildings & Grounds	205.76
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Henshaw Well Field	(11.01)
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - T&D / Cathodic Protection	26.74
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Reservoirs	7.91
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Pump Stations	3,076.34
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Treatment Plants	26.43
63657	01/22/2020	E&M Electric and Machinery, Inc	Wonderware Customer FIRST Support Renewal	8,730.00
63658	01/22/2020	Employee Relations, Inc	Background Check - New Hire	241.95
63659	01/22/2020	Ferguson Waterworks	Regulator Pulse Controls (10)	1,591.28

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
	01/22/2020		DFW Meter Box Lid 3.5 DFW36C (VID Stamp) (15)	617.03
	01/22/2020		Lid 8" Slotted Valve (VID) (44)	1,052.62
	01/22/2020		Air Vent Enclosure VCAS-1830 Granite Mix (2)	794.56
	01/22/2020		6 100A-01KC D/S 300LB Flanged Ends (1)	3,856.95
	01/22/2020		8 100A-01KC D/S 300LB Flanged Ends (1)	6,708.25
	01/22/2020		Meter 3/4" x 1" electronic read (306)	46,208.68
63660	01/22/2020	Fleet Pride	Air Brake Hose, Air Dryer Filter - Truck 3	135.24
	01/22/2020		Air Brake Control Valve Knobs (5)	41.54
	01/22/2020		Brake Parts - Truck 22	(737.42)
	01/22/2020		Exhaust Pipe, Clamps	120.14
	01/22/2020		Red Mesh Flags, Pipe lords, D-Rings	110.52
	01/22/2020		Weld on Chain Loops/Anchors	100.21
	01/22/2020		Work Lamp, Mud Flaps, Gloves, Wheel Chocks	302.60
63661	01/22/2020	Frank Wolinski	Reimburse - AWWA M77 Manual	133.50
63662	01/22/2020	D.H. Maintenance Services	Janitorial Service 01/2020	2,366.00
63663	01/22/2020	Gillingham Water Planning & Engineering Inc	Water Supply Planning Study 12/2019	23,541.96
63664	01/22/2020	Glennie's Office Products Inc	Office Supplies	97.70
	01/22/2020		Office Supplies	144.93
63665	01/22/2020	Grainger	Label Tape Cartridges (10), Shop Heater	325.34
63666	01/22/2020	Hello Deli	Lunch 01/14/20 - Interview Panel (7)	98.70
63667	01/22/2020	Horton Knox Carter & Foote LLP	Legal Services 01/2020	12,000.00
63668	01/22/2020	Lawnmowers Plus Inc	Repair Parts for Weed Whip	105.90
	01/22/2020		Fuel Filters for Concrete Saws (6)	26.05
63669	01/22/2020	Leon Perrault Trucking & Materials	Material & Transportation 12/2019	6,588.13
63670	01/22/2020	Major League Pest	Bee Removal (2)	170.00
63671	01/22/2020	Mallory Safety and Supply, LLC	Lantern 6 Volt Swivel (3)	46.28
63672	01/22/2020	NAPA Auto Parts	Electric Brake Assemblies & Seals - VM1	468.57
	01/22/2020		Bearing Dust Caps (4) - VM1	21.78
	01/22/2020		Wheel Bearing Dust Caps (8) - VM1	39.45
	01/22/2020		Bearing Dust Caps (4) - VM1	(21.78)
	01/22/2020		Bearing Dust Cap (4) - VM1	(26.50)
63673	01/22/2020	North County Auto Parts	Diesel Exhaust Fluid (4)	38.93
	01/22/2020		Diesel Exhaust Fluid (4)	38.93
	01/22/2020		All Weather Seal (2)	34.62
63674	01/22/2020	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Coupling for Meter Replacement (1)	85.43
	01/22/2020		8" PO End Cap (1)	86.62
63675	01/22/2020	Right-of-Way Engineering Services, Inc	Construction Staking - Montgomery Dr Pipeline	8,880.00

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
63676	01/22/2020	San Diego Gas & Electric	Electric 12/2019 - T&D / Cathodic Protection	223.70
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Reservoirs	177.01
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Pump Stations	8,672.56
	01/22/2020		Electric 12/2019 - Plants	115.49
63677	01/22/2020	Santa Fe Car Wash	Car Washes (25)	225.00
63678	01/22/2020	SignArt	Razor Wire Caution Signs (4)	116.37
63679	01/22/2020	Midas Service Experts	Tires (4) - VM1	379.84
	01/22/2020		Alignment - Truck 56	59.99
	01/22/2020		Tires (2) - Truck 15	416.45
63680	01/22/2020	Underground Service Alert of Southern California	Dig Alert New Tickets (223) - 12/2019	377.95
	01/22/2020		Dig Safe Board Fee	210.00
63681	01/22/2020	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	311.98
63682	01/22/2020	Verizon Wireless	SCADA Remote Service	371.78
63683	01/22/2020	Video Fact Documentation Service	Preconstruction Audio/Video Survey - Orchard Hill	500.00
63684	01/22/2020	Vista Paint Corporation	Paint for Regulator Facilities & Piping	233.47
63685	01/22/2020	Zuza LLC	SB998 2020 Notice (13,500)	1,055.00
Grand Total:				539,862.26



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Don Smith, Randy Whitmann, Frank Wolinski & Marlene Kelleher
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: DIVISION REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION: Note and file informational report.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Previous month's and anticipated activities are reported by each division.

OPERATIONS & FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

January

- Water Quality Calls/Incidents for January – received one discolored water call. The call was determined to be a private plumbing issue.
- Inspected and tested 15 new backflow devices that were integrated into the District's cross-connection control program.
- Pechstein reservoir beam reinforcement project – beam reinforcement design is complete; material procurement is underway.
- Continued mainline replacement of AC pipe on Montgomery Drive – install approximately 5,400' of various sizes of PVC pipe, 72 services and 7 hydrant laterals. Approximately 70% complete.

February

- Continue Pechstein reservoir beam reinforcement project.
- Continue mainline replacement of AC pipe on Montgomery Drive – install approximately 5,400' of various sizes of PVC pipe, 72 services and 7 hydrant laterals.

Electrical Energy Use at VID Headquarters

December 2019

	Current Month Production	Average of Last 12 Months	Total, Fiscal Year-to-Date
Description	(kWh)	(kWh)	(kWh)
Solar Production (\$0.17 per kWh)	15,523	32,251	196,645
Power purchased from Direct Energy (\$0.05 per kWh)	21,814	10,189	71,553
TOTAL ELECTRICAL ENERGY USE	37,337	42,440	268,198

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

VID Water Production December 2019

Description	Current Month Production		Average Production of Last 12 Months		Total, Fiscal Year-to-Date
	(mgd)	(af)	(mgd)	(af)	(af)
<i>VID's EVWTP Water Production</i>					
Local Water	0.00	0.00	4.12	384.68	2,164.30
SDCWA Raw Water	10.28	977.50	7.35	687.03	5,329.20
Subtotal (EVWTP Water Production)	10.28	977.50	11.47	1,071.72	7,493.50
Oceanside Contract Water	0.00	0.00	0.59	55.47	368.70
SDCWA Treated Water	-0.61	-58.10*	1.94	181.78	1,255.30
TOTAL WATER PRODUCTION	9.66	919.40	14.00	1,308.96	9,117.50

*Note: For December, treated water supplied to sister SDCWA member agencies exceeded treated water purchases from the SDCWA.

Lake Henshaw and Warner Ranch Wellfield statistics are summarized as follows:

Lake Henshaw

Storage as of January 28, 2020:	5,083 af (10% of 51,774 af capacity)
Current releases:	0 cfs
Change in storage for month of December:	366 af (gain)
Total releases for month of December:	0 af
Hydrologic year-to-date rain total:	13.82 inches (January 28, 2020)
Percent of yearly average rain:	56% (30-year average: 24.62 inches)
Percent of year-to-date average rain:	111% (30-year average through January: 12.46 in.)

Warner Ranch Wellfield

Number of wells running in December:	0
Total production for month of December:	5 af (equipment maintenance and cattle water)
Average depth to water table (January):	101 ft (see attached historical water table chart)

January

- Installed a new gate off of Camino San Ignacio near Eagle Rock to replace an existing gate which had been damaged due to trespassing and vandalism.
- Removed gates and signage that had been placed on the abandoned California Riding and Hiking Trail alignment on District lands; spoke with representatives from California State Parks and County of San Diego about the likelihood that either agency would attempt to re-establish this historic public use trail across District lands.
- Attended the annual landowner's coordination meeting at Remote Training Site Warner Springs.
- Attended the Remote Training Site Warner Springs 10-year Biological Opinion review meeting conducted at Naval Air Station North Island.

February

- Meet with United States Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss potential impact of ditch repair project on endangered species.
- Meet with representatives of California State Parks to discuss the status of the California Riding and Hiking Trail.

ATTACHMENTS:

Lake Henshaw Resort, Inc., Activity Reports – November 2019

VID's Warner Wellfield – Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

January

- The District's total water production for December 2019 was 919 acre-feet (AF) compared to 1,255 AF in 2013, representing a 27% decrease.
- Completed recruitments for Welder/Equipment Operator, Construction Worker and three Laborer Trainee positions. Ryan Carlson accepted a promotion to the Welder/Equipment Operator position; Martin Tinch accepted a job offer for the Construction Worker position; and Aurelio Lozano, Michael Gonzalez and Dustin Bourgeois accepted job offers for the Laborer Trainee positions.
- Delivered 2020 Water Awareness Calendars to fourth grade classes. Invited teachers to schedule a classroom presentation regarding the upcoming poster contest. This year's theme is "Love Water, Save Water".

February

- Host California Special Districts Association workshops covering the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Present information regarding the poster contest to 4th grade classes located within the District's service area.
- Continue recruitment for Engineering Specialist position.
- Begin recruitments for Accountant and Welder Helper positions.
- Coordinate training on the proper handling, processing and disposal of asbestos cement pipe, silica and hazardous materials and emergency response for field personnel.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

January

- The District has replaced approximately 9.22 miles of Nipponite pipe since 2002. Of the 6.76 miles of Nipponite pipe remaining in the system, replacement of 1.53 miles is currently in design and 0.0 miles is in construction.
- The District has replaced approximately 4,585 feet (0.87 miles) of pipe (steel – 990 feet, PVC – 0 feet, non-Nipponite asbestos cement – 3,595 feet and Nipponite – 0 feet) in Fiscal Year 2020.
- Buena Creek (HB) Reservoir Rehabilitation – Richard Brady and Associates completed removing the existing interior liner, erecting false work and shoring inside the tank to support the concrete dome roof during roof demolition, and began roof demolition. Cost estimate/bid summary table attached.
- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Dudek continued preparing the final design and submitted a draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).
- Four Reservoirs Seismic and Structural Analysis – Reviewed and ranked proposals to evaluate Virginia Place (A), Summit Trail (C), Cabrillo Circle (E-1) and Deodar reservoirs.
- Water Supply Planning Study – Gillingham Water continued with the fine screening analysis of the short-list of water supply alternatives.

- Projects along Flume
 - Henry Ranch – 97 single-family home residential subdivision between Lake Dixon and El Norte Parkway in Escondido. Project requires District review and approval of grading plan and tract map to provide new access road to the Tunnel Bench. Grading plan has been approved by staff and tract map will be coming to the Board for approval of the new grant of right of way.
 - The Villages – 380 dwelling unit residential subdivision along Country Club Lane, between Nutmeg Street and Pamela Lane in Escondido. Project requires District review and approval of grading and storm drain work along the Jones Siphon. Grading plan has been approved by staff with storm drain approval to follow after Board acceptance of a joint use agreement with the City for work within the Flume easement. Project also requires the relocation of an 18-inch transmission main feeding the Bennett service area. This portion of the work will require approval of the improvement plans, tract map and new grant of right of way, which are currently in plan check.
 - Orchard Hills – 20 single-family home residential subdivision along Richland Road within a small unincorporated area between Escondido and San Marcos. Project requires District review and approval of de-annexation, grading plan, tract map, and irrevocable offer of dedication to the County of San Diego for a future trail along the Borden Bench. De-annexation approved by Board; all plans are currently in plan check.

February

- Mainline Replacement Projects in design (current projects): Nettleton Rd., Pala Vista Dr.*, Alta Vista Dr., Vista Grande Dr.*, Lonsdale Ln.*, Plumosa Ave., Lita Ln., Catalina Ave.*, Friendly Dr.*, Oak Dr.*, San Clemente Way*, Devon Pl., Kent Pl., Clarence Dr., York Dr., Calle Maria, Via Christina, Olive Ave.*, Green Hills Way, Elevado Rd. (Total length = 5.62 miles).
- Mainline Replacement Projects in planning (future projects): N. Citrus Ave.*, E. Vista Way, Mason Rd., Lado De Loma, Eddy Dr., Camino Patricia, Camino Corto, Nordahl Rd.*, HN Line- Gopher Canyon to Fairview Dr., Buena Creek Rd.*, Robinhood Rd., Lower Ln., Easy St., Rancho Vista Rd., Bandini Place, McGavran Dr., Oro Avo Dr., Shale Rock, La Mirada, Crescent Dr., Descanso Ave., Mar Vista Dr., Miramar Dr., Camino Culebra*, Camino Loma Verde*, San Clemente Ave.* (Total length = 8.49 miles).
- City of Vista Projects – (Paseo) South Santa Fe Streetscape Improvements: Phase II along South Santa Fe Avenue from Ocean View to Terrace Drive (CIP #8289); Phase III along South Santa Fe Avenue from Terrace Drive to Civic Center Drive (CIP #9291). Project currently in construction and District to continue inspecting water facilities installed by City’s contractor. (Total length = 0.77 miles).
- Buena Creek (HB) Reservoir Rehabilitation – Richard Brady and Associates to continue demolition of concrete dome roof.
- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Dudek to submit 70 percent final design.
- Four Reservoirs Seismic and Structural Analysis – Negotiate scope of work and fee with the selected consultant to evaluate Virginia Place (A), Summit Trail (C), Cabrillo Circle (E-1) and Deodar reservoirs.
- Water Supply Planning Study – Gillingham Water to continue the fine screening analysis of the short-list of water supply alternatives.

*Nipponite pipe

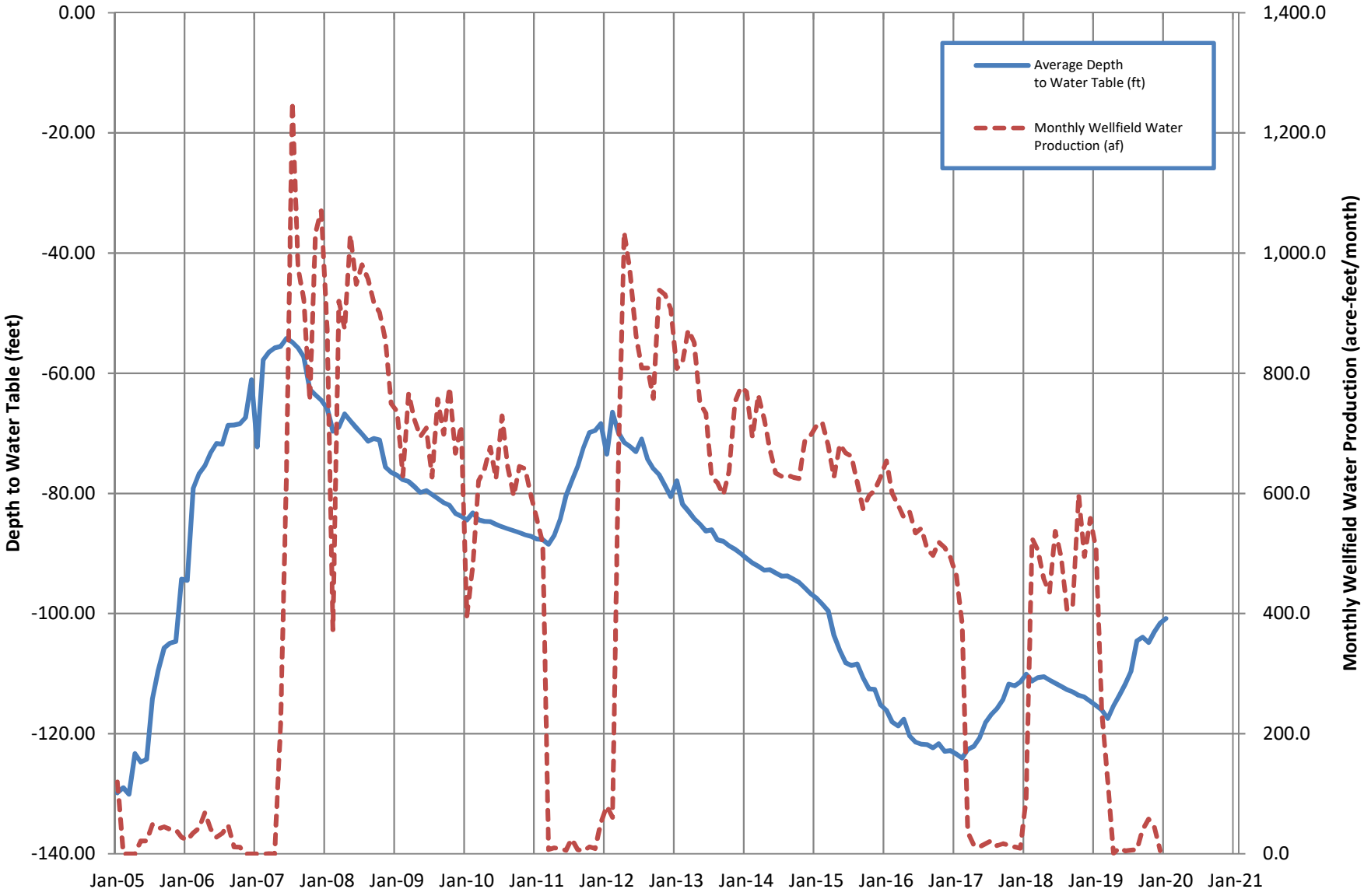


**LAKE HENSHAW RESORT, INC.
ACTIVITY REPORT
AS NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

	2018 Nov	2018 Dec	2019 Jan	2019 Feb	2019 Mar	2019 Apr	2019 May	2019 Jun	2019 Jul	2019 Aug	2019 Sep	2019 Oct	2019 Nov	12 MO AVG
Fishing Permits	172	94	161	74	356	633	384	749	751	687	404	301	244	403
Boat Launches	0	0	0	0	4	43	30	43	50	23	82	7	0	24
Motor Boats (full day rental)	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	48	47	42	19	7	4	15
Motor Boats (half day rental)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	4	13	15	1	0	4
Campground/Head Count	325	99	35	56	319	590	599	879	979	1,188	488	196	128	463
Campground/Cars, Trucks, etc.	184	33	19	23	61	178	254	286	391	703	211	148	64	198
Campground/Recreational Vehicles	5	0	6	3	3	9	11	23	3	24	12	0	12	9
Mobile Home/Spaces	86	87	78	78	76	75	76	77	77	77	76	75	66	77
M.H.P. Daily (Visitors/Head Count)	42	53	42	41	56	62	41	54	56	100	102	98	67	64
M.H.P. (Residents/Head Count)	119	120	101	100	94	93	94	96	98	95	94	92	102	98
Storage	2	3	3	6	4	4	4	5	3	3	6	4	4	4
Cabins	136	97	105	59	111	184	188	108	158	177	126	144	144	133
Hunters	25	65	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10

VID's Warner Wellfield

Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production



BUENA CREEK (HB) RESERVOIR REHABILITATION BUDGET UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2020

Description of Work	Budgeted Cost	Actual Bid Cost	Over or Under Budgeted Amount
Initial Site Work - M-Rae			
<i>Demolish Existing Fence, Steel Roof, Gate, Grub Site, Initial Site Work for Crane and Equipment Access</i>	\$59,693	\$39,919	-\$19,774
Exterior Stairs - Suez			
<i>Disassemble, Transport, Protect, Store, and Reinstall Exterior Stairs</i>	\$52,718	\$50,488	-\$2,230
Roof Demolition - DN Tanks			
<i>Roof Demolition, Remediate Existing Asbestos</i>	\$809,400	\$1,004,390	\$194,990
Tank Improvements - DN Tanks (see note 1)			
<i>Footing Modifications, Seismic Cables, Wall Shotcrete, Tank Exterior Crack Repair, Pressure Wash Tank Interior, Interior Floor and Wall Crack Repairs, Seal Existing Floor Joints, Demolish Existing Inlet/Outlet, Modify Drain, Construct New Inlet, Outlet, Washdown, Demolish Exist Inlet/Outlet, Modify Drain, Construct Inlet, Outlet, Washdown, Construct New Concrete Floor, Construct New Concrete Cap Beam, CIM Wall-Slab Joint, Construct New Staff Gage, New Overflow, Post Construction Leak Test, Install Corrosion Protection System</i>	\$1,814,961	\$1,578,240	-\$236,721
Interior Reservoir Stairs - DN Tanks			
<i>Design, Furnish, Install, New Interior Access Stairs</i>	\$170,400	\$166,895	-\$3,505
Interior Coatings - DN Tanks (see note 1)			
<i>Prepare Surface, Apply Coatings to Interior Wall</i>	\$210,870	\$323,630	\$112,760
Aluminum Dome Roof - CST			
<i>Design, Furnish, Install, New Aluminum Roof and Appurtenances</i>	\$785,570	\$664,215	-\$121,355
Yard Piping Improvements - M-Rae			
<i>Demolish Exist Yard Piping, Fittings, Valves, and Appurtenances, Construct New Yard Piping, Construct New Valve Vault, Remove and Replace Drain Valve, Construct Yard Piping Corrosion Protection System</i>	\$651,569	\$615,268	-\$36,301
Electrical Improvements - M-Rae			
<i>Construct New Conduit, Junctions and Pull Boxes</i>	\$37,275	\$88,296	\$51,021
Stormwater Drainage and Final Site Work - M-Rae			
<i>Demolish Existing Asphalt, Rough Grade Site, Install Subsurface Waterproofing, Modify Underdrains, Construct New Storm Drain Inlet and Piping, Connect to Exist Manhole, Finish Grade, Construct Concrete V-gutter, Pave Site with Asphalt Concrete</i>	\$192,812	\$339,307	\$146,495
Additional AC Pavement			
<i>Access Road Asphalt Paving</i>	\$101,500		
Security Fence			
<i>Construct New Chain Link Security Fence</i>	\$72,953		
Exterior Reservoir Coating - DN Tanks			
<i>Pressure Wash, Apply Coatings to Reservoir Exterior</i>	\$58,575	\$59,281	\$706
General Conditions (see note 2)			
<i>Provide <u>Trailer</u>, <u>Fencing</u>, <u>Porta Potty</u>, <u>Reproduction</u>, <u>Temporary Facilities</u>, <u>Insurance</u>, <u>Bonds</u>, <u>Special Inspection and Testing</u>, <u>Potholing</u>, <u>Surveying</u>, <u>Video</u>, <u>Install and Maintain Stormwater Best Management Practices</u></i>	\$343,692	\$152,262	-\$191,430
Construction Total To Date	\$5,361,988	\$5,082,192	-\$279,797

¹ Actual bid cost shown does not include all value engineering / cost saving options that are still being considered.

