

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

June 18, 2014

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Dorey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Miller, Vásquez, Dorey, Franklin, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Roy Coox, General Manager; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Eldon Boone, Assistant General Manager; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; Brian Smith, Director of Engineering; Dan Dambach, Field Services Manager; Brett Hodgkiss, Administrative Services Manager; and Marian Schmidt, Administrative Assistant. General Counsel Joel Kuperberg was also present.

Other attendees: Shaun Rundle, Regional Affairs Representative of the Association of California Water Agencies (arrived after Agenda Item #5, Public Comment Time).

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Vásquez led the pledge of allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14-06-54 *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

14-06-55 *Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Vásquez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar.*

A. Grant of Right of Way

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board accepted Grant of Right of Way No. H94 for a specific easement over residential property consisting of approximately .62 gross acres owned by Highland Investments, L.L.C., located at 655 and 659 West California Avenue, Vista (LN 2013-036; APN's 163-362-21 and -20; DIV NO 2).

B. Annual Patch Paving Contract

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board approved the bid for asphalt repair from Garza Grading and Paving to perform the District's patch paving of small excavations under 350 square feet for fiscal year 2015.

C. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on June 4, 2014

The minutes of June 14, 2014 were approved as presented.

7. MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

See staff report attached hereto.

General Manager Roy Coox commented that the District's Main Replacement Program (MRP) sets the District apart because it is a proactive program rather than reactive. Mr. Coox said that the Board established the MRP in 1995 and has shown great commitment over the years to replacing the District's aging water mains throughout the distribution system before they reach the end of their useful life and before they become a maintenance liability.

Director of Engineering Brian Smith stated that the MRP has been a very successful program and has reduced and minimized the occurrences of water main breaks. Mr. Smith acknowledged the work done by staff to make the program successful, including the Engineering Department which analyzes, prioritizes, and designs the mains to be replaced, and the Construction Department which he noted does amazing work out in the field replacing the mains. Mr. Smith said that the District attends monthly utility coordination meetings with the City of Vista (City). Mr. Smith explained that by staying abreast of the projects being planned through the City, the District is able to coordinate main replacements to coincide with some of these projects in order to realize savings for the District on repaving costs.

Mr. Smith explained how main replacement projects are identified and prioritized. The Board discussed the Nipponite pipe that was installed by the District in the 1960s and the recent increase in failures of this specific type of pipe. The Board discussed increasing the budget to accelerate the process of replacing pipe such as the Nipponite pipe. Mr. Coox said that the District has averaged allocating about \$1.5 million yearly towards the MRP since its inception. He said that he believes that the level of funding and the amount of pipe being replaced each year is serving the District well. He noted that the District's statistics for breaks per mile of pipe is still on the low end of the spectrum. Mr. Coox acknowledged that the District could do more, and he agreed that this is a good discussion for the Board to have. Director MacKenzie commented that another consideration is whether the District would have enough staff to complete more main replacements if the budget were increased. Mr. Smith said the level of main replacements the District is doing each year is all the District can do with its current resources, and additional personnel would be needed to do more.

Mr. Brian Smith stated that he believed that while the District's level of main replacements is appropriate at this time, main replacements may need to be stepped up in the future. Mr. Smith said that he believed it would be best for staff to continue to monitor the situation and respond accordingly. The Board acknowledged that the MRP may need to be ramped up in the future, and that this may require additional resources to complete the work. The Board cautioned staff to make sure enough money is budgeted each year to replace the amount of pipe that is needed to be replaced. The Board asked to be apprised of the actual costs of main replacements each year versus the amount of money budgeted. Director MacKenzie asked staff to continue to monitor closely the number of breaks the District experiences each year, and alert the Board if a pattern of increased breaks should occur.

8. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION FOR REGION 6, SEAT C

See staff report attached hereto.