² Actual bid costs to date are for underlined items only.



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 8

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Lisa Soto
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: LAKE HENSHAW/WARNER RANCH INSPECTION TOUR

RECOMMENDATION: Schedule a Board inspection tour to Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch.

PRIOR BOARD ACTIONS: The Board last conducted an inspection tour of Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch on April 15, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Each spring, the Board typically conducts an inspection tour of District facilities associated with the District’s local water system, primarily at Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch, to receive briefings from District staff regarding the facilities and issues arising from their operation, maintenance, condition and related matters. The Board has previously expressed an interest in scheduling its annual tour in the month of April due to weather concerns.

DETAILED REPORT: All Directors are requested to consult their individual calendars and be prepared to discuss their availability to participate in the inspection tour at the Board meeting. Please see calendar below for potential tour dates in April.

APRIL 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 <i>Board Meeting</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Board Meeting</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Possible date for inspection tour

Unavailable



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 9

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Lisa Soto
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: VISTA HALL OF FAME REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Consider appointing a Board member to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame; and 2) Consider making a nomination to the Vista Hall of Fame.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On February 6, 2019, the Board appointed Director Dorey to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

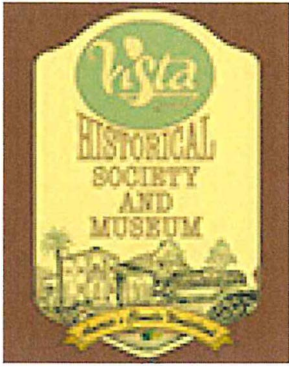
SUMMARY: The Vista Historical Society (Historical Society) is forming the nominating committee for this year's Hall of Fame honorees. Director Dorey has participated on this committee consecutively since 2009. The committee will meet at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Vista Historical Museum at 2317 Old Foothill Drive, Vista. Honorees will be announced at the Historical Society's Annual Meeting on May 16, 2020 at the Shadowridge Country Club.

DETAILED REPORT: This year the Historical Society will honor Vistans from both the Regular and the Early Residents Divisions of the Vista Hall of Fame. The eligibility criteria for both Divisions include: 1) each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively (this criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate); 2) each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community; and 3) married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee. An additional criterion for the Early Residents Division is that the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination, unless waived.

If the Board wishes to nominate an honoree, the Historical Society requests that the nominee's name(s) be submitted along with his or her background materials by February 21, 2020. Notable honorees already in the Vista Hall of Fame with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include Linden Burzell, Hans Doe, Bill Taylor, Oliver Clark, and Howard Williams. From the Early Residents Division honorees with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include Frank Delpy, William Pechstein, Charles Mull, James W. Sutton, Dale E. Wood, Harold H. Yackey, and Ray Betraun. Honorees with a connection to the Bueno Colorado Municipal Water District include Charles Hausladen and Wells Miller.

If the Board wishes to make an appointment to the nominating committee, the Historical Society would like to know by February 14, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Vista Historical Society and Museum
Booklet of Hall of Fame members and qualifications



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January 7, 2020

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Re: Vista Hall of Fame request for assistance.

The Vista Historical Society is honored to be the keeper of the Vista Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's history. The time has come again to select new members of the Hall of Fame and The Vista Historical Vista is now forming the nominating Committee for this year's honorees, who will be announced at the Vista Historical Society's Annual Meeting on May 16, 2020 at the Shadowridge Country Club.

The Vista Irrigation District has been kind in the past by appointing representatives to the nominating committee. We are again requesting your participation in the Hall of Fame process. The committee will meet at 2 P.M. Tuesday March 10, 2020 at The Vista Historical Museum:

2317 Old Foothill Dr.
Vista, Ca 92084

If you can participate, please let us know by Friday February 14, 2020.

Enclosed is a booklet of existing Hall of Fame members and qualifications.

If you wish to nominate someone, please submit his or her name and backup material as soon as possible so it can be distributed at or before the meeting.

The Society can be reached by phone 760-630-0444 Monday to Friday 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., by e-mail vhm67@1882.sdcocmail.com, or at our mailing address:

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Thanking you in advance

Jack Larimer
Director, Vista Historical Museum

VISTA HALL OF FAME

1989-2019

THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VOLUME 1 OF 3

Adams to Gammie

THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 90 members.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week, to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992 and starting again in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Society Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits in the museum.

Currently there are two divisions of membership, the Regular Division and the Early Residents Division. The qualifications of each division are described below. Each year a member of each division must be elected to the hall. There is no upper limit to the number of new members that can be elected each year .

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE HALL OF FAME

Regular Division

Each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively. This criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate.

Each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

Married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee.

The nominee may be either living or deceased.

Early Residents Division

The criteria is the same as for the Regular Division, and in addition the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination unless waived.

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Thomas J. Adams
1891-1974

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2016**

Thomas J. (T.J.) Adams was the second longest serving member of the Vista Irrigation District (VID) Board of Directors, second only after “Mr. Water” himself, Hans Doe. Mr. Adams served on the VID board for 25 years, from March 1949 to July 1974. It was during his 25-year tenure on the VID board that Vista became incorporated as a City in 1963. The population of Vista grew from 8,300 in 1949 to 39,000 in 1974. Mr. Adams was seated as chair of the VID board of directors in 1954, where he remained chair until he passed away in office in 1974. It was through his leadership that the district was able to accommodate the tremendous population growth with all of the necessary facilities and water rights for the people of Vista.

Adams, a native of Louisville, Ken., had made his home in Vista since 1946, coming here from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he had been U. S. Steel's chief metallurgical engineer for 15 years. Adams had owned an avocado grove on Phillips Street when he first came to this city.

In 1951, as a result of a five-year drought, the level of Lake Henshaw (the primary water source for Vista), virtually dried up, going from 120,000 acre feet to only 200 acre feet. In response, VID dug 31 wells at its Warner Ranch watershed, and began pumping water into Lake Henshaw. The need for water for the people of Vista continued to grow with the increase in population and the district began to eye other sources, but few options were available to such a small agency. In 1954, a special election was held in which the people of Vista voted to join and receive imported water from the San Diego County Water Authority. In 1961, the district built its new headquarters on Connecticut Avenue to combine the field and office operation in one location to better serve the VID customers. During Mr. Adams' tenure as president of the VID board, to further accommodate the City's continued growth and demand for water, the district began planning to build a water treatment plant jointly with the City of Escondido. This plant was completed shortly after Mr. Adams' death and allowed all the residents of Vista to receive fully treated water for the first time.



Howard Amend
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2012**

Howard Amend has been affiliated with Boys' Clubs since he joined the Pasadena, California, club when he was 7 years old.

Howard has given 42 years of continuing dedication to the Vista Boys' Club and the Vista Boys & Girls Club, as it was renamed in 1990.

Prior to being hired as director for the Boys' Club of Vista as of May 1, 1970, he was employed by the Boys' Club of Pasadena in 1953, with time out for military service, and served as director until he left to come to Vista.

He retired as director of the Vista Boys & Girls Club in January 2002. He currently serves on the board of directors and is chairman of the Vista Boys & Girls Club Foundation, the major funding agency for the Club.

Howard and Anne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 2012.

Anne retired in 2011 as a school nurse for Lincoln and Rancho Minerva middle schools.

They have three children: Peter, the oldest, and twins Merrill and Sharon.



**Carl Ames
1938-2018**

**Carol Brady
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2019**

Carl and Carol met in Kiwanis. They have been very busy in the community through the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise. Carl has been a member for 35 years and served two separate terms as President. Carl was the Kiwanis Division 37 Lt Governor in 2014/15 (over 18 clubs). He had been the Club Advisor for the Vista High Key Club for 10 years, brought back the fireworks to Vista his first term as President, and has served breakfast at Brother Benno's Soup Kitchen. Carl was also Kiwanian of the Year two years in a row with the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista. (2007 and 2008). He was captain of the Kiwanis Club team for several years for the Vista ROC project. The team included club members and Key Club members from Vista High School. Carl was a judge for two years for the Pride of Vista Beauty Pageant. Carl and Carol came up with the idea of a wine and food tasting fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club which has evolved into the Grape Gatsby Affaire. Along with a committee of 15 club members, it grew into a 1920's theme fundraiser which the Club is celebrating its 11th year in April of this year and is the Kiwanis Club's major fundraiser. Carl was also a Cub Scout leader and Boy Scout leader at Beaumont School when his boys were little. He also received Have a Heart 4 Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club in 2008. He was an Elder at Faith Lutheran Church. Carl and Carol also took part in the 9/11 Commemorative BBQ that is sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church each year. We work with Honor Flight of San Diego to get 4 WWII Veterans to be our guest and to honor them. Carol has been President of the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista for two terms (2011-2013) and has been a member for

13 years. She was Kiwanian of the Year 2006/7 and 2008/9. Carol and Carl received the Have a Heart 4Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club 2008. Carol has been active at Faith Lutheran Church in many different capacities for the 45 years she has been a member. Carol was the Den Mother for the Cub Scout sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church when her son was small. Working for Kids is a passion for Carl and Carol. The one closest to our heart is the StandUp for Kids drop in center in Oceanside which serves all the kids of North County. StandUp works to get the kids off the street. Carol was honored as a special donor last year. I was able to get StandUp For Kids Oceanside to be a Kiwanis Division 37 Project. We ask other clubs for sleeping bags, clothing, toiletries, bottled water and food items

Carol has been a long time supporter of the Oceanside chapter of StandUp For Kids. She is an advocate and avid donor. She shines a constant spotlight on our program and the plight of our kids. She is a shoulder to lean on for the volunteers and always brings her support with a huge hug and a smile. She IS an angel.

We asked Carol how she became involved with StandUp For Kids, here's Carol's story:

I originally got involved in Stand Up prior to 2007 because a friend asked me to donate hygiene products for the girls. Then in 2007, I got back to supporting Stand Up because I was better informed of the needs of the Kids. I got my Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista involved and our first donation at that time was a pickup truck load of clothes, water, food packs and personal hygiene items for both boys and girls. I have never been homeless, but I can relate to the Kids needing what we take for granted living in a home. My family was poor when I was a child growing up. About 5 years ago, I started a tradition at Christmas time to donate a Ginger Bread House kit for the Kids so they could be doing something fun as if they were in a home environment. My husband, Carl, has been my big supporter. It breaks our heart when we are having bad weather or it is cold, knowing our Kids are out in the weather.

In 2008, I asked the Lt Governor for our Kiwanis Division 37 (who oversees 18 Kiwanis club) to make Stand Up For Kids Oceanside a Division Project and it has remained a Divisional Project to date. Our Kiwanis Club donates all the water....I put out pleas for water and my husband, Carl, and I deliver it to Stand Up along with any other items I have collected for the Kids. When the present location needed repairs to the patio where the kids eat their meals, we contacted a friend of ours and he donated materials and labor to make it comfortable.

Carl and I were honored to assist another Kiwanis Club in a past Thanksgiving by serving dinner to the Kids.

Charles Hausladen was born in Minnesota. He



**John Barrett
1908-1978
Gene Barrett
1909-1993**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2016**

In 1939, John and Gene Barrett and their two children moved to Vista.

Also in 1939, John Arthur Barrett and Harold Sanborn operated the "Barrett and Sanborn Market" on East Vista Way. Later, they opened a larger market at 306 South Santa Fe Ave. at Eucalyptus Ave. The produce department was operated by Ted Minge; the bakery by Roger MacDonald and his wife, Lois; the liquor department by Bert Baletto.

In 1942, "Barrett and Sanborn Market" was changed to "Buy and Save" and the business was incorporated. John and his wife, Gene, enlarged the Vista "Buy and Save" and branched out, establishing other "Buy and Save" markets in Fallbrook, Carlsbad, Ocean-side, Escondido, Encinitas and other points in San Diego County. Their central warehouse was in San Marcos. Their son, Richard, and their daughter, Barbara, became a very important part of "Buy and Save's" growth.

Vista was a quiet little town with a beautiful climate and friendly people; a lovely place to raise a family.

John Barrett was on the school board; Richard played football for Vista High School, and Barbara Barrett was drum majorette for the band. Gene Barrett did her share working for the P.T. A.

In 1945, John learned to fly an airplane and Gene took lessons. They became the flying Barretts, attending many grocers' conventions, looking for better ways to serve the public with bigger and better "Buy and Save" markets.

Also, in 1945, their home, El Adobe Casa, was

built on what is now East Sunrise Drive. The adobe bricks were made from local soil, molded and dried in the sun. John and Gene designed the adobe, with much of the work done by John and son, Richard. Lupe Lara and Son were the builders.

In 1962 "Buy and Save" merged with Mayfair Markets.

"Buy and Save" markets was a family venture for the four Barretts. They all worked, and it was a happy time to be part of Vista. John Arthur Barrett died in 1978 and is buried in Eternal Hills Cemetery. Gene Barrett died in 1993. A memorial bench in Eternal Hills carries the family name.



**Ray Betraun
1923-1991**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2018**

Early Vistans knew that securing a reliable source of water was vital to the growth of their burgeoning agricultural community. Those early pioneers worked tirelessly to ensure their community had water for their crops, their families and for future generations. From forming the Vista Irrigation District (VID) to purchasing Lake Henshaw, community leaders searched for a secure water supply that would meet current and future resource demands. Ray Betraun embodied that community spirit and his contributions to Vista are still felt to this day.

Ray Betraun was born in Buffalo, New York on Christmas Day in 1923 and he moved with his family to Vista as a young boy in 1929. He grew up in Vista and graduated Class of 1942 from Vista High School. Ray went on to major in Mechanical

Engineering at the University of Texas and then joined the U.S. Navy, proudly serving as part of a submarine fleet in World War II.

After his military service, Ray returned to Vista to build a life. He married Shirley Wilkinson in 1948 and they had two daughters, Vicki and Jana. Ray worked with his father and brothers at the family construction business, A.E. Betraun & Sons Construction Company, building many community buildings in Vista, including the former Vista Irrigation District headquarters located at 202 West Connecticut Avenue. After his father retired, Ray continued the family business as Betraun Construction Company.

Ray valued civic duty. He and Shirley were very active with the Vista Historical Society throughout their lives. Ray was also President and State Director of the Vista Jr. Chamber of Commerce, a Buena Colorado Municipal Water District board member, and a Liberty National Bank board member for 10 years.

Ray was elected to the VID Board of Directors in 1973. He was a VID Director for 18 years, serving as the President of the Board from 1986 to 1991. Ray served on the VID Board during a period of growth and development, overseeing the completion of the Escondido-Vista Water Filtration Plant at Dixon Reservoir in 1976, the relocation of the 20 million gallon Pechstein Reservoir in 1978, upgrades to portions of the Vista Flume during the 1980s and major renovations of the Lake Henshaw dam in 1981. He was also instrumental in preventing Blue Canyon Landfill from being located near Lake Henshaw, thus protecting VID's groundwater supply for many generations. Ray was also a member of "Vistans for Water Committee" and helped Vista navigate through the early years of the 1990's drought.

Ray passed away in May 1991. He will long be remembered for his record of commitment to his community and his public spirited dedication, including safeguarding Vista's local water sources and ensuring a reliable water supply for his community he loved so dearly.



Leon Bone
1874-1962

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2013**

Leon Bone, always known as Judge Bone in Vista, was a man of many talents. In addition to his legal expertise, he was a prolific poet and author.

The Vista Historical Society is fortunate to have the original manuscript of *Day Dreams*, his book of original poems, and several hard copies of his science fiction novel, *Naomi, Daughter of Ruth*, published in 1952.

Born in Vandalia, Illinois, on March 22, 1874, Bone attended Austin College in Effingham, Illinois, for one year and was secretary and vice president of the debating team.

He then taught elementary school for four years and graduated from the Gem City Business College in Quincy, Illinois.

Bone moved on to George Washington University, determined to obtain his law degree, and graduated with the Law Class of 1905.

While there, he served as president of the university's Needham Debating Society.

The Vista Historical Society's original copy of the University news magazine, *The University Hatchet*, dated December 21, 1904, congratulates Bone on being a major force on the debate team: "He is a forceful speaker and his earnestness in the presentation of his argument carries convic-

tion with it.” He was described as an “indefatigable worker” at research who made “remarkable strides” in debating while at GWU.

Bone’s given name was Leonie, later shortened to Leon.

Judge Bone was married to his wife, Cora, for 53 years. The couple had two children, Victor and Velma. Several of his descendants still reside in the area.

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was formed in 1910, and Bone became one of the organization’s first agents the following year. He was closely involved with the investigation and capture of such notorious criminals as John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd and Machine Gun Kelly.

The Historical Society has on display a letter dated November 20, 1936, from J. Edgar Hoover, then head of the FBI, thanking him for his quarter-century of service as a special agent. Bone remained personal friends with Hoover over the ensuing years.

Early in World War II, Bone was called back for duty as a senior investigator for the Army Air Force.

From 1944, until he passed away at his Vista home in June 1962, at age 88, Judge Bone presided over the Vista branch of the Justice Court of California.

Evidence of his popularity was a report in *The Vista Press* on June 3, 1958, that he was re-elected to the Vista Judicial Court at age 84 with a vote of 2,326; his nearest competitor had 810 votes.

Judge Bone wrote poetry for more than 40 years. The original manuscript of his poetry book, *Day Dreams*, is on exhibit at the Vista Historical Society Museum at Rancho Minerva. It demonstrates the heart and philosophy of the “inner man” that complemented Leon Bone’s legal talents.



Ralph T. Brengle
1894-1971

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2009

Ralph Brengle was a retired industrialist and a native of Orleans, located in the Knob Hills Country of Indiana. He served in the United States Navy in World War I, being discharged as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. In World War II, he was a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

After the war, he organized Ralph T. Brengle Sales Company in Princeton, Indiana. At one time he owned three shopping centers in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Brengle came to Vista on his retirement in 1961. He donated funds to the Vista Boys' Club for a gymnasium, and gave 39 acres to the City of Vista with which Brengle Terrace Park was established. The Brengles were honored February 21, 1971, at the dedication of the 13,000-square-foot Boys' Club gymnasium. Orbee Mihalek, Mayor of Vista, proclaimed "Ralph T. Brengle Day."

Mr. Brengle had given away around a million dollars for worthy causes before coming to Vista, including funds to the College of Vincennes for a closed TV station; funds to Gibson General Hospital; and a science building for Oakland City College. He was a member of the Rotary Club and the Military Order of World Wars, San Diego Chapter.

Mr. Brengle died in March of 1971.



**Kathy Brombacher
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2010**

Kathy is the founder of Moonlight Stage Productions summer season at the Moonlight Amphitheatre and the winter season at the Avo Playhouse. Since founding the theatre in 1981, she has helmed its artistic vision; today it is recognized as one of San Diego County's major arts organizations.

The theatre's artistic successes have been recognized by such organizations as the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle, the Patté Awards for Theatrical Excellence, the Robby Awards, and the Billie Awards. Some of the awards the theatre has received from these organizations include Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Choreography, and Best Set Design, among many others.

Under Kathy's vision, the theatre has nurtured many theatrical artists and administrators who began their careers at the Moonlight and have gone on to work with other major arts organizations and entertainment companies throughout the United States. Having established an artistic base that serves all of San Diego County, Moonlight Stage Productions winter seasons have grown artistically each year with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts, which has provided grants in support of three productions, *Arms and the Man*, *The Most Happy Fella*, and recently the critically acclaimed *Ring Round the Moon*.

Kathy has produced and/or directed more than 150 shows at Moonlight Stage Productions in the last 30 years. She has seen major milestones during her tenure at Moonlight Stage Productions. In 2009, the completion of the new Moonlight Amphitheatre stage house, constructed in just nine months, was a 20-year dream realized by the City of Vista. The City's renovation of the Avo Playhouse, from a movie theater originally opened in 1948 to a venue hosting the Moonlight's winter seasons as well as numerous rental events, was another milestone in community

support.

As a long-time employee of the City of Vista, Kathy has been recognized as Management Employee of the Year as well as receiving awards and recognition from the California Women in Government for distinguished work; Soroptimists International of Oceanside for work which enhances the community; was named one of the "50 People to Watch" by *North County Magazine*; received the Craig Noel Award for Theatrical Trailblazer by the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle; and the Shiley Lifetime Achievement Award from the Patté Awards for Theatrical Excellence in 2006.

A longtime resident of Vista, she is married to Robert C. Brombacher, D.D.S. She holds a B.A. degree in Theatre Arts from the University of Redlands and an MFA degree in acting, and prior to founding Moonlight Stage Productions was a theatre and music educator in the Vista Unified School District.



**Linden R. Burzell
1924-2008
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2008**

Linden R. Burzell began his career in the water industry as a young Navy Ensign in 1945 when he was assigned to assist the resident officer in charge of administering construction work on the first San Diego Aqueduct.

He joined Vista Irrigation District as its District Engineer in 1946. By 1951, he was general manager and chief engineer. Among the many projects that Burzell brought to completion while at VID was the covering of the original 12 miles of open flume that brought water from Lake Henshaw via Lake Wohlford to Vista. He expanded and improved the infrastructure serving the communities within VID's boundaries, which were moving from an agricultural base to residential and commercial uses.

In 1964, he left to assume his new position as general manager and chief engineer of the San Diego

County Water Authority.

Burzell returned to the VID in 1992 as a member of the Board of Directors. He worked at the policy level to maintain VID's high standards. He served as the Board's president in 1996, 2001 and 2006.



**Paul Luis Vincent Campo
1922-2007**

**Dorothy Maxine Campo
1920-2008**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2016**

Paul and Dorothy Campo moved to Vista in 1954 and bought their home at 1210 Oak Drive where they would live until Paul died and Dorothy moved into assisted living. Paul had been hired to work at Camp Pendleton, where his engineering and geology degrees and experience in water management and hydrology helped him to rise to become its Director of Natural Resources before retiring in 1988. For a number of years, he worked alongside another well-known Vistan, William "Bill" Taylor.

Paul served as a trustee of the Vista Unified School District ("VUSD") for many years. While on the board, he championed the construction of the "new" Vista High School on Bobier Drive and led the effort to develop several more elementary schools to meet the VUSD's growing student population.

Paul always loved to talk about water. He would quote Mark Twain: "Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over." Paul served on the board of the San Diego County Water District for many years, representing the Marine Corps' water interests at Camp Pendleton. He was an early promoter of building more water storage facilities for this area. Among Paul's colleagues on this agency was his friend and another well-known Vistan, Hans Doe. They, and several other of the

older water experts, were collectively known as the "water buffaloes", a term that always made him laugh.

One of Paul's happiest days occurred when he was appointed, and then elected, to the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District, representing District 1. In addition to covering Northeast Vista and the surrounding county land, he was responsible for Lake Henshaw, the District's water reservoir. Because of his interest in water storage and conservation, he made sure that the District never tried to sell off this valuable water resource. This has proven to be a wise decision, given the current water shortage throughout California. He served on the board for many years; only his death caused him to vacate his position. It should come as no surprise that one of his fellow directors was his close friend, fellow water buffalo, and another well-known Vistan, Linden "Lyn" Burzell.

Paul was married for over 57 years to his wife and best friend, Dorothy. Both of them loved what used to be the pastures and grove of old Vista, but understood and accepted the many changes that have occurred over the years.

Dorothy was not a traditional "stay-at-home" wife and mother. She first had a taste of the working world during World War II, when she served as secretary to a defense plant manager. By the time she came to Vista, she possessed the skill and experience to be hired by the VUSD to become the first secretary for the newly-built Crestview Elementary School. She spent many happy years at Crestview. She later transferred to Olive Elementary School, from which she retired in 1987.

Dorothy was also active in the Vista community. In the early 1960s, many of the non-certificated staff at the VUSD asked her to help them form a bargaining unit to negotiate the terms of their employment contract. She then founded the Vista chapter of the California School Employees Association, and served as its first president. For many years, Dorothy acted as a firm negotiator with the VUSD's management. As a result of her efforts, many of her fellow Vistans received better wages and terms of employment.

During her years with the VUSD, many parents and teachers came to know and love her. Most important to Dorothy, however, were the children who attended "her" elementary schools. She always kept her own money in her desk to loan to students who had forgotten their lunch money. For many years prior to government subsidies, she gave away lunch money to students whose families couldn't afford to make or buy them lunch. Years later, when one of those students whom she had helped previously bought lunch for her, she cried.



Daniel Bennett Carr
1939-2010
Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2016

Daniel Bennett Carr was born in 1939, in San Diego. His father worked in the Foreign Service so he was raised primarily in Latin America before moving to Chula Vista at the age of 16. At this young age, he worked at Bearing Engineering in San Diego in order to help provide financial support for his family.

Daniel married Sue Ann Crabbe on May 16, 1959 in Chula Vista.

He was a resident of Vista for forty years. He moved his family to Vista from Chula Vista in 1962 and resided in the community until 2002.

He was an honorable and successful business owner of Carr's City Auto Parts, established in 1962. He later purchased Vista Auto Parts and established North County Warehouse in the City of Vista.

Carr's City Auto Parts was one of the first parts stores to offer delivery service to auto repair shops, gasoline stations, and many other establishments such as Golden Arrow Dairy and Mc Mahan's Furniture Store, who both had their own small fleet of delivery trucks, as well as Prohoroff's Poultry Farm. He would often get up in the middle of the night to help a customer with a broken down vehicle so that they could continue on their deliveries and/or travels as needed.

Carr's City Auto Parts started at 341 N. Santa Fe Avenue. He then built a new and bigger store with a machine shop at 223 W. Vista Way. When the business outgrew that store he purchased the old Safeway Store/Drew's Appliance Center at 420 S. Santa Fe Avenue and moved it there where it continued to grow. It was here that he established North County Warehouse.

In the late 1960's or early 1970's, he also bought Vista Auto Parts. He built a new and larger building on East Vista Way with a machine shop for this business as well. He later sold Vista Auto Parts to Mr. Henry Boothman, a ma-

chinist who had worked for him for many years.

Daniel B. Carr, was an active member of Vista's Optimist Club serving as president from 1965 - 1966.

He was an effective and respected Planning Commissioner, serving the City of Vista in this role from 1970 - 1978.

In 1978, he was elected to Vista's City Council with the help and support of many other community members such as John M. Cosh, Terry Hensley, Frank Tiesen, Betty Minor, Orbee Mihalek, Ken Annin and Gil Duran, who were all members of his election committee.

During his term on the City Council from 1978-1982 he served as mayor of Vista from 1981-1982 and served his time in office with distinction.

He was one of the original founders of the Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park, successfully heading up the committee to get the original grading done by Mr. Carl Pinamonti.

He was an avid hunter and tennis player. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying his own airplane

He never aspired to be a politician. However, because he chose to raise his family and start his business career in the city of Vista, he believed that he had a duty to work for the betterment of the city that gave us so much. He knew he could do good work in the political arena of the city. He was extremely grateful for all the opportunities Vista had provided for us and was honored to serve his beloved "City of Vista" in anyway that he was able.



Brooks Cavanaugh
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2018

Brooks was born and raised in Upland, California. In 1955 his family moved to Costa Mesa where he graduated from Newport Harbor High. At Orange Coast College he studied engineering and architecture. In 1970 a City Planner job opportunity arose at the City of Vista. Brooks was hired when the population was just 17,000.

In 1975 the Thibodo family offered to annex approximately 900 acres to Vista, now known as Shad-owridge. Brooks began processing the annexation but left the city in 1976 to work for CM Engineering, the lead engineering firm for the annexation.

In 1978, Brooks as a member of the Vista Chamber of Commerce Action Committee proposed annexation of an additional 1,200 acres south of Shad-owridge. The city consented and 15 major property owners supported the annexation and rezone to a Re-search Light Industrial Park now known as the Vista Business Park.

In 1976 The County Land Use Council was formed with the purpose of protecting private property rights. Brooks became its first executive director.

In 1980 Brooks established Land Planning Con-sultants to assist property owners in development stud-ies and governmental processing. This local Vista busi-ness has been in operation almost 40 years.

Brooks was instrumental in the formation of the South Vista Business Park improvement district in 1986. The district purpose was the building of necessary infrastructure including roads and utili-ties. Sycamore Road, Business Park Dr, and Poin-settia are just a few of those roads. The owners in-vested over 8 million dollars and was completed in 1988. For the next 20 years, Brooks consulted with over 30 owners providing development plans for use of their business park land.

Brooks and Attorney David Larkin along with the assistance of several other local Vistans formed The Vista Conservancy in early 2000. The Vista Conservancy mission is to preserve environ-mentally sensitive lands. Along with the City of Vista, today you can walk from the Rancho Vista Adobe to Brengle Terrace Park. Brooks was instru-mental in its formation and is still actively in- volved.

Brooks also chaired the 1996 down town Vista citizen's planning committee which provided direction for the Vista Village Plan. In 2008 Brooks served on the city redevelopment planning and development com- mittee helping to identify areas such as South Santa Fe needing economic stimulation for redevelopment. Since 2006 Brooks has consulted to the Vista Fire Protection District. He has assisted the district in creating 6 North Vista emergency evacuation roads.

Brooks and his first wife Joan raised 3 children in Vista, Christa, Jolean and Daniel. There are now 13

grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Today, Brooks and Stephanie continue to work and live in Vista and enjoy the grandchildren!



Oliver Clark
1917-2006

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2010

A native of Iowa, Oliver Clark and his wife, Helen, came to Vista in 1941. He started Clark's Floor Coverings, Inc. in 1946.

He served 22 years on the Vista Irrigation Dis- trict board of directors. He also was a director of the Vista Chamber of Commerce for many years and holder of four Chamber awards—in 1956, 1958, 1963 and 1966. Clark was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Vista and served as president in 1953. He was a Chancellor Commander, Knights of Pythias Themis 146, Escondido. He served as president of the San Diego Floor Covering Association (two terms), and he was elected to the Hall of Fame of the Floor Covering Association in 1976.

He was also a director of Chartered Bank of London, California Division, from 1964 to 1980. He was a member of the Vista Historical Society and sev- eral other organizations. He and his wife had three children: Carol Anne, Oliver R. Clark Jr., and Alan Lee Clark.



**John Cosh
1924-2004**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1989**

**Marjorie Bernice Cosh
1926-2016**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2016**

John Cosh arrived in Vista with his family in 1925 from Canada, along with the Ormsby family. Cosh and his family have supported Vista and the surrounding communities ever since. John Cosh was a longtime banker in the Vista area. He assisted in the founding of the Tri-City Hospital District and was a director for eight years and president in 1974. He was founding president and organizer of the Boys' Club and chairperson of many fundraisers for charitable organizations. He also helped develop Brengle Terrace Park

Marjorie Bernice Brown was born in Mesa, AZ. She was one of nine children born to Blanche & Peter Brown, an American ranching/farming family that settled in the Imperial Valley in 1929. While working in Oceanside as an operator for Bell Telephone, she met the love of her life, John Morton Cosh, in 1948, and married him in 1952.

Marjorie was an active member of the Vista/North County community and supported many causes. Her full list of accomplishments can only be described as a lifetime of community and family service, and continued to do so in her later years with the Friends of the Vista Library, the Vista Historical Society, and the Grace Presbyterian Church Women's Association.

Intelligent, organized and insightful, Marjorie gave her all to many North County organizations, taking on leadership roles, guiding meetings, and not only

chairing events, but often using her own supplies so it would have the perfect look.

In 2011, Marjorie received the prestigious National Service to Youth Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for 35 years of devoted service in supporting the organization.

As an original member of the Tri-City Hospital Women's Auxiliary (now of the Tri-City Hospital Foundation), in 1981, she chaired the first Baile De Esperanza charity ball. She was selected as the Outstanding Woman of the Year 1981 by the Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Past President of the VUSD School Board (1979-1983) and then representing the VUSD Personnel Commission (1985-2006), Marjorie received an Honorary Lifetime Membership by the California School Personnel Commissioners Association.

For her outstanding work as past president of both the Patrons of Palomar College and Palomar College Development Foundation she was awarded an honorary degree by Palomar College.



**Cave Johnson Coutts
1821-1874**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007**

Cave Johnson Coutts was born near Springfield, Tennessee, on November 11, 1821.

In 1838, he received an appointment to West Point and graduated in 1843. He served on the frontier and then at Los Angeles, San Luis Rey and San Diego from 1848 to 1851. He was over six feet tall and weighed 165 pounds, and was known as a man of good education, strict integrity, and gentlemanly manners.

On April 5, 1851, he married Ysidora Bandini of San Diego. They had ten children. In October 1851, he resigned from the army and was

appointed colonel and aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Bigler.

He was a member of the first Grand Jury in September 1850, and became county judge in 1854. In 1853, he moved to a tract known as the Guajome grant, a wedding gift to his wife from her brother-in-law, Abel Stearns. He became one of the wealthiest men in Southern California. Courts purchased the San Marcos, Buena Vista, and La Jolla ranchos, and also government land, amounting to about 20,000 acres.

He died at the Horton House in San Diego on June 10, 1874. The Rancho remained in family hands until it was sold to San Diego County for a park in the 1970's.



Elva Lagash Dawson
1906-1997
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1998

Elva Dawson was a native Californian who moved to Vista in 1964. She was a charter member of the Friends of the Vista Library, and the library's Elva Dawson Room was dedicated in her honor. She received a City of Vista Award in 1967, 1972, 1976 and 1978 for her volunteer work. Dawson was a founding member of Vista Beautiful; president of the Woman's Club of Vista and Vista Historical Society; a founder of the Vista Boys' Club Auxiliary; and a member of the Vista Parks and Recreation Commission, Guajome Regional Park Commission and Vista Garden Club.



Ida Kelly Dawson
1901-1996
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1989

Ida Dawson was the daughter of pioneers Emma Kelly and Hamilton Squires. She attended San Diego State University and Stanford University. She taught school locally and in Seattle.

On March 23, 1931, she married Clarence Dawson. In 1946, they moved to Rancho Agua Hedionda Y Los Monos, where she owned some of the original land grant acreage. They raised cattle for several years. She gave over 130 acres in the Dawson Y Los Monos Canyon Reserve to the University of California system for research and teaching.



Frank Bernard Delpy
1896-1948
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2009

Frank Delpy was born January 26, 1896, at the Vista Delpy Ranch, the second son of Jules J. and Maria Delpy. He lived in Vista all of his life. He attended Vista schools and graduated from Oceanside High. There was no high school in Vista at the time. He married Elena Rose Itzaina (nee Helen Itzaina), daughter of Jean Baptiste and Maria Itzaina, on December 7, 1919. He had two children, Jacqueline and Frank Junior.

He was the first Vista Irrigation District Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer, an elected position that he held until his death at the office on June 8, 1948. A World War I veteran, he was a member of the B.P.O.E., Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion.

During his tenure at the Vista Irrigation District, with his leadership and assistance the district was able to create, improve and assure the area water supply, thus

enabling the agricultural industry to thrive in Vista.



Jules and Maria Delpy
Jules 1866-1959
Maria 1877-1981
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1995

The Delpy family first arrived in Vista in 1873. Bernard Delpy started a successful winery in the area later known as Delpy's Corners. His nephew, Jules Jacques Delpy, arrived from Southern France in 1879 to help work in the winery.

In 1894, Jules married Maria, also from Southern France, in Los Angeles. They arrived in Vista a few days later.

The Delpys had many "firsts" in Vista: the first car, the first phonograph and one of the earliest schools. Travelers often stayed at the Delpy home since no hotels existed in Vista at the time. Jules and Maria were successful farmers and were influential in the development of early Vista, including the formation of the Vista School District and the Vista Irrigation District.



Hans Doe
1903-1988
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2002

Hans Doe was born in Norway. His family moved to Canada in 1910. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, studying engineering, and became a United States citizen in 1927.

Doe and his wife, Margaret, made their home in Milwaukee until 1946, when they visited Margaret's parents in Vista. They promptly moved to Vista and owned and operated an avocado and macadamia nut ranch.

He was elected to the Vista Irrigation District board of directors in 1951 and later to the board of the Bueno Colorado Water District. Known as "Mr. Water," he served on the most influential boards and committees in the California water industry, including the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, from 1956-1988. He was the only person to serve two terms (four years) as president of the Association of California Water Agencies.

His many statewide accomplishments included appointment to two terms on the State Soil Conservation Commission under Governor Goodwin J. Knight, president of the Resource Conservation Districts Association and chairman of the Southern California Water Conference for ten years. As one of the organizers of the Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, Doe helped promote and build the flood control channel that protects Vista against periodic flooding.



Harrison and Ruth Doyle
Harrison 1888-1997
Ruth 1898-1996
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1989

Harrison and Ruth Doyle purchased property in Vista in 1940 and served the community in many ways for over 55 years. Harrison Doyle, a well known author, was the co-founder of the Vista Rancho Historical Society, the mayor of Vista 1966-68, president of the board of governors of Palomar College, and charter

director of the Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, which brought the flood control channel to Vista. Along with his wife Ruth, he wrote the "History of Vista" in 1983.



**Antonio "Tony" Duran
1917-1982**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2011**

Tony Duran was born in Kansas and lived in Vista for 56 years. He operated the construction firm of Duran & Duran with his brother, Luz, who is also a Hall of Fame member. Tony was very active in civic affairs. He served on the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees from 1961 to 1969 and was president for five years.

He was one of the founders and a member of the first board of directors of the Vista Boys' Club, now the Vista Boys and Girls Club. He also served on the committee that was responsible for the construction of the club building. He built a day care center for developmentally disabled children (a Vista Rotary project).

Tony Duran was a member of Vista Rotary Club, with perfect attendance for 30 years, and was president from 1956-57. He received the Governor's Trophy for most outstanding club in the district. He was a member of the Vista Elks Lodge (20 years), and Honorary Life Member of the Vista Hispano Club. He was also a member of the General Apprenticeship Board of Palomar College from 1952-57, representing business management. In 1955, he received the National Red Cross award for Life Saving, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1959, Tony organized the North County Building Contractors' Association. In 1960, he received the "Citizen of the Year" award. He also was responsible for a school and addition to an orphanage in Mexico. He founded Vista High School Panther Boosters Club and the Palomar College Boosters Club. He was appointed to committees by both the Vista City Council and the Board of Supervisors.



**Luz Duran
1915-2008**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1990**

Luz Duran came to Vista with his family in 1925. Luz and his brother, Tony, formed Duran & Duran and built many of Vista's major buildings, including the Elks Lodge, the Avo Theater, the Optimist Club, and many family homes.

Luz served his community in numerous ways. Among his affiliations were the Knights of Columbus and the Hispano Club, and he was a life member of both the Optimist Club and the Vista Historical Society.



**Paul and Diane Eckert
Diane 1933-1918
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2014**

Very few people can say they know Vista as well as Diane and Paul Eckert know Vista.

Diane's parents, Robert and Myrna Elsinger, had been residents of Vista since before she was born, and in 1950, Paul's parents settled here while Paul stayed with an uncle in Lawndale, CA, to finish high school. After Paul graduated high school he relocated to join his parents. Together

they started Eckert & Son's Moving & Storage located at 621 S Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA, in May of 1953.