Director MacKenzie recommended that the Board consider casting its ballot for Arlene Schafer of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

14-06-56	<i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors cast the District's ballot in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors election for Region 6, Seat C for Arlene Schafer of Costa Mesa Sanitary District.</i>
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It was noted that Mr. Shaun Rundle, Regional Affairs Representative of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), was present in the audience and had indicated a desire to briefly address the Board under Public Comment Time. In order to accommodate Mr. Rundle, President Dorey reopened Agenda Item 5, Public Comment Time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mr. Shaun Rundle stated that he represented ACWA Region 10, and he was present to introduce himself and to inform the Board about some events coming up with ACWA. Mr. Rundle said that on October 26 and 27, 2014, Regions 8, 9, and 10 would be having a joint event in Northern San Diego County, the location and topics for which were still being finalized. In the first week of December, the ACWA's Fall Conference was planned to be held in San Diego. Mr. Rundle said that he brought handouts for the Board regarding ACWA's drought reports and groundwater sustainability recommendations Statewide (attached hereto as Exhibit A). Mr. Rundle updated the Board about ACWA's perspective on the proposed Water Bonds. Mr. Rundle stated that ACWA was supportive of Assembly Bill (AB) 2686 (Perea) because it has continuous appropriation for storage. He stated that ACWA is watching this matter closely to see which bill Governor Brown will ultimately choose to support. The Board discussed AB 2686 versus Senate Bill (SB) 848 (Wolk).

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

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller reported that he attended a meeting concerning the proposed San Vicente hydro-power project. Director Miller updated the Board on the project, stating that the Water Authority is continuing to move forward with the concept, with the City of San Diego as a partner. In July, initial funding will be put together for consulting services to ascertain whether the project will be viable.

Mr. Coox presented the highlights of the Water Authority Member Agencies General Managers' meeting the previous day including a debriefing of the recent wild fire events across San Diego County. Mr. Coox said that there was a comment made by the City of San Diego (San Diego) and a subsequent discussion regarding San Diego City Council's wish to move towards more mandatory conservation measures throughout San Diego. Mr. Coox said that to its credit, San Diego has recognized the importance of maintaining consistency as a Region with respect to the drought and any mandated conservation measures. Mr. Coox said that as of July 1, San Diego will be mandating measures which are similar to what the District already has in place. However, San Diego is considering taking these measures one step further to percentage cutbacks and assigned watering days.

Mr. Coox reported that there was a discussion about the water bond at the Member Agencies General Managers' meeting. Mr. Coox noted that the Water Authority requested that the member agencies all sign on to a letter of opposition regarding SB 848 (Wolk). The Water Authority is opposing this bill based on arguments that it does not provide enough funding for recycled water projects. Mr. Coox said that he believes it would be in the best interest of the District to continue to watch the situation.

Director Miller stated that there would be a Water Authority Board meeting the following week, but he would be absent for the July 2 VID Board meeting. He said that he would provide an update for the Board on the activities of the Water Authority at the July 16 Board meeting.

10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Vásquez and President Dorey reported on their attendance at the meeting of the Council of Water Utilities (COWU) in Poway the previous day where Kelly Salt, an Attorney for Best, Best, and Krieger, gave a presentation on the procedural requirements for Proposition 218, and relevant case law on the matter.

Director MacKenzie reported on her attendance at the CSDA Membership and Recruitment Committee meeting, noting that CSDA has approximately a 97% membership retention rate at this time. She reported that she also attended a portion of the CSDA Education Committee meeting, where the discussion centered on the upcoming CSDA Annual Conference, which will take place at the end of September and early October in Palm Springs. She noted the availability of discounted early-bird registration, available through early August. She commented that some very good break-out sessions are being planned for the conference and she encouraged attendance by staff and her fellow Board members.

Director Miller and President Dorey both requested to attend the Colorado River Water Users Conference in Las Vegas and the ACWA Conference in San Diego, both in December 2014, contingent upon their respective re-elections. Director MacKenzie also requested to attend both of these conferences.

President Dorey requested to attend the July meeting of the Council of Water Utilities.

14-06-57	<i>Upon motion by Director Vásquez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors authorized the following Director attendances: Miller, Dorey, and MacKenzie to the Colorado River Water Users Conference in Las Vegas and the ACWA Conference in San Diego, both in December 2014; Dorey to attend the July meeting of the COWU.</i>
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11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

See staff report attached hereto.

None were presented.

12. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Vásquez reported on a recent news article about rain barrels benefiting landscapes, which he commented was a curious topic considering we are in a drought. He also commented on an article about the fact that on May 30 the State of California mandated water users in Sacramento to discontinue the use of water from rivers and canals and begin using metered tap water.