Diane, maiden name Elsinger, finished high school in Vista and went off to Stephens College in Missouri. Upon her return after graduation in June of 1954, she attended the Vistacado Fair where she and Paul met for the first time.

Vista was a small, yet close knit community with about 8,500 people. Now, decades later, the population in this town has grown to over 120,000!

"I loved it so much when Vista was a little town, you knew everyone," Diane recalls. Paul says, "We used to do all kinds of things, including the last Vistacado Fair." He also remembers putting up all of the Christmas decorations in downtown Vista, sponsoring a book drive for the branch library, and coloring 1500 eggs for the egg hunt.

Paul and Diane went on to have 2 children, Robert and Paula, who grew up to have professions and families of their own, including 6 wonderful grandchildren and now 5 great-grandchildren for Paul and Diane. Robert and Paula eventually decided to join Paul in running the moving business and continue to work in the office keeping it a family run operation.

Paul's public service career began with the Vista Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Diane joined the Jaycees' wives' group. They both became actively involved with the local Elks Club and with the Boys & Girls Club, formerly known as the Boys Club. Paul was involved in the San Marcos Rotary Club as well.

Together over the course of 6 months, Paul & Diane campaigned for Paul's election to the County Board of Supervisors in 1978, where he went on to serve 8 years.

Paul remembers one of the highlights of that time "Diane and I were invited to have cocktails with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip on their yacht in the San Diego Harbor!"

He also recalls a personal invitation, along with 200 others, including then San Diego Mayor Bill Cleator, to the White House during the Ronald Reagan administration and having coffee and rolls in the East Room. "You've gotta be impressed," he exclaimed.

Looking back, Paul is proud to say he was involved with the county's "Workfare", a work-for-welfare program instituted in San Diego at the time, but is still being utilized in some areas today.

After serving on the County Board of Supervisors, he returned to be involved in the Vista community. Diane was president of the Vista Historical Society from 2003 to 2009 and quickly put Paul to work.

Paul negotiated with the City of Vista to get the Rancho Minerva house for the Historical Society and went

to work refurbishing it. The previous owners, the Huntalas's, have since formally made Paul an honorary member of the Huntalas family.

Paul was president of the Vista Historical Society when they opened the museum in Rancho Minerva in 2009.

More recently, Paul has been involved with a Christian healing center at Branches of the Cross Anglican Church in Vista, saying, "It will be a tremendous asset to the community." He has also continued to help the Boys & Girls Club, being responsible for building its new kitchen, dining room, teen room, and several offices. He hopes that by July he will have an elevator installed to serve the second floor of the building that houses this beneficial youth program.

Paul and Diane Eckert would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the society and those involved for selecting them to receive this honor.



**Robert Elsinger
1896-1978**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2013**

Robert Elsinger was born to Sarah Fuiks and Sol Elsinger on June 6, 1896, in Minnesota. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Fargo, North Dakota, and then his father moved to Azusa prior to the 1920's; and grew oranges.

Robert followed his family to California in the mid-1920's and became a farmer. He moved to North San Diego County in 1926, and while in Vista, he met and married Myrna Ryerson.

Robert Elsinger budded many avocado groves in Escondido, Fallbrook and Vista. He established one of the first packing plants in Escondido and bought, packed and shipped avocados and limes.

His business was located at 121 North Santa Fe Avenue, directly across from the original location of the Santa Fe Railroad

depot. At one time he owned the old landmark, "Red Barn", on the corner of North Santa Fe Avenue and Jefferson Street. He also had a subsidiary packing shed on the railroad at Buena.

Robert was a veteran of World War I; one of the original members of the American Legion; a member of Vista Elks Lodge #1968; and a member of the Vista Optimist Club. On January 26, 1964, he received a Good Citizenship Medal from the San Diego Sons of the American Revolution for his "patriotism, community service and public spiritedness."

He had three children, Diane Eckert, Nanette Marvin, and Robert Elsinger.



Barney and Donna Harvey Fields
Barney 1935-2016
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2002

Barney and Donna Fields are lifelong Vista boosters. They were members of many service clubs and other organizations dedicated to the area's betterment.

They have run a successful business and raised their family here.



Joseph H. Fotheringham
1887-1970
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007

A land specialist and first mayor of Vista, Joseph H. Fotheringham was born February 22, 1887, in Glasgow, Scotland and came to the United States at age five.

During his 44 years in Vista, he held a variety of civic posts, including the Chamber of Commerce and U.S.O. boards. He was a charter director of the First National Bank of Vista; president of the Downtown Property Owners' Association; elected director of Tri-City Hospital in 1957 and remained a member of that board until 1969.

He was a Vista city councilman and first mayor upon the city's incorporation in January 1963. He was also a member of Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO); president of the San Diego County Division of the League of California Cities; founding member of the Kiwanis Club; past patron, Star of Vista 556 Order Eastern Star; a 32nd Degree Mason; and a past president of the Board of Realtors. He resigned as mayor of Vista in September 1965 and was named president of Tri-City Hospital Board on February 26, 1966.

Fotheringham died in early July 1970.



John A. Frazier
1832-1899
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007

John Frazier was born in Rhode Island. He went to sea with his uncle at the age of thirteen.

In 1881, he and his wife and six children moved to Carlsbad, where he was one of those instrumental in founding what became the Carlsbad Spa. Sometime in 1882, he moved to Vista at least part-time. He lived on what is now Vista Village Drive, west of Santa Fe Avenue.

He applied for a post office in September 1882. At that time, the closest post offices were in Encinitas or by San Luis Rey Mission in a town named San Luis Rey. Creation of a post office at that time named the area, so

he applied for Frazier's Crossing as the name for the community. That name was rejected as there already was a Frazier in California. The name Buena Vista was also rejected. Vista was the name finally permitted and Mr. Frazier became the first postmaster in October 1882. He held the post until November 1886.



**Kenneth Gammie
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2018**

Kenneth Gammie is a Founding Member of the Moonlight Stage Productions, and has been a passionate member of its Artistic Team every season since 1981. Under the leadership of Kathy Brombacher and Steven Glaudini, Ken Gammie has played an important role in helping to grow this once small community theatre to its current glory as one of San Diego County's major Arts organizations. Ken Gammie has conducted over 65 productions at the Moonlight, and was nominated for a San Diego Robby Award for Best Musical Direction in the Moonlight production of Big River in 2005. In 2013, Ken Gammie was inducted into the "Heroes of Vista" Hall of Fame.

For 37 years, Ken Gammie has been a highly respected and beloved music educator for the Vista Unified School District. In 2013, the United States Congress as well as the California Senate named Ken Gammie Educator of the Year for the Arts. A Golden Apple Award recipient (1989), Ken Gammie has con-

tinued to receive honors and awards too numerous to mention for his selfless dedication to his students. For 27 consecutive years, Ken Gammie's middle school orchestras have earned the highest possible, "Unanimous Superior" ratings at the Annual Southern California Band and Orchestra Association Festival competition, which is an extraordinarily rare and amazing accomplishment. Ken Gammie is well known for "going above and beyond the call of duty", giving countless hours of his own time towards the artistic enrichment of the students he teaches and inspires. Through his dedicated work as one of Vista Unified School District's top educators, and as a Moonlight Founding Member and gifted conductor, Ken Gammie's contributions to the Arts in the City of Vista have been immeasurable.

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN VISTA HISTORY FEBRUARY 27, 1926

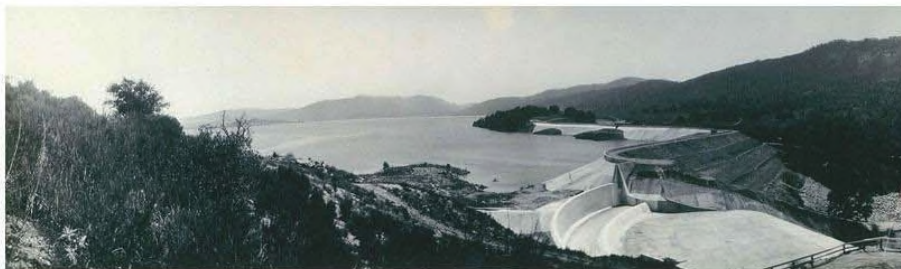
In the last part of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, the main business in Southern California, and certainly in North San Diego County, was agriculture. Successful agriculture requires abundant water especially for the preferred crops of the time which were groves or vineyards. Without sufficient water farmers were limited to more hardy crops such as grains. Water was always on everybody's mind. Negotiations for water went on endlessly. The importance can be seen in the area paper of the time, "The Oceanside Blade", where the main headline in the paper that reported the United States entry into World War I was about water negotiations.

There were also people that made their living providing water. One of these was William Henshaw, the owner of Warner Ranch. After World War I when Vista was trying to develop an agricultural base and running out of water, he was able to provide the water from the reservoir known as Lake Henshaw. According to the website of the Vista Irrigation District, completion of the Henshaw Dam in 1923 made a reliable source of water possible.

An election was held on August 28, 1923 to create the Vista irrigation District. Again according to the website one hundred percent of the eligible voters voted and the measure passed 104 to 4. After construction of the required infrastructure, a ceremony was held in downtown Vista on February 27, 1926 to turn on the water from Lake Henshaw. Reliable water quickly allowed Vista to become the "Avocado Capital of the World". Vista became so well-known for avocados that Vista floats with an avocado theme appeared in the Rose Parade in 1928 and 1932. Vista continued to grow with a mainly agricultural base until after World War II when population growth caused the conversion of agricultural land to housing.



Downtown Vista ceremony
on February 27, 1926



Henshaw Dam April 5,
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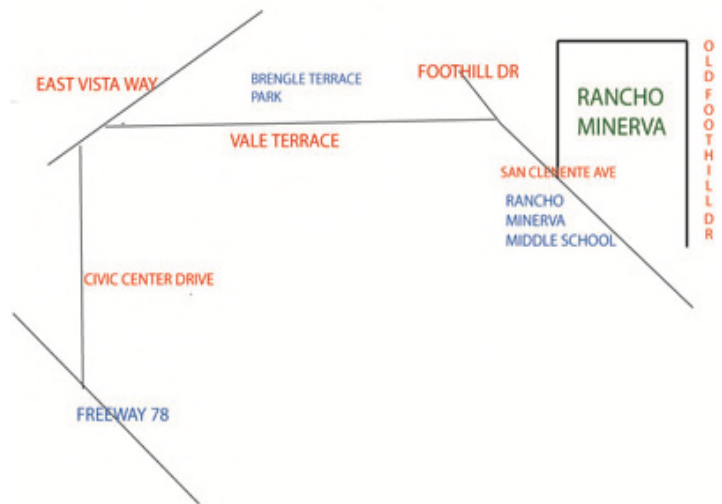
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MAP TO THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT RANCHO MINERVA



VISTA HALL OF FAME

1989-2019

THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VOLUME 2 OF 3

Hart to Nichols

THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 90 members.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week, to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992 and starting again in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Society Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits in the museum.

Currently there are two divisions of membership, the Regular Division and the Early Residents Division. The qualifications of each division are described below. Each year a member of each division must be elected to the hall. There is no upper limit to the number of new members that can be elected each year .

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE HALL OF FAME

Regular Division

Each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively. This criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate.

Each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

Married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee.

The nominee may be either living or deceased.

Early Residents Division

The criteria is the same as for the Regular Division, and in addition the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination unless waived.

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Edwin G. Hart

**Edwin Giles Hart
1874-1939**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2017**

From his arrival in Vista in 1925 until his death in December of 1939, Edwin G. Hart was closely identified with the development of the Vista Irrigation District and one of the principal developers of agriculture in the district. He was the head of the Vista Development Association, subdivider of about 2200 acres of land in Vista, president of the Edwin G. Hart Co. and was the principal organizer of the First National Bank of Vista of which he had been a stockholder and officer since it began business in 1928. Dale E. Wood and Harry Reynolds were Vista agents for disposal of the properties. Later, both were real estate brokers in Vista. He was also president of the San Luis Rey Development Association where his organization owned some 1800 acres.

E. G. Hart was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1874, to John, a Civil War veteran, and Emma Hart. The family moved to California in 1884, where John Hart grew grapes on 40 acres in the Sierra Madre and was prominent in professional music circles. Edwin had two brothers, John, an attorney who served as Acting District Attorney

of Los Angeles, and Frank, an accomplished pianist and manager of the Southern California Music Company.

After being in the mining business in Mexico, E.G. Hart went into land development in Southern California.

Mr. Hart was the leading developer of California's expansive avocado industry. His avocado and citrus fruit developments had a large part in creating La Habra Heights, Vista, and North Whittier Heights. The city of San Marino, near Pasadena, and its school system were organized many years ago, largely due to Mr. Hart's vision and perseverance.

His first avocado growing experiments were carried on at San Marino after which he developed 1700 acres and the first hillside terraced orchards at North Whittier Heights. Then 3600 acres were developed at La Habra Heights and some 2200 at Vista.

Water and road system developments were followed by plantings. Mr. Hart had also developed probably the largest collection of hibiscus in the State. He was a past president of the Los Angeles Realty Board, first president of the California Avocado Association and an organizer of the Calavo Growers of California. He was also a Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce leader and interested in the welfare of many agricultural industries.

He was killed when he was struck down by an automobile on East Olympic Boulevard in Los Angeles, on Dec. 6, 1939. At the inquest, the fatal car's driver was exonerated after the widow had asked that he be absolved of blame due to the glaring lights of many cars and to the fact that the new boulevard had not been lined off as yet.

Sources include The Vista Press 1939, A History of Vista by Harrison Doyle, and Edwin Giles: Vision of a City Founder by Linda Molino PhD. Published in the Winter 2017 issue of The Grapevine by the San Marino Historical Society.



Charles C. Hausladen
1895-1988
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2010

Charles Hausladen was born in Minnesota. He came to Fresno, California, as a young man and worked in the grape vineyards around Fresno and Delano. He, his wife Mildred and family came to Vista in 1927, where he first worked for Phillips-Hambaugh Company, one of Vista's early developers, who laid out some of our first streets. Phillips Street and Hambaugh Way are named for these two partners. Over the years, Charles Hausladen was known as the man who built many of Vista's streets.

At the time the Hausladen family arrived here, there were about 350 people in Vista. There was a general store, a post office and a hardware store.

In the late 1920s, Hausladen bought a monoplane and used it and another leased plane to get around in his work. He managed the Chicago Tribune's large avocado planting on "Tribune Hill" near Pechstein Dam for several years. He helped form the Vista Volunteer Fire Department shortly after arriving here. He held the office of president of the Rotary Club in 1951; was a member of the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees; became president of the board of directors of Buena Colorado Municipal Water District in January 1958; and in February 1958 was named superintendent of the Carlsbad Municipal Water District. An enthusiastic supporter of his community, he used his construction equipment to level and work the ground for the construction of the Vista Recreation Center in 1940. He also prepared the surfaces for track meets at the schools and for ball games at the Recreation Center.

He was known throughout the area as a civic-minded and dependable citizen. He was called on to

fill many varied positions, all of them serving to make our area a better place in which to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Hausladen were Honorary Life Members of Vista Historical Society, Inc. They were the parents of four children.



Bill Huntasal
1917-1998
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2019

Bill Huntasal was born in 1917 in Tehachapi, CA to Nick and Bessie Huntasal. Nick Huntasal had purchased the land around the current Rancho Minerva ranch in Vista, CA, in 1911 but at the time of Bill's birth he was still working as a railroad laborer in the Tehachapi area. Later in 1917 Nick, Bessie and their young son, Bill, moved to Vista to begin their life on Rancho Minerva.

Bill grew up in the family's original farmhouse alongside Foothill Drive in Vista and attended the first schools established in the Oceanside area. As a teenager, Bill helped his father make the adobe bricks that were used to construct the current Rancho Minerva Adobe residence. He also designed and built the large water fountain structure behind the adobe.

As a high school student, Bill excelled in track and field events winning the Southern California CIF high school 100 yard dash championship with a then record time of 9.8 seconds. This record set in 1937 stood for over ten years.

Bill then attended the University of California at Berkeley graduating with a B.S. degree in engineering, specializing in metallurgy. He was hired directly out of college in 1942 along with most of his

graduating engineering class by the Alcoa Aluminum Company to support the war effort. After five years at Alcoa Bill founded his own company, Felton Aluminum Company based in Felton, California. He later moved his company to Santa Clara, CA where he built a large aluminum foundry specializing in sand cast aluminum products for irrigation systems, defense products and other consumer goods. Felton Aluminum became known as a world leader in specialty aluminum products with customers spanning across the globe. Bill was recognized throughout the industry as a specialist in the design and manufacturing of aluminum cast products. He served as President of Felton Aluminum for more than forty five years. Bill died on March 29, 1998 at the age of 80.



**Nicholas “Nick” Huntalas
1884-1980
Bessie Huntalas
1896-1992
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2011**

Nick Huntalas emigrated from the village of Kadilla, Greece, to the United States in 1902.

He traveled as far west as he could and ended up in Chico, a little village north of San Francisco. He remembered arriving very hungry and walking up to an orange packing house. He asked the workers for some oranges to eat, but they turned him away. Behind the building he found a pile of discarded fruit and gorged himself. He survived on oranges for a week. At this point, he was very grateful for his luck and mused that someday he would grow lots of oranges.

His first job was as a laborer for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Bakersfield. With the help of a friend named Frank Barkholder, Nick learned English and advanced at his job.

In 1911, a group of Nicholas's friends got together to form the Greek American Land Company. Huntalas became the vice president. They pooled what little money they had saved to invest in land. With this money, they went to a real estate broker from Los Angeles who drove them down to Vista, where they bought 420 acres of land. They leased the land to local ranchers, who used it to graze their cattle. Nick believed that Vista was the best place in California. So when one by one the other investors

sold their portion of the acreage, he bought most of it.

In 1916, Huntalas decided to get married. As was common for Greeks, he made plans to go back to Greece to find a bride. He had been writing to a cousin he had never met in Patterson, New Jersey. She asked him, on his way to Greece, to stop by and visit her as well as meet a friend. When Nick met the friend, whose name was Bessie, they fell in love. In three days they were married and heading back to California.

Nicholas still worked for the railroad in Bakersfield, but after a year decided to quit and farm his land in Vista.

Living in Vista in 1917 meant a life of isolation and little if any modern comforts. Nicholas built a four-room house, which didn't include the luxury of electricity, plumbing or running water.

At the time, Nicholas was limited to dry-farming. He grew barley and oats when the weather was wet enough. But this crop was not very profitable. Back then, the weather was very dry. Dry-farming was the principal business, as the area's severe water shortage prohibited any extensive irrigation. By 1923, the water problem was acute.

Huntalas's water came from a deep well on his property, but he still needed additional water in order to be able to grow more profitable crops.

In 1923, Nicholas Huntalas was among the first signers of the Vista Irrigation District Water Plan for Vista. The water would come from the recently completed reservoir at Lake Henshaw about 40 miles away, owned by the San Diego Water Company.

The Vista Irrigation District was formed, and irrigation water became available in 1926.

For the Huntalas family, which now consisted of three children as well as Nick and Bessie, the availability of water made a great change in their livelihood.

With the increased supply of water, Nicholas Huntalas began to grow vegetables and plant trees. In about 1928, a new product came alive: the avocado.

Receptive to new ideas and challenges, he started his own nursery from seedlings. In 1933, Nicholas Huntalas had over 5,000 trees, including avocados, oranges, lemons and grapefruit. Nick assisted universities with the development of the tangelo and an avocado strain resistant to root rot.

While the country was in the Great Depression, the Huntalas' continued to thrive. They had a new home, Rancho Minerva, which was built in 1933. The adobe house, complete with full basement, was ready

to move into in May, 1934. For the first time, the family enjoyed indoor plumbing, with hot and cold running water, an electric stove and refrigerator and even a chandelier in the living room.

Nick Huntalas and his wife, Bessie, remained at the ranch until their deaths.

Later, the remaining land was taken for a school that opened in 2007. The historic home is now the Vista Historical Society Museum.



Eleanor Hutchins
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2018

Eleanor Hutchins: Director, Executive Board of The Woman's Club of Vista GFWC and Community Volunteer.

Eleanor is an extremely active, effective community volunteer. In 1992, she organized the Pride of Vista Lions club and she continues to lead and support all of their work in the community. The Pride of Vista Lions club supports eye exams and eyeglasses for needy children in Vista. The Club provides scholarships and passes out dictionaries to third graders. They also plant trees at schools and collect pennies for the Vista Little League.

Eleanor organized and continues to support the Miss Pride of Vista Pageant, which awards \$3,000 in scholarships to local young ladies who provide hundreds of hours of volunteering in the community every year. She is the adult supervisor who ensures the safety of her young ladies. They participate in Festivals, Vista parades, Beach Bashes, and the Easter Egg Hunt in Vista.

Eleanor is currently promoting the formation of an Alpha Leo club in Vista for young people between 12 and 18 years of age to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment

to community service.

The Facebook pages for the Pride of Vista Lions and the Miss Pride of Vista Pageant show an active, happy and effective group making a difference in their community. Eleanor plans, promotes, and adds her enthusiasm and energy to all of these activities and fundraisers for both Pride's community volunteering.

Eleanor joined The Woman's Club of Vista GFWC in January 2016 on the urging of the President Elect, Judy Pantazo. When she joined, she said she loves volunteering. Then she proved it by promoting the club with her contacts in the community, running the club's monthly Scholarships Raffle (you can't say no to her ticket sales pitch!), updating and producing The Women's Club yearbook directory, recruiting a new member who set up a new website, and working with the "Only Losers Litter" trash collecting walks here in Vista. Eleanor also designed and donated flyers and tickets for the Women's Club Centennial Celebration in 2016.

Eleanor promotes the Women's Club's restaurant fundraisers which are actually successful social events that support the Club's scholarships program. "Promotion" could be Eleanor's middle name. She raised more than half the cost of printing the Women's Club directories by selling business card ads. She's a member that the Club depends on for her many generous contributions and hours of dedicated service!

Eleanor is also a member/ Past President of the Soroptimist of Vista. She supports all their community events and fundraisers. For many years she was also involved with the Vista Village Business Association where she promoted the redevelopment of downtown Vista. Some of the projects she coordinated include the Vista Rod Run and the Thursday Night Downtown Street Fair.

Eleanor is an active member of the Fallbrook Alumni Association. She recently produced a Fallbrook calendar to benefit the association's projects, and as a board member, she helps maintain not only the member roster but their website as well.

She does all this in addition to owning a family business, Hutchins Printing, since 1978.

In 2013 she and her son Eric launched TheVistaPress.com, an online publication, to fill the need for an outlet for community awareness and information. She publishes community service announcements in TheVistaPress.com at no charge to non-profits.

Eleanor works so many volunteer hours for the community that she can't keep track of them all! It seems that she knows everyone in Vista and brings people together to make Vista a better place to live. She works tirelessly to benefit others in need. She's always volunteering and working in the community and setting up new events and projects to make others' lives more productive and comfortable. She is active, positive, and an asset to the community.

Eleanor deserves this recognition for her years of volunteering and connecting in the community. She has made a positive impact on Vista.



Darrell E. Issa
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2019

Born November 1, 1953 in Cleveland, OH (the second of six children) Darrell E. Issa is a businessman and Republican politician. In 1970, on his 17th birthday, Issa dropped out of high school and enlisted for three years in the Army. He became an Explosives Ordinance Disposal (EOD) technician.

Issa received a hardship discharge from the Army in 1972 (his father had suffered a heart attack) and earned a General Educational Development (GED) certificate. Issa attended Siena Heights University, a small Roman Catholic college in Adrian, MI. Later, while getting a BA Degree at Kent State University at Stark, he enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served in the Army Reserves from 1976 to 1980 and was promoted to the rank of captain.

After leaving the military, Issa and his wife Kathy, moved back to the Cleveland area where their son, William was born. They pooled their savings to invest in Quantum Enterprises, an electronics manufacturer that assembled bug zappers, radio parts and various consumer products for other companies. Issa later purchased a struggling auto security company, turned it around and became a supplier to Ford as well as producing a proprietary line

of automotive security products. As car theft rose in the 1980's, so did the demand for security devices. Toyota, Jaguar, BMW and General Motors joined Ford as customers. Issa sold the company to a California-based maker of home alarms, moved to Vista (where they has lived ever since) to work for the company. Shortly afterward he left to start Directed Electronics, Inc (DEI) one of the largest auto security manufacturers, which has been a North County employer since 1985 and a large Vista employer since 1989.

With his involvement in consumer-electronics trade associations, Issa became politically active. In 1996 he was chairman of the successful campaign to pass California Proposition 209, a ballot initiative which prohibited public institutions in California from considering race, sex, or ethnicity in the areas of public employment, public contracting, or public education. He was instrumental in persuading the Republican Party to hold its 1996 convention in San Diego.

Issa's first campaign for elected office was 1998, when he sought the Republican nomination for United States Senate to run against incumbent Barbara Boxer. He lost the primary election to Matt Fong. In 2000 nine-term incumbent Republican U.S. Congressman Ron Packard decided not to run for re-election. Issa ran for Packard's seat, capitalizing on his name recognition from the 1998 Senate race and won the November election with 61% of the vote.

After the 2008 elections, Issa was appointed ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Following the 2010 elections, Issa became chairman. He became a vocal advocate for improving transparency of federal agency reports and a Government Accountability Office examination of the Federal Reserve. He also became an advocate for investigations into the Obama administration, including the Troubled Assets Relief Program, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, corruption in Afghanistan, WikiLeaks, and the Food and Drug Administration, among other issues.

In 2010 the Project on Government Oversight, a government watchdog group, awarded Issa with its Good Government Award for his contributions to government oversight and transparency. In 2013 Issa introduced the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013 aimed to make information on federal expenditures more easily available, accessible, and transparent. The bill was signed into law by President Obama on May 9, 2014. Other legislation introduced and passed was intended to reduce IT procurement-related waste, and the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014.

In July 2017, Issa introduced the CLASSICS Act to Congress in a bipartisan effort to empower artists through the collection of royalties for the preceding three-year period and by ensuring their creative rights remain in force for pre-1972 recordings just as newer artists are guaranteed by current legislation. Issa has been a consistent supporter of the Fair Play Fair Pay Act: granting radio performance rights for musicians and record producers.

In addition to the Oversight Committee Issa also served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Middle East and North Africa subcommittees and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade); Committee of the Judiciary (subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet (Chair) and the subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law.

Issa announced in January 2018 that he would not seek re-election

for the House seat. On September 19, 2018 President Donald Trump nominated Issa to be Director of the United States Trade Development Agency and he is currently awaiting Senate Confirmation for that position.

Over the last twenty years many local groups have been beneficiaries of the Issa Family Foundation which has concentrated its support in Vista and the North County.



**Michael Thomas "Mickey" Irving
1901-1985
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2011**

Michael Irving was a member of one of Vista's pioneer families. His parents came to Vista in 1896. He was a well-liked man who participated actively in civic affairs.

Irving was a Vista school bus driver for the Vista Union School District during the 1920's. In 1930, he became a constable for the County Sheriff. As a constable, he was well known as a fair man who was good at his job. In 1936 his position was renamed to sheriff's deputy, and he had Badge Number 1. This badge is now in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Museum.

Irving was married to Maria Etcheverry Itzaina, also a member of a historic Vista family.

He also served as a member of the Vista Chapter of the American Legion.



Nancy B. Jones
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2017

Since she retired in 2006 after 19 years of teaching first grade at **Alamosa Park Elementary School**, Nancy B Jones has given thousands of hours of her time and talent to various projects throughout Vista. She consulted at the school, continues working with the Green Thumb Gardening Club, and leads Earth Day field trips to Guajome Regional Park for first grade classes. Her accomplishments can be divided into three categories: Kids, Gardening, and Community.

KIDS: Nancy coordinated California School Garden Grant for Vista Unified School District, bringing in \$63,000 for gardens at 20 elementary, middle and high schools 2007 - 2009.

For **Alamosa Park first graders**, she has provided field trips to Guajome Regional Park for Earth Day every year since 2010.

GARDENING: As a member of the **Vista Garden Club**, Nancy volunteered to help teach Vista children how to garden through the VGC's gardening classes for children. She served on the executive board as treasurer and corresponding secretary. She coordinated the club's annual Scholarship Luncheon opportunity drawing 2007-2011, raising funds for horticultural college scholarships. For the club's annual free flower show, their gift to the Vista community, Mrs. Jones served as Horticulture Chairman 2008-2013 and was Ice Cream Social Chairman in 2010 and advisor in 2011-2012.

At Alta Vista Botanical Gardens, Mrs. Jones serves on the AVBG board as Director of Children's Programs where she is known as "Farmer Jones." Nancy wrote and received the grant for Incredible Edibles garden at AVBG and supervised the building, installation, fencing and irrigation done by volunteers, 2009-2010.

Mrs. Jones founded and organized the Fall Fun Festival for AVBG 2009-present, working with community members to raise donations for the Gardens. The Fall Fun Festival includes a scarecrow contest,

judges, activities for children, student volunteers and certificates of appreciation. Members of The Woman's Club of Vista volunteer at these outdoor events, where children are given opportunities to express creativity, appreciate nature and to learn how to grow vegetables.

She also has organized and provided children's activities for Earth Day at AVBG from 2007-present including The Woman's Club of Vista and student volunteers, and certificates of appreciation. Activities are similar to those for the Fall Fun Festival, with an added bonus of opportunities to learn more about the environment, recycling, and how to enjoy life out in nature. Mrs. Jones continues to lead and provide monthly Kids in the Garden classes at AVBG, promoting environmental awareness and gardening, and has taught over 3,300 children over the last seven years, with all fees paid being donated to AVBG. This includes field trips for Scouts, elementary classes, homeschool and charter school groups at AVBG. She supervised volunteers for workdays at AVBG: high school and community college students earning their Community Service hours 2009-present. She led fundraising to bring the Ricardo Breceda "Serpent" sculpture to the Children's Garden in 2016, collecting donations from Vista Mayor Judy Ritter, The Woman's Club of Vista, and friends of the Gardens to add to her personal sponsorship.

COMMUNITY: As a member of **The Woman's Club of Vista** since 2009, Nancy has served as Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Newsletter and Publicity, and has brought energy and enthusiasm to her work as Club President from 2013-2017. She has volunteered with projects for local nonprofit organizations, including coordinating the Club's annual Donation Day from 2009-2013. Mrs. Jones served as Chairman for The Woman's Club of Vista's 95th anniversary celebration in 2011 and helped plan and lead the celebration for the Club's Centennial and fundraiser for scholarships in 2016.

Trained as a **Literacy Tutor** at Vista Library in 2006, she worked with three English learners over a 4-year period to help them earn their GEDs.

In 2012, Nancy Jones was recognized by the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, receiving their **Have a Heart for Kids Award** for all that she does

for the children of our community.

KIDS, GARDENING, AND COMMUNITY:

Mrs. Jones has managed to combine all three of these interests: She has worked with the Boys and Girls Club Torch Club kids and other volunteers doing Garden Groomers workdays, weeding and trimming at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens.

In 2011-2013 she led field trips for Vista Magnet Middle School eighth graders to tour AVBG and do mulching and weeding work, 2 days with 100 kids and their teachers each day. From 2014-present she has been working with Rancho Minerva Middle School AVID students as garden mentor, teaching garden and environmental topics along with tours of the Gardens.

The Woman's Club of Vista received two "Club Creativity" Awards from the international General Federation of Women's Clubs in 2016 for the Conservation program at AVBG and for Advocates for Children for the Gardening Club program at Alamosa Park Elementary School. The Club also sponsors the "Only Losers Litter" trashwalks with the Backfence Society to clean up around Vista, bringing in "caped community crusaders" of all ages from schools and service clubs.



Gloria E, McClellan
1925-2002

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2004

Gloria E, McClellan came to Vista as a Marine wife, and she and her husband retired here. During her career she owned a business downtown, but her first love was the City of Vista.

After a term on the Traffic Commission, she was elected to the City Council in 1972 and served as council member and then mayor until her death in 2002.

She was significant in the development of Shadowridge, the Business Park, the downtown redevelopment project, North County Square and many other city projects. She represented the city in many forums over the years.



Alex and Julia McDougall with their children
Sandi and Tom

Alexander McDougall
1908-1999

Julia McDougall
1910-1983

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame 2017
Alex-Regular Division
Julia-Early Residents Division

Julia-graduate of Oceanside High School. Miss Vista in 1929. Married Alex in 1933. Started a school of dancing in North County including Temecula. Was very active with Girl Scouts and served on the Board of Directors in North County for 10 years. She was awarded the highest honor in Girl Scouts in 1973. She was a PTA President, founder of the Vista Women's Club and a member of PEO Chapter in Vista. Helped organize several town functions such as the Old Timer's Picnic in 1967.

Alex-established McDougall's Pharmacy in the Granada building on Santa Fe. Bought a building down town Vista in 1929 where the pharmacy moved to. Dad was very active in the community and was a member of the Vista Rod and Gun Club, Vista Volunteer Fire Dept(1920's), member of the Rotary Club, president of the Chamber of Commerce (1936), President of the Vista School Board (1945-55), member of the Mason's 1948 installed as Master. He also served on several bank boards, such as the First National Bank, Liberty National, and Chartered Bank of London.

Dad was also the town photographer at one time.

Sandi Graham and Thomas McDougall



Beatrice (Bee) Meyer
1911-2007
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1990
Frank Meyer
1912-1979
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2009

Frank and Bee Meyer came to Vista from Portland, Oregon, in the summer of 1964, upon his retirement. Frank had been a deputy U. S. Marshal for 23 years and was a past president of the U.S. Marshal's Association for the 9th Region.

In Vista, he became interested in civic matters. He helped organize Vista Drug Education Week and became a member of the drug abuse subcommittee of the Comprehensive Health Planning Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties. He was appointed to a five-man drug abuse advisory commission by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and became vice chairman of the advisory committee in 1968.

He helped establish Lifeline in Vista and organized the Vista Coordinating Council, of which he was chairman from 1969 to 1971; was a patron of the Hispano Club; secretary and active member of the Elks Lodge No. 1968 of Vista; member of American Legion Post #365; and the Vista Masonic Lodge No. 687.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was named Kiwanian of the Year of the 37th Division for 1970-71. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1970. In 1971, he was vice chairman of the Vista Citizens Committee on Youth Problems and was active in a campaign against drug abuse. In 1973-74 he was president of Vista Kiwanis; he was also a director of Vista Boys' Club and, just prior to his death in 1979, was installed as president of their board. He had also been a member of the Area Council for Vista Boys' Clubs, a member of the Executive Board of the American Red Cross, Vista

Division, honorary chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, and vice president of the North County Retired Police Officers Association.

Frank was elected to the Vista City Council in 1972 and was Mayor from 1973 to 1976. He was on the Mayor's Select Committee and was vice president of the California League of Cities, San Diego Division, director of the San Diego Office of Emergency Services, vice president of the Office of Economic Development Planning Committee, chairman of the Vista Sanitation District, and on the board of directors of the Comprehensive Planning Organization. He was instrumental in establishing the Senior Citizens Nutrition Center and brought assistance to it at a time when funds were completely depleted. Emergency contacts to County Supervisors brought funds to resume the service to the city.

Meyer organized a Santa Claus campaign and posed as St. Nicholas himself for several years, visiting the North County Association for the Retarded, schools and various organizations, including being Santa for Vista's Christmas Parade in 1976.

One of the first organizations Bee joined after arriving was the Women's Business and Professional Club. She served on the board of directors for many clubs, including the Vista Historical Society, the Boys and Country Friends. Bee was known countywide for her presence at the social functions she covered during her career as a society columnist (The Bee Line).

Frank and Bee were married for 44 years.



Orbee Mellor Mihalek
1913-2006
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1995

Orbee Mihalek was one of Vista's most avid boosters. She was born in San Diego County and her family moved here in 1939. She helped charter the Soroptimist Club of Vista and ran the Tot Lot, a nursery and kindergarten school, and was a successful business-woman. In 1964, she was the first woman elected to

Vista City Council and served on the council for the ensuing 12 years; she was mayor from 1970-72. She was named Volunteer of the Year in 1981 and Woman of Dedication in 2005 for her work as a member of the Salvation Army Board, and was a member of the Greater San Luis Rey Planning and Development Council, Woman's Club of Vista, Country Dames, Country Friends, Emblem Club and American Red Cross and was a past president of Vista Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-City Hospital Foundation Board.



**Wells Miller
1896-1970**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007**

Colonel Wells Miller was born in Riverside, Illinois, and grew up there and in Evanston. In World War I, he served in the Marine Corps, leaving with the rank of first lieutenant.

He spent a year in South America mining for emeralds and then engaged in a variety of business activities in the Chicago area.

He was called into active duty a year before Pearl Harbor. From then until 1946, he served with the Marines and retired as a colonel. During the war, he served in the South Pacific.

In 1946, he completed his active duty at Camp Pendleton and with his wife Alice and son Read moved to ranch property in Vista. A second son, Calvin, was born in Vista.

After his retirement, Miller devoted his efforts to agricultural and civic activities. He was active in introducing the cultivation of macadamia nuts to California. In 1954, the California Macadamia Society was formed and he was its first president. He continued in office until his death on February 12, 1970. He served on the board of the Bueno Colorado Water District, Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, and Vista Fire Protection District. He was active in Rotary Club, Community Church of Vista, and the Boy Scout movement. He was also one of the organizers of the Boys' Club of Vista.



**Charlotte "Cleo" Morgan
1892-1972**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2015**

From "The Vista Press" February 2, 1972

Vista today mourns the death of a woman who loved her community and in turn was loved by all its citizens.

Charlotte "Cleo" Morgan, whose life was concerned with beauty, died Sunday at Tri-City Hospital.

Vista city officials, saddened by her death, praised the quality of her life.

"Vista has lost a true friend and faithful citizen... one who never talked about what should be done, but one who got in and did it. It will be hard to part with someone like this who has given so much of herself to so many people" said Mayor Orbee Mihalek.

Mrs. Morgan, who lived with her husband, Jack, at 164 Walker Way, was interested in the beautification of Vista, the development of a park system, and in upgrading in any way the appearance of our city.

"I have enjoyed a long friendship with Cleo and Jack, one that from the very beginning was full of respect and admiration. Respect for her as a competent businesswoman, and admiration for her beautiful attitude towards life and her fellow man. Surely, heaven will glow with her presence," said Vice-Mayor Kenneth Annin.

Friends may pay their last respects to Mrs. Morgan today from 9 AM to 9 PM at the Vista Chapel Mortuary.

Graveside family services will be held Thursday, at 11 AM at Valhalla Memorial Park in North Hollywood.

"The passing of Cleo Morgan is without a doubt a great loss to our community. Her achievements are examples of a truly outstanding citizen – one who not only dedicated her time and energy to the beautification of our

city, but who was firm in her belief that Vista is truly ‘the most beautiful place to live’. Her expression of such conviction was evident by the work she alone performed and projects of beautification which she initiated. Her loss will be felt throughout the community,” said Councilman Troy Doan.

Mrs. Morgan is also survived by sons, Upton Smith of Long Beach; Malloy Souberg, of Glendale; a daughter, Mrs. La Vanda Tilt, of Escondido; and 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

“She has been a forerunner in community life. She had an appreciation for Vista that few people had. Vista will miss her greatly,” said Councilman Noble Tanner.

Mrs. Morgan was president of the Vista Garden Club for two terms. She was a member of the Woman’s Club of Vista; a member of the Second Horizon Club; the Grandmothers’ Club; an active force in the Vista Beautiful Committee; a member of the chamber of commerce; a former Grange member; a former member of the Rebekahs; a member of the Palomar Cactus Association and a member of the California Cactus Grower Association.

“We have lost a very dedicated citizen who always strove for the betterment of Vista,” said Councilman Stanley Matush.

Philip Ferguson, chairman of Vista Beautiful, said: “Without a doubt she’s contributed as much or more than anyone else to the actual beautification of Vista. Both Vista Beautiful and Vista are better because of her efforts.”

Vista now – though in mourning – is not somber, but wears like a garment the beauty of her efforts.



Joe and Mary Mottino
Joe 1915-1997
Mary 1916-2010
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2012

Joe Mottino was born in 1915 in Moorpark, California. His future wife, Mary Borra, was born in 1916 in Los Angeles, California. Both families relocated to North San Diego County, the Mottino family to Vista, the Borra family to Escondido. The Mottino were farmers and the Borrass opened the Borra Winery.

Joe and Mary married in 1941 and lived in Vista. They had one daughter, Felinda. In 1944, they purchased a large tract of land in what is today eastern Oceanside. There they ran a successful farming operation for many years. They also owned and operated the Borra Winery. Most of the land they farmed has since been developed as housing and commercial businesses.

The Mottino family is well-known for participation in many local organizations and for their many philanthropic endeavors. The Joe and Mary Mottino Family YMCA, built after Joe’s death, is perhaps their largest donation. Joe died in 1997 and Mary in 2010.



Charles H. Mull, Sr.
1879-1945

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007

Charles H. Mull Sr. was an early-day Vista Irrigation District engineer-manager. He also was prominent in real estate development. He developed Mull Estates, which today covers most of Anza Avenue and surrounding streets. The old Mull home was razed in 1982 to make way for an extensive subdivision.