Director MacKenzie reported on AB 280 which would necessitate the need for changes to District boundaries to be approved by the Attorney General before they can be approved. She noted that one of the changes that would have to go through the Attorney General was any changes to voting locations.

Director Vásquez commented that while paying his EDCO bill he noticed a nice enclosure concerning water conservation and pointing out the need and ways to conserve. He said that the District should commend EDCO for that effort.

Director MacKenzie commented that even though the District is currently at Level 1 of its Drought Response Conservation Program, most of the District's customers do not know what this means, and do not know what they should or should not be doing. Mr. Coox responded that staff continues to try to disseminate this information, which has been included in a newsletter to every customer, and is also available on the District's website. Mr. Coox said that flyers have also been handed out at community events such as the recent Strawberry Festival.

13. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. Kuperberg provided a brief overview of Assembly Bill 280, stating that this bill currently only applies to a few counties in California and would not apply to the District or to San Diego County. He stated that this bill would establish a state preclearance system under which, if a political subdivision enacts a voting-related law or policy that is different from the one in force, the governing body of the political subdivision would be required to submit the law or policy to the Secretary of State for approval. Director MacKenzie stated that it was her understanding that this bill has been proposed for amendment to include all local jurisdictions Statewide.

14. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Coox informed the Board that the District entered a team in the recent Carlsbad 5000 race and won first place among the public agencies competing in the "City" category. Mr. Coox passed around the plaque that was received, for the board's perusal. Mr. Coox commended Marian Schmidt who coordinated the team's entry and served as the team captain.

Mr. Coox said that the District was continuing to release water from Lake Henshaw and that the water level was down to 4,929 acre feet. Mr. Coox stated that the District received a request from the Rey River Ranch, an association of private property owners downstream, to purchase water from Lake Henshaw for their fishing pond which was running dry. Mr. Coox expressed his belief in the value of maintaining good relations with the major property owners along the San Luis Rey River. He said that the District has provided the Rey River Ranch with an agreement for the purchase of two acre feet of water from Lake Henshaw.

Mr. Coox informed the Board that the District would be participating in the Taste of Vista event on Wednesday, June 25 on Main Street, Vista from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He said that the District was approached to provide water from its portable hydration station at the event after doing so at the Strawberry Festival. Mr. Coox explained that the District's booth will be set up near the entrance of the event, where attendees can pick up a reusable bottle and fill it up with water to accompany the food tastings. Mr. Coox noted that the District will be the only beverage provider in the food tasting area. Mr. Coox said that he believed this to be a good opportunity for the District to interact with the community and to continue promoting its Love Tap! campaign. The Board indicated support for the District's participation in this community event.

Mr. Coox asked the Board to save the date for the upcoming Annual VID Employee Picnic which was set for September 6. Mr. Coox said that District is seeking to get the same location as the previous year at the Del Mar Beach on Camp Pendleton. Mr. Coox said that this location cannot be secured until the end of the month, and since reservations are made on a first come, first served basis, the location may not be available. Mr. Coox said that the backup venue will be the Green Oak Ranch in Vista. Mr. Coox said that he would keep the Board apprised as plans for the picnic develop.

Director MacKenzie suggested that staff monitor the sale of the San Luis Rey Downs Golf Course because she heard that it has been proposed to be reverted to wet lands. She wondered if they might be thinking of getting water from the San Luis Rey River. President Dorey said that they will most likely use groundwater from their own wells.

Assistant General Manager Eldon Boone reported that Director MacKenzie provided information about the State Legislative Budget Committee's approval of \$100 million dollars for the reimbursement of past State Mandated Costs. Mr. Boone said that this will amount to about \$800 for the District (of the \$91,000 that is owed to the District by the State).

A brief break was taken from 10:05 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. Upon return from break, present in the audience was Human Resources Manager, Phil Zamora.

15. CLOSED SESSION: LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

President Dorey adjourned the meeting to closed session at 10:15 a.m. for a conference with Labor Negotiators per subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54957.6.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:58 a.m. President Dorey declared that no reportable action had been taken.

Phil Zamora left the meeting at this time. Don Smith, Brian Smith, and Dan Dambach joined the meeting, with Brian Smith and Dan Dambach present for Items 16.A and B, and Don Smith present for 16.A-D.

16. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL


President Dorey adjourned the meeting to closed session at 10:58 a.m. for a conference with legal counsel per Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 to discuss the following pending litigation:

- A. Superior Ready Mix vs. Vista Irrigation District (Case No. 37-2014-00016412-CU-MC-NC)
- B. Philip Omdahl vs. Vista Irrigation District (Case No. 37-2013-00045757-CU-BC-NC)
- C. San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Litigation (Settlement)
- D. Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA)

The meeting reconvened in open session at 11:27 a.m. President Dorey declared that concerning Closed Session Item 16.A, General Counsel was given authorization to defend the case.

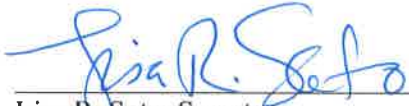
17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 11:27 a.m., President Dorey adjourned the meeting.



Paul E. Dorey, President

ATTEST:



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



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.A

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
Prepared By: Al Ducusin
Reviewed By: Brian Smith
Approved By: Roy Coox

SUBJECT: GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept Grant of Right of Way No. H94 for a specific easement over residential property consisting of approximately .62 gross acres owned by Highland Investments, L.L.C., located at 655 and 659 West California Avenue, Vista (LN 2013-036; APN's 163-362-21 and -20; DIV NO 2).

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Per this Grant of Right of Way No. H94, the owner of these residential properties is granting the District a specific easement over an existing private road and utility easement encumbered on APN 163-362-21.

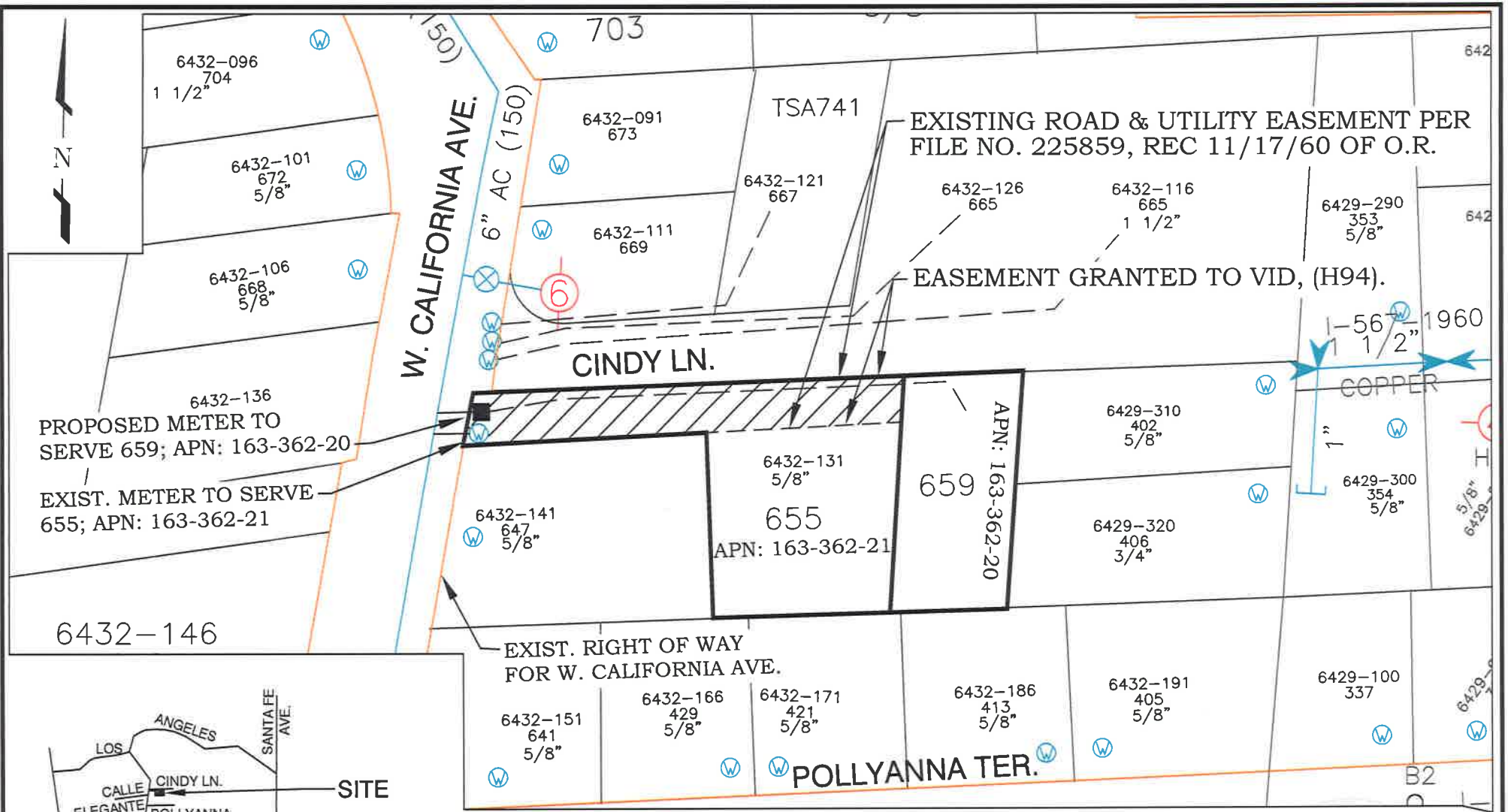
DETAILED REPORT: On January 28, 2014, the District signed the Precise Grading plan for this project.