He was the first chairman of Vista Community Association in 1938 and was active in the building of the Vista Recreation Center on Recreation Drive.

He became Vista Irrigation District engineer in December 1936, succeeding Charles H. Bell, and later was engineer-manager. Mull died in February 1945.



Miriam Alice Small Nichols
1922-2012
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2019

Miriam Alice Small Nichols was married to Emil D. Nichols and had four sons: Paul, Patrick, Philip, and David. They retired to Vista in 1970. Miriam was an avid volunteer and environmentalist her whole life, offering her time and talents to promote environment and community events.

Miriam's primary outlet for volunteer efforts was the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She joined the Woman's Club of Vista in 1972.

In 1980 The Woman's Club, Miriam and David's Boy Scout troop began the first glass curbside recycling service for Vista - also the first curbside recycling program in San Diego County.

"At first we collected newspapers in a big piano box under a tree at the clubhouse," Miriam shared. When the box was full, she loaded her Volkswagen bus with the papers and took them for recycling. Then the club received a grant from the California Department of Conservation for a truck to use in curbside pickup of

newspapers and plastic soda bottles. Miriam created a "Hazardous Household Waste" pamphlet, printed and distributed to over 25,000 residents.

During November 1991 Miriam presented her recycling program to delegates from 70 nations attending the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment: Partners in Life, sponsored by the United Nations Environmental Program. Her presentation was titled: Woman's Club of Vista's Recycling and Hazardous Waste Education Programs. The Global Assembly of Women and the Environment "Partners in Life" had as its goal to demonstrate women's capacities in environmental management as they related to global ecological issues, focusing on water, waste, energy and environmentally-friendly systems, products and technologies. The 218 success stories presented at the Assembly - including Miriam's - were selected from all regions of the world. In October 2008, the CD for \$10,000 from The Woman's Club's curbside recycling was cashed and donated to Alta Vista Botanical Gardens to help build the ponds and waterfall project, a beautiful central water feature which is a delightful focus for visitors. Miriam was The Woman's Club's Beautification Chairwoman. Miriam was an avid supporter of the Gardens, and in December 2009 The Woman's Club of Vista was honored with AVBG's first obelisk award for continued support and donations. In 2012 she celebrated her 90th birthday at the Gardens.

Miriam loved the environment and was well-informed in important issues and events around the world. Miriam celebrated Earth Day for years. In 1986 and 1995 Miriam and The Woman's Club of Vista planted trees for Arbor Day. In the 1990's Miriam learned how to propagate oaks from acorns and then worked with students at Olive Elementary to start 700 seedlings. They used tar paper cylinders to allow the acorns to grow strong tap roots, and then planted them at local parks. These efforts were recognized by Keep America Beautiful and the United Nations Environmental Program.

She organized numerous cleanups, historical restoration projects, educational programs for children, and much more. Over four decades, her efforts for local, state, national, and international organizations generated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteers.

She served as The Woman's Club of Vista President for two terms 1976-77 and 1992-93. She served as

Palomar District President for three years 1981-84 when her President's theme was "Bells Are Ringing: For Volunteers." She worked with the District and local clubs to contribute to and celebrate the installation of Mission Bells along the El Camino Real. In 1996 The Woman's Club of Vista installed an El Camino Real Bell at Rancho Guajome Adobe. In 1999 Miriam made the trip into Baja California for the installation and dedication of the third El Camino Real bell at Mission San Miguel, south of Rosarito. She celebrated the centennial of the Mission Bells at a dedication in Los Angeles in August 2006. The bells were originally paid for and erected by the El Camino Real Association in the early 1900s

Vista Woman's club in 1972. She was the Vista club president for two terms, Palomar District President for three years, and a member of the state board for three years." Published in The San Diego Union Tribune from July 12 to July 13, 2012.



Miriam's plaque and cork oak tree at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens

"Miriam Alice Small was born April 4, 1922 in Pullman, Washington, attended local schools, and graduated from Washington State University in 1944. After volunteering for a local typing pool, she met her future husband, Emil D. Nichols, an Air Force lieutenant. They married in 1945 in Macon, Georgia, and went on to have four sons: Paul, Patrick, Philip, and David. As the wife of an Air Force officer, she moved her family 29 times over the course of his career, including stays in Guam, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, England, and numerous states in the United States until they retired to Vista in 1970. Miriam was an avid volunteer her whole life. She created the first curbside recycling program in San Diego County, as well as organizing numerous cleanups, tree plantings, historical restoration projects, educational programs for children, and much more. Over the next four decades, her efforts for local, state, national, and international organizations generated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteers. The United Nations Environmental Program invited her to speak at the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment where she addressed delegates from 70 nations. Her primary outlet for volunteer efforts was the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She joined the



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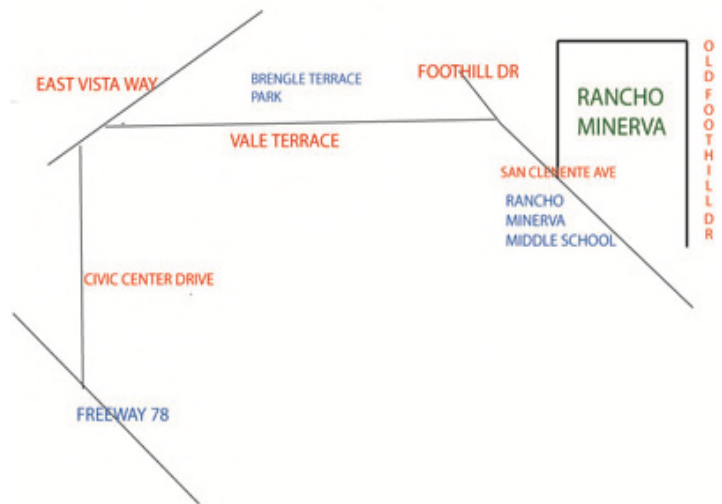
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MAP TO THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT RANCHO MINERVA



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THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 90 members.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week, to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992 and starting again in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Society Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits in the museum.

Currently there are two divisions of membership, the Regular Division and the Early Residents Division. The qualifications of each division are described below. Each year a member of each division must be elected to the hall. There is no upper limit to the number of new members that can be elected each year .

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE HALL OF FAME

Regular Division

Each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively. This criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate.

Each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

Married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee.

The nominee may be either living or deceased.

Early Residents Division

The criteria is the same as for the Regular Division, and in addition the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination unless waived.

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William Bruno Pechstein
1866-1933

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007

William Bruno Pechstein and his wife Anna immigrated to this country from Germany, William about 1879 and Anna later. Pechstein went to Wisconsin and then, in the early 1880s, came to California where he met Anna; they were married near Anaheim. With their four children, the Pechsteins came to Vista from Los Angeles in 1910. All four children are native Californians. William was active in community affairs, and with Jules Delpy and Nick Huntalas worked hard to organize the Vista Irrigation District. He was the first secretary-treasurer of the district and was on the board of directors until his death in November, 1933. Anna pre-deceased him in June 1933. Their four children, William Otto, Ernest, Anna and Helen, all lived in or near Vista most of their lives.



Carl Pinamonti
1928-2009

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2014

The following is the speech given at the Hall of Fame induction by Angela Pinamonti.

To the many citizens and amazing community of Vista, especially to the Vista Historical Society, thank you

for inducting Carl into the 2014 Hall of Fame. Our family is truly blessed to remember our grandpa, brother, and father in this way.

For those of you who may not know, my name is Angela Pinamonti and I am Carl's eldest granddaughter. My father is Carl Pinamonti Jr., who is here today. It surely is hard to capture in so few words not just the dates and the facts, but the essential character of my grandpa. I am one of the countless people who draw inspiration and gratitude from him. This is my attempt to represent his legacy.

Carl was born in 1928 in Inglewood CA. At age 18, he began his family and had seven children Ernie, Maryann, Toni, Carl, Gina, Patrick and Enrico. He got his construction start in the plastering business and ultimately became a general contractor. During the Vietnam War in 1969, the family battled it's largest tragedy, the death of their eldest brother and son, Ernie.

Emerging from heartbreak, and with high hopes to retire, Carl made the trip down to Vista in the early summer of 1970. But grandpa, being grandpa couldn't retire yet, so he continued his construction business. He purchased 9 acres off of Monte Vista Dr, and traveled down every weekend with some of the kids to create his first family home. He completed it within 3 months and the kids were able to attend school in the fall. The whole family moved in Sept 1970 and officially made Vista home.

With no retirement in sight, grandpa began his relationship with the City of Vista. With only one traffic light standing at the time, his first project purchase was 6 acres next door to the old McMahon Furniture Store off of Santa Fe. There, he developed the Franciscan Inn. After building the Inn he moved into Room 48 and used it as his first office. Every morning at 5 am he would meet at Mayfair Market with friends and other contractors. Joe Garassi, was with him every morning. Joe worked with Carl for many years as his superintendent. The Mayfair market would be the place to hash out his next project, Carrow's Restaurant. After the completion of the restaurant, he moved his temporary office at the Inn to one off of Eucalyptus Dr. This was in fact his first true Vista office. In July 1974 the Mayor of Vista, asked the Chamber of Commerce to develop a meaningful program to celebrate our nations birthday in 1976. As a result, the Bicentennial Committee was created consisting of 28 committees. Carl was Chairman of the Development Committee that would oversee the Bicentennial Project. The Committee approved the original amphitheater and Grandpa proceeded to make it happen. If you know my grandpa, there was nothing big or small that would stand in his way. Carl proceeded to encourage the donation of material and labor and he followed it to a successful completion. He continued to donate after it was built. He then

began to build houses around the city and many other commercial projects. He eventually made his way to other neighboring cities, and worked with his brother, Al Pinamonti on many projects.

Throughout the course of his construction career, he became very well known with Vista city building officials. If any of you knew him, you knew he loved attending city council meetings, and interacting with city officials. I mean he was a businessman, so he definitely debated with a few.

If you ever needed Carl for anything during the day, you knew where his lunchtime office was. He sat at his favorite table at Felliccia's Restaurant. He would hash out business deals on the paper tablecloths and many offers were made there. I can remember when my cousins and I had half days at St. Francis middle school. We knew we were going to Felliccia's for lunch to see grandpa. It just felt like home.

In the early 80's, grandpa had his cancer surgery and they removed his Larynx. Carl was definitely known to voice his opinion and in just one day his speech was taken from him. It took him one year of voice therapy just to get out one word. My cousins and I grew up with him this way and never heard his normal voice. I always wondered what he sounded like. It was a constant struggle to understand him, but it didn't damper his lifestyle, because he began to clap and pound on the table to get your attention. He sure did mean business.

Everyone knew Carl for his generosity with his time and money. He loved to help out small builders and therefore loaned money to these businesses to allow them to get their starts. These small acts of kindness played a role in impacting other business owners of Vista. He donated to the Vista Boys Club and was involved in the start of Vista Pop Warner.

If I have one vivid memory of my grandfather's character, it was that he was extremely hardworking, honest, and trustworthy. He ended up working into the 2000s even though he thought of retiring in the 70s. He was the guy known for paying all the trades on time and within days of them submitting bills. If you did the job correctly, you got promptly paid. He was also the grandfather that would donate to any activity that his grandchild was a part of. He was honest and loyal and for that, he was graced with loyal employees. Betty Stevenson eventually followed him down from Hawthorne and became his office secretary. Frank Dvorak met him in Vista and started as the office Manager in the Eucalyptus office and eventually became a City Inspector. One of the few still working for the family today is Beverly Mottino from Vista and that's just to name a few. Eventually, many of his Italian friends had joined him in Vista and also became established in Vista.

One dream he never saw to completion was the Vietnam Memorial Park, named "Ernie's Place" after his late son. Grandpa donated land off of Mercantile and Guajome to be built into this special park. The park has been relocated onto the Corner across from Main St and associated with the new Paseo Santa Fe project, which should be completed sometime in 2015. Fundraising for the park will begin later this year, and will be a great reminder of all of our service men who fought in Vietnam.

Thank you again for letting me share the life and love of my grandpa. It was a gift to create this speech and be able to get to know him even more. He is my inspiration and someone I think about when I meet challenges in my own career. I often think "What would grandpa do?" If he weren't such a generous, hardworking, and amazing man, I wouldn't be standing here making this speech today. On behalf of my Dad, Sister, five Uncles and Aunts, and 15 cousins, we thank you from the depths of our hearts. And thank you grandpa, for giving me a very common question to answer proudly, Are you one of the Pinamonti, Pinamonti's? Yes, that would be me. Thank you.

Angela Pinamonti
May 17, 2014



Bob and Miriam Peirce Pope

Bob 1914-2004

Miriam 1912-1996

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame

Regular Division 2000

The Popes moved to Vista in 1952. They owned Sports & Photo from 1954 to 1979. The Popes also owned a chinchilla ranch in the 1950s. Bob Pope, a graduate of the University of Marquette Law School, taught in Vista, Fallbrook and Escondido high schools. He was president of North County Community Theatre, Vista Kiwanis, Boys' Club and the Vista 60-Plus Club. He was a board member and trustee of Vista Elks Lodge and board mem-

ber of the Vista Historical Society.

Miriam Pope was born in Cleveland. She and Bob married in 1937. After moving to Vista, she helped found the Boys' Club of Vista, now Boys and Girls Club.

Mrs. Pope was active in the Vista Woman's Club, the Parent Teachers Association and the Women's Auxiliary of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, and was chairwoman of the Vista Parks and Recreation Commission.



James Porter
1944-2011

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2004**

James Porter was born in San Diego but spent most of his formative years in the Los Angeles area. He graduated from Whittier High School in 1962 and joined the Air Force. He later earned a degree in parks and recreation from Long Beach State College.

Prior to coming to Vista, he worked for the cities of Santa Fe Springs, Montebello, Imperial Beach, Pico Rivera and Alhambra. As director of the Vista Parks & Community Services Department, he was instrumental in the creation of Moonlight Amphitheatre musicals and the Wave Water Park. He retired in 2004. He was a recipient of the California Recreation Society's Fellowship Hall of Fame award.



Beulah Moss Post
1894-1991

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1991**

Beulah Post came to Vista with her husband, Oscar Hartley, in 1932. She worked as a cook for the Vista School District and fledgling Palomar College until her retirement

in 1965. She was active in both political and business organizations and a charter member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Vista Carpenters Hall, which was formed in 1937. She was said to be Vista's "Downtown Cheerleader" and biggest supporter.



Tom J. Ramoss
1905-1982

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2013**

Tom Ramoss was a fifth generation Californian, born in San Juan Capistrano in 1905.

He was baptized in the Old Mission Church and later served there as an altar boy.

In 1922, at age 17, Tom went to work as a wrangler on the 100,000-acre-plus Santa Margarita ranch. His job included handling a remuda of 300 horses, readying them for the dozens of vaqueros employed there at the time who generally had 50,000 cattle and thousands of horses to work.

Tom toughed the wrangling job out for some three months before he was promoted to vaquero. In time, because of his having steeped himself in the Spanish tradition of handling horses, combined with a gentleness and singleness of purpose, he was to become one of the best and most respected reinsmen in the business. When the Federal Government acquired the Santa Margarita ranch in 1942 for the Marine Corps and turned it into Camp Pendleton, Tom stayed on, taking over the riding stables, the horse-shoeing, blacksmithing, etc.

It was there he met his future wife, Patricia Kay, a lady Marine from Boston, Massachusetts. Pat knew horses and was a horsewoman herself. In addition, she was a great admirer of the era in California history which Tom and his Spanish ancestors exemplified, so they had much in common.

In 1947, after their marriage, they moved to Vista.

Tom, who had shod his first horse at 14, established a horse ranch, specializing in champion-class Arabians, in which he was success-

ful. He also put in a blacksmith and horseshoeing shop.

He was a great horse trainer who used an inherent gentleness and patience with the animals. He often spent a year or more on horses he was training, first accustoming them to control with a simple hackamore to guide them, sometimes for months, before a bit was put in their mouths. The Spanish bit, Tom said, should only be entrusted to special hands and placed in the mouths of special horses. The "finished" horse was expected to cut cattle as well as execute necessary movements and specifications. Remarkably, Tom was able to teach his art to others, and the horse world is much richer for this shared talent.

Tom rode in the first "Western" motion picture to receive an Oscar: "In Old Arizona," starring Mary Astor and Warner Baxter. He rode in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena and in the 1932 Olympics.

An expert calf roper, he won the California State Championship in the early 1930's.

Tom Ramoss was a skilled horseman, riding in the Californio style. Upon moving to Vista Tom and his wife became life members of The Vista Palomar Riders Club. He was an integral part of The Vista Palomar Riders until his death, serving two times as president of the group and multiple terms as a board member, and multiple times as committee member and "Trail Boss" for the club's five-day, 100-mile ride from Vista to Palomar Mountain and back.

He was not only an outstanding horseman but a generous individual who donated time as a judge for the Vista Palomar Junior riders, local 4H and other area junior horse groups. Horse people in the Vista area often called on Tom for advice when they were having trouble with their horses or for actual help with the animals including getting horses in the trailer.

He was also a Life Member of Caballeros del Camino Real, and an Honorary member of the Desert Arabian Horse Association.

He had a "flour sack full of ribbons and awards."

Tom Ramoss was an artist on horseback-a California Reinsman.

He died August 10, 1982. His coffin was carried on a wagon drawn by two Clydesdale horses and driven by long-time friend Frank Lopez and accompanied by a large procession of friends.

He was interred with his boots, spurs, bits and some of the iron and steel tangibles of his profession. but he left a priceless bit of golden California history for posterity.



Karl and Peggy Ramsing Elected to Vista Hall of Fame Regular Division 2017

Karl and Peggy Ramsing are longtime Vista residents that have contributed to the community in many ways.

Karl was in the Navy and Naval Reserve for 24 years. He was a pilot for American Airlines for 29 years.

Karl served on the Park and Recreation Commission from 1971-1978, most of those years as Chairman. He served on the Sales Tax Oversight Committee from 2007-2010.

Karl has been active in the Friends of the Rancho for many years. He has been the lead person on refurbishing projects at the Rancho, including the total renovation of the tile mural from the Women's Club. Karl has also been the lead person on the barn project. He has spent many hours researching, drawing plans, doing layouts, meeting with experts, getting estimates, visiting barns, etc. He is an excellent woodworker and has been involved with Palomar College Wood Shop.

Karl Ramsing has been an active member of the board of the Friends of the Vista library for the past 5 years. When he first joined the board he represented Vista at the county library meetings for our then president, Bernie Rappaport.

The board has long wanted to improve the look of the entrance to the library. Karl and Peggy have long been active with the city arts development. Karl took on the lead of the Friends of the Vista Library Art Committee for the beautification of the Library project. He coordinated all tasks related to getting the mural at the entrance of the library completed. The mural is by Kait Matthews, former owner of Art Beat on Main Street, and her helper, Brett Stokes. He is working with the mosaic artist, Cherie

LaPorte, for the pillar completion and working with the Randalls who are the bike rack artists. He was able to get donation of rocks for the concrete edging at the entrance. He attends the City of Vista meetings regarding the permits required, setting up installations and coordinating the actual work at the library. In addition, over the past few years, Karl has volunteered for the Friends of the Vista Library Encore Bookstore, by sorting and pricing books that come in as donations.

Karl was selected as the volunteer of the year by the Vista library.

As a personal hobby Karl is active in Packard car club and remodels vehicles. He has donated his remodeled Packard for the Vista Christmas Parade and other community events.

Peggy was a key community member in moving forward the Wave Waterpark construction. Peggy did research and promoted the project throughout Vista.

Peggy served on the 1974 General Plan Committee and on the Planning Commission from 1974-1981. She served on Vista Visions 2000 in 1990-1992. Peggy has been instrumental in most all of Vista's public art projects. It was her idea and follow through that made murals along the Sprinter line possible. Peggy has been active in the Vista library over 25 years.

Peggy has been instrumental in Vista's arts community. She was one of the first members on the Arts Commission serving from 2003-2013.

She took the initiative and compiled a list of all artists in Vista. This list lead to the development of many of the art projects in town, including the Vista Arts Foundation and the downtown art gallery.

They attend and contribute to many city meetings. They are also very involved in their church. They are both health advocates.

Karl and Peggy love Vista and have stayed active and involved for years giving of their time and resources. The Ram-sing's have lived in Vista for over forty seven years. The City Council named them "Persons of the Year" for 2016 for their involvement in promoting art in Vista.



Bernard Rappaport
1922-2015
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2014

Bernard "Bernie" Rappaport, a veteran of World War II, his wife, Lenore, and three children; Gideon, Hannah and Sharon moved to Vista from Los Angeles in 1969. Before coming to Vista he was an engineer in the infancy of the semiconductor industry (before the invention of the transistor). Once he settled in Vista, he began to involve himself with the community in a variety of ways.

From 1971 to 1977, Bernie was a member of the Vista Planning Commission and served as chairman of the commission for part of his term. In 1977, he was elected to the Vista City Council. He served as mayor from 1978 – 1980.

Bernie served on the boards of the Rancho Vista National Bank and the Vista Community Clinic. He also served on the San Diego County Grand Jury for a year.

During their 1990 – 1994 campaign to raise money for the construction of a new library, Bernie became actively involved with the Friends of the Vista Library. He was the chairman of the fund raising committee and was instrumental in organizing the "Buy a Leaf" campaign that was very successful and continues to bring in money for the library. When the State Library Board was deciding what libraries to provide construction funds for, Bernie heard that the desperately needed Vista library was far down the list of priorities. He went to Sacramento and pleaded the case for Vista. Our library was made a priority due to his efforts. Thanks to his leadership, the funds were raised and designated by the state library system so Vista was able to open a much needed new library in 1994. He continued to be an active member of the board of the Friends.

From 2005 – 2006, Bernie chaired the citywide campaign to pass Proposition L. This was the ¼% sales tax initiative that passed in November of 2006. This additional money provided the City of Vista with much needed revenue. The money raised funded two new fire stations, the sports park, and the new city hall civic center, as well as other city construction projects.

Bernie became president of the Friends of the Library in 2004 and remained president for 6 years. During his tenure as president, the Friends were able to donate \$237,500 for matching funds to the Vista branch of the San Diego County library system. This money was matched by the county library system. In addition, \$86,913 was provided directly to the Vista branch of the county library system for numerous books, programs, magazine subscriptions, tapes etc.

As president, Bernie was responsible for bringing the “First Sunday” free concerts to the community. He also organized free piano lessons at the library for several students and worked with the library to develop after school programs.



**Melvin Z. “M.Z.” Remsburg
and Everett M. Remsburg
Melvin 1876-1950
Everett 1900-1972**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007**

Melvin Z Remsburg was born in Montezuma, Iowa.

The Remsburg family came to California from Iowa when Melvin was 15. Beginning in 1892, he held positions at several newspapers, including ownership interests. In 1926, he founded The Vista Press and remained there as editor and publisher the rest of his life. The first issues of The Vista Press were printed in San Diego while a

16x32-foot building was constructed in Vista. This work was done by Mr. Remsburg himself with the aid of a carpenter.

M.Z. Remsburg was a member of the Methodist Church for a time; later of the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the F&AM. He served three terms as president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the San Diego Unit of California Newspaper Publishers Association. In 1932, he was elected vice president of the San Diego County Development Federation. He was a well-known salon photographer, exhibiting many prints in the San Diego Museum of Fine Art. He held memberships and honorary memberships in numerous lodges, clubs and associations.

Everett M. Remsburg, son of Melvin, was a newspaper man for over 60 years, learning the business from his father. Everett served Vista in many capacities. He was the first chief of the Volunteer Fire Department; Chamber of Commerce president for nine years; and helped form the Boys' Club. He was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Scottish Rite Masons, a Shriner, member Elks Lodge, and also a De Molay "Dad." He was an honorary member of Vista Kiwanis Club, member of Lions Club, Optimist Club, Exchange Club, High 12, Jaycees, 60-Plus Club, PTA and others. He was a charter member of the Vista Historical Society, Inc. Everett became publisher of The Vista Press in 1950 on the death of his father. He held rank as captain in the California State Guard, and at one time was Commander of the National Reserve Company of Vista. He served six terms as president of the San Diego County Unit of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, and one term as secretary. Everett died on February 28, 1972, at age 71.



**Patricia Hope Richardson
Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2016**

Pat Richardson was born in Maine to Martin John Murphy and Gladys Ethel Stapleford, and lived in Connecticut. She married Rocco Church in 1944, and had two sons. She was divorced in 1952, and moved to Vista the same year. In Vista she married Robert Porter Richardson on December 29, 1953. They had three chil-

dren. When her children were in school she had several part-time jobs one of which was at Orma's Gifts. She timed her jobs to be home when her children arrived home from school.

During her over 60 years in Vista, she has volunteered at many organizations. Chief among them is the Vista Boys and Girls Club where she is credited with helping keep the cost of membership down by her fundraising and volunteer work. She has also received recognition for her work at Rancho Buena Vista, where she was President of the Friends of the Adobe in 1993-1994. She has also volunteered at other organizations including the Vista Historical Society, Tri-City Hospital, Vista Garden Club, Hand and Foot Club Mondays. She also belongs to the Tuesday Night at the Beach Group whose membership included Claire Schwab, Emily Sexsmith, Eleanor Shinner, Barbara Gross, Cathy Brendel, Carol Lee, Janice Blosch, and Pat. As an interesting side light, Pat related the story that she and her husband picked up Debbie Reynolds and a companion from Oceanside, to take her for a fundraiser for the Mary Lou Clack Therapy Pool in Vista at the Officer's Club in Camp Pendleton. They later returned her to the Oceanside Harbor Motel. She was charming. Pat is known far and wide as a great volunteer.



Meta Hansen Royer
1909-1996

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1990

Meta Royer arrived in Vista in 1937 and worked with her husband in the real estate business in the Vista area, with five offices. They also organized the first trash and garbage pickup contract with Vista Sanitation District. She was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for 10 years and remembered that the Vista Irrigation District and Chamber were the only governing bodies when she arrived in Vista. The Episcopal Church met in their basement until the church was built.

She recalled the days when Leo Carrillo, a friend of the Royers, would stroll through the town with his silver-studded gauchos and guns in his holsters.



Emily Dippel Sexsmith
1911-2006

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1992

George Frederick Sexsmith
1908-1991

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2011

George Sexsmith was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, and came to California in 1912. Before coming to Vista in 1929, he and his father Charles operated a market in Cardiff.

The same year that he and his father opened their market in Vista, George met his future wife, Emily Dippel. They married in 1932.

Sexsmith's Market, which was located at 538 South Santa Fe Ave. in the Granada Building, successfully operated from 1929-1958. It was the first market in Vista to sell frozen foods and canned baby foods, and to operate on the self-service principle.

George was a charter member, first secretary and fourth president of Vista Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary. He was a member of the Vista Volunteer Fire Department and, along with his wife, worked in Civil Defense during World War II as an aircraft observer. He was a director and vice president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce and one of the first three members initiated into Vista Masonic Lodge #687 on May 7, 1945.

Throughout his life, George was known for both his photography and his poetry.

Emily was actively involved in many civic groups, including PEO and the Woman's Club of Vista. She worked as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, the Heart and Cancer Associations and American Field Service. She was active in bringing music and art to Vista through such organizations as Hidden Valley Community Concerts.

As supporters of the American Field Service

and visiting International Students Association sponsored by the Vista Rotary Club, and other foreign exchange student projects, George and Emily sponsored many international students. They were members of the Community Church of Vista and the Vista Historical Society.



Alan Shada

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2000**

For over 50 years, Alan Shada has participated in many organizations and has had a major impact in guiding the direction of the community.

He has been president and director of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Vista Board of Realtors, Girls Inc., the Vista Historical Society and Vista Optimist Club.



**Milo Shadle
1923-2001**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1992**

Milo Shadle moved to Vista in 1963 and practiced law here until his retirement in 1977.

He then went into real estate development. He was a past president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, former chairperson of Santa Margarita YMCA, and former director of Palomar Family Service Association. He was listed in Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in American Law.



**Abraham Michel "Abe" Shelhoup
1902-1981**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2015**

Based on "A History of Vista"

Abraham and Hayat Shelhoup, who lived in a large Mediterranean style home on a hill overlooking Vista, were both natives of Douma, Lebanon, where Abraham was born January 24, 1902. "Abe", as Vistans knew him, came to this country in 1920 to join his father, Mike Shelhoup, who had come to Brawley, California, some seven years earlier.

With his father he came to Vista in 1928 and they purchased a grocery store and butcher shop located in the Pechstein Building in the 100 block of East Vista Way, just east of Santa Fe Avenue. Adding dry goods, "Abe" and his father continued the operation of this market. The two worked together until 1936 when "Abe" bought his father's interest in the business. "Abe" sold the market in 1938 and established a variety store. In 1941 he opened his well known Department Store at 236 East Vista Way (now 236 Main Street), where he sold only name brand merchandise and took great pride in the fact that he served second and third generation customers of some Vista families.

In 1948, Mr. Shelhoup built the Avo Theatre, where Vistans have enjoyed moving pictures throughout the years. The Avo has seen many civic gatherings also, such as the crownings of Miss Vista and some theatrical showings.

Mike Shelhoup, Abraham's father, died in February of 1955 at age 84. Mrs. Mike Shelhoup died in Lebanon in 1978, having attained the age of 103 years.

Hayat Shelhoup came to America in 1940, having lived for a time in Central America and Mexico.

Abraham and Hayat's son, Kamal, holds a

doctorate in Political Science from Claremont Graduate School, and is also an accomplished aviator. He has been selected to appear in the 13th Edition of Who's Who in California.

Abraham was a member of Vista Lodge No. 687, F&AM, Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego, Scottish Rite Bodies, member and past president of Palomar Shrine Club, Vista High 12 Club, Boys' Club of Vista, Director of San Diego County Red Cross, and Vista Rotary Club.

He was a staunch supporter of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Over the years he worked constantly behind the scenes to make Vista a better place. He donated the 286 trees that line East Vista Way; gave two fountains to the city, one at Vista High School, the other near East Vista Way and Indiana Avenue. He provided eight benches for the downtown area, and tables and benches in Soroptimist Park on North Santa Fe Avenue.

He said he enjoyed doing things for people, and many Christmas baskets were provided to needy families with no recognition being sought. While he shunned office holding, he was a guiding force in the city's development.

In addition to his flawless English, he spoke his native Arabic, Russian, French and Spanish.

Vista would not have been the same without Abraham Shelhoup. Abraham Shelhoup died of a heart attack on Sunday, August 16, 1981. He was 79 years of age.



John Slivkoff
1891-1984
Elected to Vista
Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2013

The Slivkoff family was loved and admired by the Vista community for almost seven decades. A Russian immigrant, John arrived in the United States in 1911 with his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

In 1917, he came to Vista with his new wife, Mary, and farmed on land leased from early settler, Jules Jacques Delpy. Along with his own farming endeavors, he helped the Delpys with the experimental growing of avocado trees, a unique and profitable crop that would later make Vista the Avocado Capital of the World.

Mary came to America with her family separately, but when they met they found they had live in Russian towns only a few miles apart. They were married on December 24, 1915, a union that thrived for almost 70 years.

The Slivkoffs had four children, John Jr., James, Sarah, and George, a bomber pilot who was killed during World War II when his plane was shot down over Germany.

Over the years, the Slivkoff family supported, and often participated in, countless worthwhile endeavors in their chosen community.

John worked hard all his life, and enjoyed putting in a full day until late into his 80's. At one point in the early years, he supplemented his farming income by buying a baler and charging \$2.00 a ton as he baled hay throughout North San Diego County.

He said that he was proud of having been able to support his family over all the years, "in good times and bad."

By 1926, he was able to buy his own six and one-half acre ranch at the top of San Clemente Avenue. He built his home and barn himself, and he and Mary lived there for the rest of their lives, greatly enjoying the large family gatherings of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John raised mainly avocados, limes and vegetables. He also was a noted beekeeper for many years, with as many as 60 hives at one time.

Various publications featured photos of the red-flowered trumpet vine that grew completely over the barn and additional out-building on the property. The vine had been planted by their son, George, in 1932, and was a happy reminder of him after his death in World War II.

John Slivkoff was noted for his sense of

humor and good disposition. He had a long, flowing beard for almost a half-century, and said that he won "every beard contest" over the years.

He often came to The Vista Press to visit Publisher Everett Remsburg, until Everett's death in early 1972. The two had been fast friends from the arrival in Vista of Everett and his father, M.Z., in 1926, when they started Vista's first newspaper.

John helped unload and set up the typesetting and printing equipment for the fledgling newspaper, and although he struggled financially in those early years, he refused any pay. M.Z. gave him the only lifetime subscription to The Vista Press in its long history, and John made good use of the gift. He lived until 1984, when he passed away at age 93.

As he retired, John Slivkoff passed along his remaining beehives, with a special blessing, to his grandson, Rex Christensen. With his wife, Pat, Rex has property off Buena Creek Road in Vista and is one of the few remaining beekeepers in North County.



James W. Sutton
1902-1988

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2015

James W. Sutton, originally from Illinois, served on the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District from March 5, 1935, until February 25, 1947. His 12 years on the Board was the longest tenure of any director in the first 40 years of the District's history. James Sutton was the President of the Board when the Vista Irrigation District purchased Lake Henshaw in 1946. He championed the purchase of the lake, which from that point on, secured a water supply for the growing community of Vista.

Upon Mr. Sutton's retirement in 1947, the Board of Directors issued the following statement: "[We] have seen directors come and directors go, but [we] have never seen a director who gave more unselfishly of his time and thought to District affairs than you have these many years. As the years go by, Vista will enjoy the great benefit and advantage of owning its water system, which you helped to make possible."

James Sutton served on the Palomar College Board of Governors from 1954 to 1966, when he resigned to take a position in San Diego to further his career as an insurance underwriter.

He was also president of the Farm Bureau Center in Vista.



William Duncan Taylor
1912-2013

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2012

William "Bill" Taylor was born June 23, 1912, in Redondo Beach, California, and went to school there.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Idaho.

While at Idaho U he spent three summers working for the U. S. Forest Service. In his last year, he took an 8-hour assembled civil service exam entitled Junior Range Examiner, which led to his career.

Bill spent his working life in various jobs for the Federal Government.

In 1939, he married Mildred Anderson. They are the parents of two children.

In mid-1941, he was assigned as work unit leader to a newly formed Soil Conservation District in San Diego County. His job eventually led, in November, 1948, to a 27-year career in Natural Resource management at Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton.

His initial title was Ranch Manager. The position was fraught with adventure and innovation. The Marine Corps had no rules or precedents governing his duties, and he had to make them up himself.

In 1971, he became the first civilian Director of

Natural Resources, following seven colonels who had held the job. There were numerous memorable highlights which made the career an adventure, such as: In the 1960's he was the Commanding General's representative as landlord during construction of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and the 1-5 Freeway through the base, and he received accolades from both agencies for his assistance.

In 1973, he placed a dozen American bison in the Vallecitos, a high meadow area of the base. These were surplus from the San Diego Zoo that no other zoo wanted.

Bill retired from the base on January 15, 1976, but remained active. In 1977, he became a member of the board of directors of the Bueno Colorado Water District, parent of the Vista Irrigation District.

He was elected to the Vista Irrigation District board in 1979, and served there until 1993. Also, he was on the board of the San Diego County Water Authority for six years, ending in 1993. He is a longtime member of the Vista Rotary Club.



Russell and Marge Thibodo
Russell 1922-2001
Marge 1925-2017
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1998

Russell Thibodo's family moved to Vista in 1942, when his father bought the Thibodo Ranch in what became Shadowridge.

In later years, Russell sold most of the land for residential developments and an industrial park. The couple donated acreage and a Spanish-style homestead to the City for what is now tranquil, tree-shaded Thibodo Park.

Russell served on the Tri City Hospital board of directors for 10 years. The couple have been financial supporters of the YMCA, the 4-H Club, Vista Little League and the Boys Club of Vista.

Marge is a founding member of the Vista Foundation, which supports Moonlight Amphitheatre.



Lloyd Tracy
1921-2008
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1991

Lloyd Tracy and his wife, Rosalie, came to Vista from Anaheim in 1963 with their children, Barbara and David.

He owned Vista Insurance Agency for many years and was active in civic and church affairs. He also served on the board of directors of the Vista Historical Society and was elected "Man of the Year" by the Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1977.

Tracy served during World War II with the 135th Infantry, 34th Division, in Italy, Ireland and North Africa. He earned a BBA degree from the School of Business Administration of the University of Minnesota and entered the insurance business in 1951.

A seven-year member of the City of Vista Planning Commission, Tracy was appointed to the City Council in 1973, elected in 1976, and served as mayor from 1976 to 1978. He was later again appointed to the City Council in 1986 to fill a vacancy. He was a charter member and elder of Grace Presbyterian Church; a founding director and later chairman of the North San Diego County Transit Advisory Committee; a member and 1982 president of Community Development Associates; and a director of the Vista Foundation.



**George Tushak
1919-1993**

Early Residents Division

Francine Tushak

1927-2013

Regular Division

Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame 2018

GEORGE TUSHAK (1919-1993), Born in Vienna, Austria, came to the United States in 1941, and to California in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army special intelligence unit as a Richie Boy and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

For several years he owned and operated a large citrus and avocado grove in the Fallbrook area before moving with his wife Francine, and three daughters, to the Vista area in 1957. George devoted the rest of his working career in the real estate industry heading the George Tushak Corporation. He was one of the founders, and a past president of the North County Jewish Community Center, and one of the organizers of the Jewish Cemetery at Eternal Hills.

He was elected to the Vista Unified School District Board in 1967 and served as the Board president in 1969-'70. While serving as a member of the Board he promoted plans for the new High School on Bobier Drive.

George was a member of Toastmasters International and a sponsor of the North County Community Theatre.

Both George and Francine (1927-2013) were Life Members of the Vista Ranchos Historical Society.

Francine devoted herself to her three daughters while supporting George in all his endeavors. She was a dedicated Girl Scout leader and was active in the West-

ern chapter of United Jewish Federation, hosting fund raisers at the Tushak Ranch. She also was an active member and supporter of Congregation Beth Shalom.



**Rocco F. Valluzzi
1938-2006**

Regular Division

Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame 2019

Rocco F. Valluzzi was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY.

He joined the USMC out of college and was stationed at NAS Pensacola, Florida for flight training where he earned his wings.

During his thirty year career in the Marines, he earned:

Silver Star- awarded for gallantry in action, Vietnam

Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 stars, each star is equal to 4 awards-for heroic achievement involving flying in combat

Defense Meritorious Service -awarded for service at CINAC in Hawaii

Air Medal W/V and # 85 -awarded for achievement inflight. "V" is while in combat. the #85 is the number of times it was awarded; one medal was equal to 20 combat missions. Therefore 85 awards was more than 1700 missions during his 2 tours in Vietnam.

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation W/V awarded for service, the "V" indicates service was in combat.

Purple Heart with one star - awarded for wounds received while in combat. The gold star National Defense Service - awarded for services to all who are on active duty during a prescribed calendar date indicated second award.

Vietnam Service -awarded for service in Vietnam by the US government. Stars indicate campaigns during which service occurred, based on specific dates.

Vietnamese Campaign -- awarded for service in Vietnam by the Vietnamese government. The date bar 1960 - is incomplete because the government of South Vietnam is no longer in existence.

He flew helicopters, transitioned into OV10S and served as commanding officer of the squadron until he was transferred to CINPAC West in Hawaii. It was during his shift that Russia shot down a Korean 747 air liner. While in Okinawa he transition into the executive jet, flying around Japan and Korea.

Upon retirement Rocco and his family settled in Vista at which time he joined the Amigos de Vista Lions Club. He served in several positions as well as president. He then became involved in various city activities. While attending Saint Mark's Catholic Church, he served the community as a Eucharist Minister. The home bound as well as the mass community benefitted from his time.

When he was young, the house he lived in did not have a yard or garden so moving into their home in Vista a whole new window of his life opened up. He discovered gardening which led to the Vista Botanical Garden in Brengle Terrace Park. Besides working in the garden, he held the office of president, guiding the garden through development.

His life in Vista led to public office where he served one term as a city councilman. Being an advocate for the citizens made his work all the more enjoyable.



Morris Vance
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2008

Morris Vance came to Vista in 1980 to fill the job of City Manager, a position he held for 17 years until his retirement. He was elected mayor in 2002.

During his tenure, Vance oversaw one of Vista's most explosive periods of growth. Included were the development of the Shadowridge Community and surrounding commercial and residential areas, the Industrial Parks in north and south Vista, North County Square, the remodeling of the city-owned sewer treatment plant area into the Costco facility, and much of the Downtown Redevelopment Project. Vance also has been a volunteer in civic and religious organizations.



Velia Villasenor-Telles
Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2016

Velia Villasenor-Tellas is a long time resident of Vista and someone who has contributed much to the growth of Vista. She is a wife, mother, and community activist with hundreds of hours of community service to her credit.

Velia and her late husband, Chuy Villasenor, founded the Pepper Tree Frosty in 1960. The food and ice cream fare has been a favorite of Vistans for decades. The Pepper Tree Frosty has become a tradition for Vista High School alum and almost everyone else in Vista. When her husband, Chuy, passed in 1984, Velia continued to make the business a meeting place for Vista residents and continued her extensive community service.