The Owner of these properties is in the process of developing a single-family home on APN 163-362-20. On April 29, 2014, the owner paid fees to the District to install a new 3/4" domestic meter (WA2014.0030) for 659 West California Avenue and to move an existing 5/8" domestic meter (SC2014-0008) for an adjacent home at 655 West California Avenue.

The District currently has Blanket Easement (BE44) encumbering these properties.

The acceptance of this Grant of Right of Way will allow the existing and new meter to be within a specific easement. It will also allow for the extension of a public water main if required in the future.

ATTACHMENTS: See attached maps.



PROPOSED METER TO SERVE 659; APN: 163-362-20

EXIST. METER TO SERVE 655; APN: 163-362-21

EXISTING ROAD & UTILITY EASEMENT PER FILE NO. 225859, REC 11/17/60 OF O.R.

EASEMENT GRANTED TO VID, (H94).

EXIST. RIGHT OF WAY FOR W. CALIFORNIA AVE.

6432-146

APN: 163-362-20

659

6432-131
5/8"

655
APN: 163-362-21

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647
5/8"

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402
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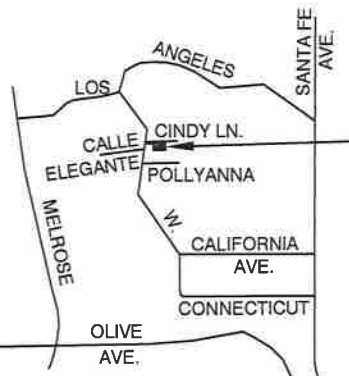
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337



SITE

LEGEND



INDICATES EASEMENT TO BE GRANTED TO VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

VICINITY MAP

NO SCALE

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (H94)

655 W. CALIFORNIA AVENUE

APN: 163-362-21		T.B. 1087-G5
SCALE: NONE		L.N. 2013-036
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SHEET 1 OF 1	MAP E12	