Mrs. Telles' lists of accomplishments include:

Serving as a member of the board of directors for the Vista Community Clinic.

Serving on a steering committee for redevelopment in the City of Vista.

Docent for the Rancho Guajome Adobe.

Docent for the Carlsbad Museum of Making Music.

Volunteer at the San Diego Botanical Gardens in Encinitas.

Velia has always made community service part of her family life. She has been joined in many of her efforts by her children and her second husband, Rey. She has always given back because she loves Vista.

In addition to running a business and serving her community, Velia found time to raise three daughters, Chris, Lydia, & Victoria, and her "favorite "son" Danny. Chris is active with New Haven and Danny with the Boys and Girls Club of Vista. She has also been blessed with 12 grand children and 9 great-grand children.



Richard E. Vought
1936-2016
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2006

Richard E. Vought, a management consultant, is a volunteer and civic activist with many organizations, including Vista Chamber of Commerce, Vista Boys and Girls Club, Vista Unified School District, Santa Margarita YMCA, Community Development Associates, Encina Water Pollution Control Facility and North County Recreational Center for the Handicapped.

Vought is known as an organizer for events for the Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club, and others. He also served on the board of directors of many groups. A graduate of Denver University, he is a native of Elyria, Ohio. He moved to Vista about 1970.



Harry and Cora Walker
Harry 1888-1984
Cora 1890-1984

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007

Harry and Cora Walker arrived in Vista in 1926.

They loved the area and the people and helped to develop the town. They helped to establish the first church, The Community Church of Vista. Harry, known as "Hi," actually built the first church building and parsonage. He and Cora were active in the leadership of the church. They were both active in the total community.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the United Way for many years and was Community Chest chairman for two years. He was a member of the Vista Elementary School Board for five years. He and Cora worked feverishly for the Vista Unified School District by going door to door in Vista and Oceanside to gain approval through a special election. In the early 1940's, Hi was a foreman for building structures at Camp Pendleton.

After the war, he and his first son, Roger, formed the Walker and Walker Construction Company and built the first residential subdivision in Vista. This they did in memory of son, Donald, who was killed during World War II. In 1937, Harry joined the Vista Rotary Club and served in every office except secretary. After being president of the Vista Club, he became District Governor of Rotary Clubs in San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties.

On July 7, 1976, Vista mayor Lloyd Tracy declared "Hi and Cora Walker Day," celebrating their 50 years in Vista and their 66th wedding anniversary.

They died of natural causes on the same day, January 29, 1984.



Dr. Walter J. Weil and
Anastasia Gardiner Weil
Walter 1905-1977
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2007
Anastasia 1911-2006
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 1995

Walter J. Weil, noted eye physician-surgeon, was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Weil, nee Anastasia Gardiner, was born in Scotland.

Dr. Weil and Anastasia Gardiner were married in London in 1940.

He opened his eye clinic in Toluca Lake, California, where he practiced for over thirty years. He was on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank and was the first eye surgeon in the San Fernando Valley.

The Weils purchased Rancho Buena Vista from Frederick Reid in 1957. They built a medical center on the property, on Escondido Avenue adjacent to Wildwood Park. The Weils lived at Rancho Buena Vista until 1973, when it was sold for \$100,000.

Dr. Weil, in addition to being proficient in several languages, was a talented musician, playing the piano, violin and guitar. He was a co-founder of Vista Historical Society, and both he and Mrs. Weil were charter directors of the organization.

Anastasia was a dedicated member of the Tri-City Medical Center Foundation. She offered artifacts to Mission San Luis Rey and was also a generous donor to Scripps Memorial Hospital.



**Howard Williams
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2017**

Howard S. Williams was born in Phoenix, Arizona in December 1923. He married his wife Ann in 1946, and together they had one son, Darin. Howard is an Army Air Corps veteran, a 1948 graduate of the University of Southern California, a long-time journalist, and a public relations expert. He had a brilliant career as a newspaper and TV editor, a local Emmy Award winner, and still to this day, a very proud Eagle Scout.

Howard worked at Channel 2, KNXT (now KCBS-TV) in Hollywood in the 1960's and 70's, where he wrote the station editorials for 12 years, and delivered them on the air in 1976. For his TV editorials, Howard won a local Emmy Award as well as six Golden Mike awards. During his journalism career, Howard attended many meetings at the White House and personally met eight different U.S. Presidents: Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan. Howard also met nearly every California Governor from 1960 to 1990.

As a strong advocate for openness and transparency in government, Howard and a handful of activists in the newspaper and broadcasting media developed, and got Governor Reagan to sign, the state's open meeting law, known as the Brown Act. He and another CBS executive founded the California Freedom of Information Committee in 1969, now known as the First Amendment Coalition, which provides a hotline for reporters state-

wide on First Amendment issues. An offshoot of that group was created called the Bench Bar Media Committee --- and the San Diego County committee still meets, 40 years later.

Howard was instrumental in introducing cameras in court rooms. Cameras were not allowed in courtrooms in 1968 when the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy took place, followed by the trial of Sirhan Sirhan. Working with the judge, Howard ran a project for all three TV networks to put a closed circuit system in the courthouse for the trial. That allowed over 100 reporters in two courtrooms to cover a trial being conducted in a courtroom that seated 50 people. The ban on cameras was lifted in California in 1984, paving the way for cameras in court rooms such as those in the Vista Courthouse. The closed circuit idea promoted by Howard was also used in federal court for terrorist trials in recent years to enable families of 9-11 victims to view portions of the proceedings in Washington and in distant states.

Following his retirement, Howard and Ann relocated from the Los Angeles area to Vista, where they purchased a home in Shadowridge. In 1991, Howard was appointed to the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors to fill a vacancy in Division 4, and he continued to serve for nearly 22 years. Howard served as the District's representative on the San Diego County Water Authority Board for 17 years. Howard was also appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to represent the City of Vista on the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee, an appointment he held for over 20 years.

During his 27 years in Vista, Howard has been a tireless and dedicated public servant. Now 92 years old, Howard still lives in Vista, where his public-spirited efforts will be remembered and appreciated far into the future.



Oliver Kenneth "Bub" Williamson
1907-1985
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2006

O. K. "Bub" Williamson was one of the original math teachers and athletic coaches at Vista High School. He taught and coached at Vista High, Fallbrook High, and Palomar College for many years.

He was one of the leaders in the construction of Vista Community Center in 1940. He also was involved in the Boys' Club and several other civic and volunteer organizations.

Williamson was born in Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and raised in Bakersfield, California. He joined the Vista school system in 1932 and was a teacher at Vista High School when it opened for its first year in 1937-1938.



Dale E. Wood
1896-1973

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2015

Dale Wood came to Vista in 1926, as the resident representative of Edwin G. Hart Development Company, which was a major developer of agricultural and commercial properties.

Later, Mr. Wood opened his own real estate business. His success and leadership in the community created a high standard for the real estate business.

He was a member of the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors from 1954 to 1973. A resolution in his memory, presented by Hans Doe, follows:

"This board of directors, the Vista Irrigation District, this whole community, all are better by reason of Dale Wood's fine work on this board. Over the years Dale gave

generously of his valuable time. His counsel was sound. His good work helped substantially to make possible the excellent record of the Vista Irrigation District during the past nearly 20 years of his incumbency. Dale was proud of Vista Irrigation District and he had every right so to be, for much of Dale lives and will live in Vista Irrigation District."

Born in Iowa, Wood was a veteran of World War I. He was a charter member of Vista Rotary Club, which was formed in 1936. He was a member of Royal Arch Masons of California, and a member of the American Legion.

Dale Wood died February 21, 1973, survived by wife Gene, son Robert Wood, daughter Shirley Hawkins, and six grandchildren.



J C Wynne
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Regular Division 2017

JC Wynne grew up in Vista and currently lives in the house that his parents bought when it was built back in 1969.

His #1 mission in life besides his family has been giving back to his hometown of Vista, especially it's next generations. He has so many titles; friend, coach, facilitator, volunteer and Santa but I call him dad. I may be partial but I'm sure there are more than a few out there who would agree that J.C. Wynne is the definition of Vista Pride. Where to start... From a Vista Pop Warner and Vista American Little League coach to president to board member he helped build these youth sports organizations from the ground up which helped so many young kids in Vista develop discipline, team work and sportsmanship.

He kept dreaming bigger and started the Vista Youth Sports Field Foundation with a group of volunteers funded by donations and helped launch the development of the amazing multiplex sports park off Bobier Drive. When Vista High School football wanted to get game film he facilitated a lift for the end zone. When they desperately needed a new field he reached out to NFL alumni to donate towards the project and even put a V in the end zone.

When Vista City Council announced they didn't have enough money for a Santa Claus to ride the firetruck in the parade he volunteered and has been doing it for the better part of a decade and believe it or not, his only stipulation is that they give each kid a free picture with Santa afterwards.

When the City said they no longer had the funding for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt he gathered volunteers and donations to throw it for them and has been doing so for the last 6 years. He has even been gathering volunteers of late to help finish what the City didn't in getting French Fields up and ready again for spring ball.

His name graces the Honor V in the VHS quad, he was awarded the Have a Heart for Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, he was selected as the 2014 Person of the Year for the City of Vista and even had a day proclaimed J.C. Wynne day by the County of San Diego. He constantly astonishes me because I know that he would do anything to better this City for a simple high five or a smile which is why I think that he should absolutely be in the Vista Hall of Fame because he does it all for our community and not the fame.



Harold H. Yackey
1901-1979

Elected to Vista Hall of Fame
Early Residents Division 2015

Following deactivation as a Lieutenant Commander in a Naval Construction Battalion during World War II, Harold Yackey was appointed as Engineer/Manager of the Vista Irrigation District (VID) in May of 1946, shortly after the District purchased Lake Henshaw and Warner Ranch from the San Diego County Water Company.

Mr. Yackey was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a graduate of University of Illinois with additional education at the University of California and Luis Obispo College. His identical twin brother, George, also lived in Vista.

Mr. Yackey took over as Manager of VID in a period when the system was in very poor condition due to shortage of materials for pipeline repairs and replacements during World War II. One of his first tasks was to solve the very high water losses experienced during transit from Lake Henshaw. He solved the problem by lining the siphon sections with cement mortar in the late 1940's. Yackey was also instrumental in the covering of the Vista Flume in the late 1940's, primarily to eliminate the infestation of caddis flies and also as a sanitary protection for the water during transit.

Another important achievement was Yackey's implementation of the well program at Warner Basin, giving the District the ability to pump and put into use groundwater when it became obvious that the surface supply in Lake Henshaw would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the District.

Following his resignation in 1951, Yackey worked for a number of years in the water industry in the Los Angeles-Orange County area before retiring and moving back to Vista.

In 1967, Yackey was appointed to the Board of Directors for Division 1, and he served admirably until his death on June 22, 1979. Yackey's engineering background, his vast experience in pipeline and water matters, and his actions and counsel were most helpful to the progress of the Vista Irrigation District as it emerged from agricultural irrigation to an urban water system. As a member of the Board, Yackey also represented the District on the Santa Margarita-San Luis Rey Watershed Planning Agency.

VISTA HALL OF FAME

Rose Parade

With the introduction of reliable water to Vista in 1926, agricultural production boomed. Vista's production of avocados became so famous in the mid 1920's, that Rose Parade officials requested Vista's participation in the parade. Vista entered floats twice, in 1928 and 1932, winning awards both times.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Horticultural Society sponsored the 1928 float. Calavo, a avocado packing association, and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 1932 entry. This float had Miss Calavo, Marjorie Harmon, riding on it.



1928 Rose Parade Float



1932 Rose Parade Float

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN VISTA HISTORY FEBRUARY 27, 1926

In the last part of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, the main business in Southern California, and certainly in North San Diego County, was agriculture. Successful agriculture requires abundant water especially for the preferred crops of the time which were groves or vineyards. Without sufficient water farmers were limited to more hardy crops such as grains. Water was always on everybody's mind. Negotiations for water went on endlessly. The importance can be seen in the area paper of the time, "The Oceanside Blade", where the main headline in the paper that reported the United States entry into World War I was about water negotiations.

There were also people that made their living providing water. One of these was William Henshaw, the owner of Warner Ranch. After World War I when Vista was trying to develop an agricultural base and running out of water, he was able to provide the water from the reservoir known as Lake Henshaw. According to the website of the Vista Irrigation District, completion of the Henshaw Dam in 1923 made a reliable source of water possible.

An election was held on August 28, 1923 to create the Vista irrigation District. Again according to the website one hundred percent of the eligible voters voted and the measure passed 104 to 4. After construction of the required infrastructure, a ceremony was held in downtown Vista on February 27, 1926 to turn on the water from Lake Henshaw. Reliable water quickly allowed Vista to become the "Avocado Capital of the World". Vista became so well-known for avocados that Vista floats with an avocado theme appeared in the Rose Parade in 1928 and 1932. Vista continued to grow with a mainly agricultural base until after World War II when population growth caused the conversion of agricultural land to housing.



Downtown Vista ceremony
on February 27, 1926



Henshaw Dam April 5,
1928

MISSION STATEMENT

VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society is a non-profit California corporation which is concerned with the discovery, recording, collecting and preservation of historical facts, properties, and other materials regarding the history of Southwestern United States, particularly the settlement and development of this region in San Diego County also preserving and perpetuating for public benefits those artifacts, historical objects and documents for all to see.



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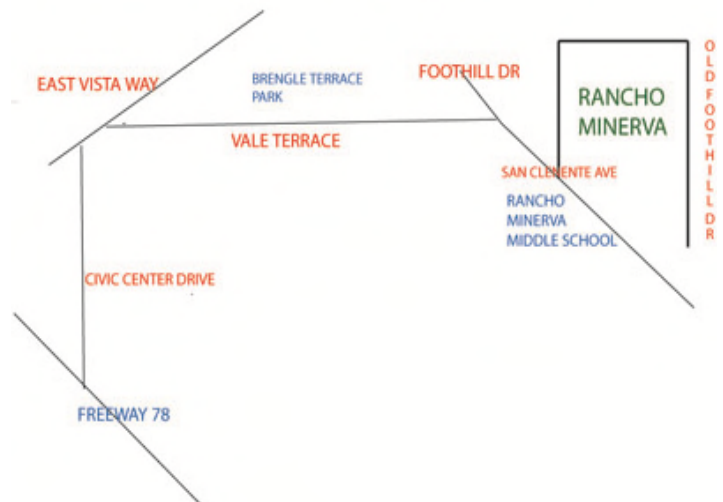
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MUSEUM HOURS AND AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

The hours of the Museum at Rancho Minerva are 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Special tours can be arranged for other times. Also, programs are available for presentation on request for schools, clubs and other organizations. In addition, other presentations can be customized to fit your needs. For more information, call 760-630-0444.

MAP TO THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT RANCHO MINERVA





Agenda Item: 10

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
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.



Our Region's Trusted Water Leader
San Diego County Water Authority

SUMMARY OF FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING **January 23, 2020**

- 9-1. Professional services contract with Hazen and Sawyer to provide Facility Planning Services.
The Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract to Hazen and Sawyer, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$890,000 to provide facility planning services on four separate tasks.
- 9-2. Professional services contract with Woodard & Curran, Inc., for a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$250,000 for 2020 Urban Water Management Plan support services.
The Board authorized execution of a professional services contract with Woodard & Curran, Inc. to provide 2020 Urban Water Management Plan support services in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.
- 9-3. Construction contract with OHL USA, Inc. DBA Group OHL North America for the Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II and Flow Control Facility project.
The Board approved a transfer of \$5,863,053 within the Capital Improvement Program Lifetime Budget from Pipeline 6 to the Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure (FRS) II/Lake Murray Control Valve project for an overall net zero impact to the Capital Improvement Program and authorized the General Manager to award a construction contract to OHL USA, Inc. DBA Group OHL North America in the amount of \$28,382,746 for the Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II and Flow Control Facility project.
- 9-4. Professional services contract with InfraTerra, Inc. for pipelines seismic vulnerability assessment and repair time estimates.
The Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract to InfraTerra, Inc. for \$724,939 to perform pipelines seismic vulnerability assessment and repair time estimates.
- 9-5. Monthly Treasurer's Report on Investments and Cash Flow.
The Board noted and filed the Treasurer's report.
- 9-6. Other Post-Employment Benefits Policy Adoption and Pension Funding Update.
The Board approved to establish an OPEB funding policy framework and draw down excess funds in the OPEB Trust annually and contribute to CalPERS.



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 11.A

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Lisa Soto
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:

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Lisa Soto
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.

	SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS	ATTENDEES
1 *	Vista Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer <i>Feb. 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Vista Chamber Office, 127 Main Street, Vista</i> <i>No RSVP required to attend</i>	
2	2020 Water Policy Forum & Dinner (MWDOC) <i>Feb. 12, 2020, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.; Avenue of the Arts Hotel, Costa Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/7/20</i>	
3 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Feb. 18, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 2/13/20</i>	
4	Urban Water Institute’s Spring Water Conference <i>Feb. 19-21, 2020 – Hilton Palm Springs</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/12/20</i>	Vásquez (R, H)
5 *	CSDA Quarterly Dinner Meeting <i>Feb. 20, 2020, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 2/13/20</i>	
6	Lower Colorado River Tour Field Trip (Water Education Foundation) <i>March 11-13, 2020 – Begins in Las Vegas, ends at Ontario International Airport</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	
7	ACWA Legislative Symposium <i>Mar. 12, 2020 – Sutter Club, Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: 3/6/20</i>	
8 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Mar. 17, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 3/12/20</i>	
9	Special District Leadership Academy (CSDA) (Advanced track available) <i>Apr. 19-22, 2020 – San Diego</i> <i>Registration deadline: 3/19/20</i>	
10 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>April 21, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 4/16/20</i>	
11	Central Valley Water Tour Field Trip (Water Education Foundation) <i>April 22-24, 2020- Begins and ends at Sacramento International Airport</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 3/10/20</i>	
12	ACWA Spring Conference <i>May 5-8, 2020 – Monterey</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/24/2020</i>	MacKenzie
13 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>May 19, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 5/14/20</i>	

	SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS	ATTENDEES
14	Special Districts Legislative Days (CSDA) <i>May 19-20, 2020 – Sheraton Grand Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: 4/20/20</i>	
15 *	CSDA Quarterly Dinner Meeting <i>May 21, 2020, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 5/14/20</i>	
16	Bay Delta Tour Field Trip (Water Education Foundation) <i>June 3-5, 2020 – Begins and ends at Sacramento International Airport</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 4/21/20</i>	
17	Third Annual Groundwater Sustainability Summit (GRA) <i>June 10-11, 2020 – Hilton Sacramento Arden West</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
18 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>June 16, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 6/11/20</i>	
19 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>July 21, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 7/16/20</i>	
20 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>DARK IN AUGUST</i>	
21	Urban Water Institute Annual Water Conference <i>Aug. 19-21, 2020 – Hilton San Diego</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
22 *	CSDA Quarterly Dinner Meeting <i>Aug. 20, 2020, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 8/13/20</i>	
23	CSDA Annual Conference <i>Aug. 24-27, 2020 – Palm Desert</i> <i>Registration deadline: 7/24/20</i>	
24	Headwaters Tour Field Trip (Water Education Foundation) <i>Sept. 10-11, 2020 – Begins and ends in Sacramento area</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 7/29/20</i>	
25 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Sept. 15, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 9/10/20</i>	
26	2020 Water Summit (Water Education Foundation) <i>Sept. 24, 2020 – Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
27	Special District Leadership Academy (CSDA) <i>(Advanced track available)</i> <i>Sept. 27-30, 2020 – South Lake Tahoe</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/28/20</i>	
28	San Joaquin River Restoration Tour Field Trip (Water Education Foundation) <i>Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2020 – Begins and ends in Fresno</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 8/18/20</i>	
29	Northern California Tour Field Trip (Water Education Foundation) <i>Oct. 14-16, 2020 – Begins and ends at Sacramento International Airport</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 9/1/20</i>	
30 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Oct. 20, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 10/15/20</i>	
31 *	CSDA Quarterly Dinner Meeting <i>Nov. 19, 2020 – 6:00-9:00 p.m. – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 11/12/20</i>	

	SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS	ATTENDEES
32 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Nov. 17, 2020 – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 11/12/20</i>	
33 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>DARK IN DECEMBER</i>	
34	ACWA Fall Conference <i>Dec. 1-4, 2020 – Indian Wells; Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
35	Colorado River Water Users Association Conference (CRWUA) <i>Dec. 14-16, 2020 – Las Vegas; Registration deadline: TBD</i>	

* 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



Agenda Item: 12

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Lisa Soto

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:

- Water Supply Planning Study
- Main Replacement Program update
- San Pasqual Undergrounding Project update
- Warner Wellfield Assessment



Agenda Item: 13

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Lisa Soto

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: 14

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: February 4, 2020
Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

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