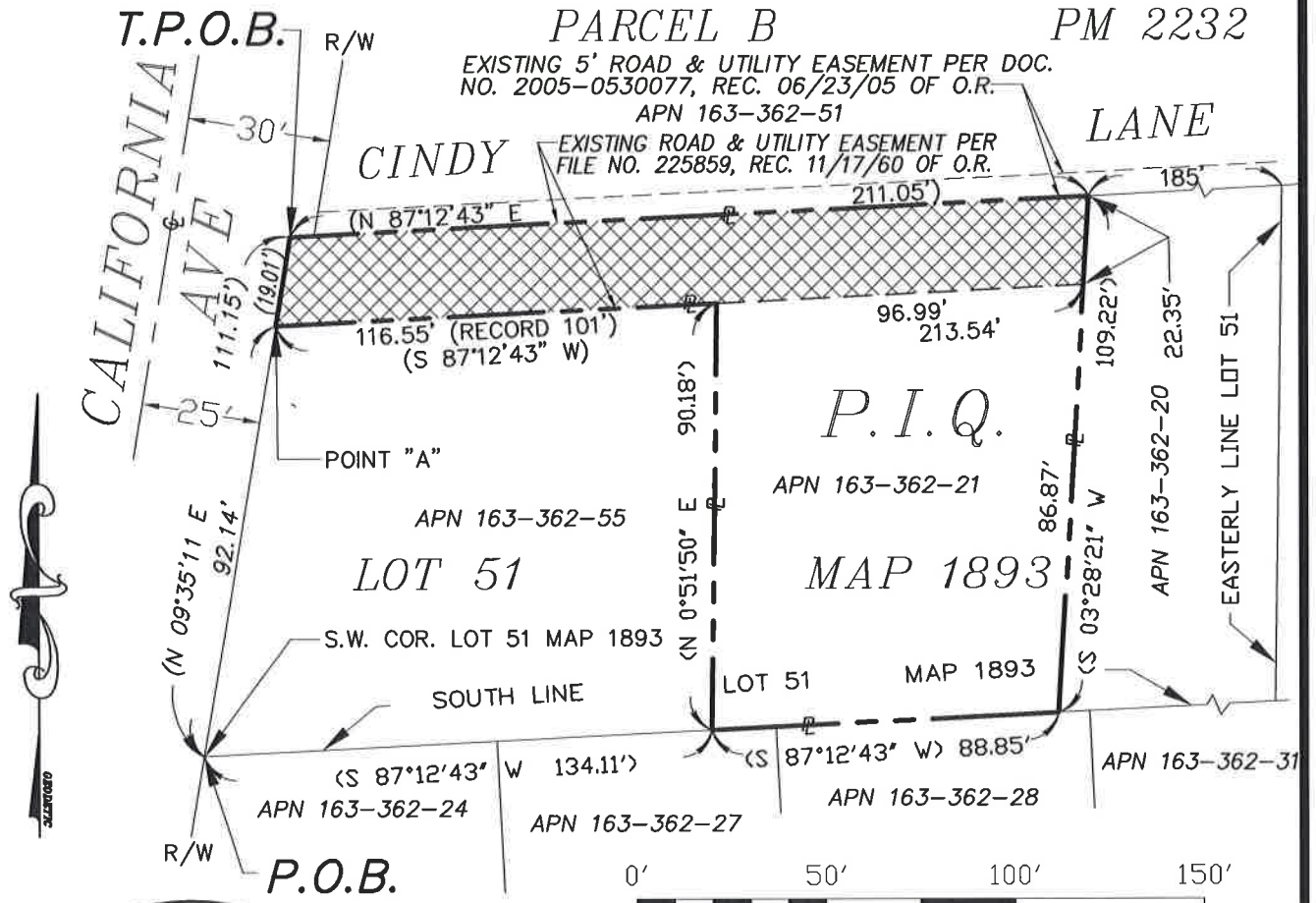
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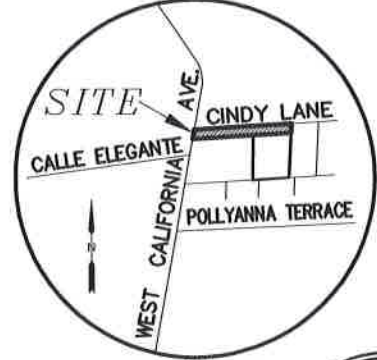
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APN 163-362-51

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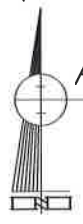


LEGEND

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- T.P.O.B.** - INDICATES TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING
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- ()/P.I.Q. - INDICATES RECORD DATA FROM DEED REC. 11/17/60 AS FILE/PAGE NO. 225859 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS



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VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY	
NO. H94	
APN: 163-362-21	T.B. 1087, PG. G-5
SCALE: 1"=40'	L.N. 2013-036
APP'D. BY: <i>DL</i>	DATE: <i>6/10/14</i> W.O.
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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.B

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
Prepared By: Dan Dambach
Reviewed By: Eldon Boone
Approved By: Roy Coox

SUBJECT: ANNUAL PATCH PAVING CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the bid for asphalt repair from Garza Grading and Paving to perform the District's patch paving of small excavations under 350 square feet for fiscal year 2015.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated amount of patch paving costs for fiscal year 2015 is \$160,000.

SUMMARY: The District advertised and solicited bids from three different contractors for patch paving throughout the District's service area. In response, the District received bids from all three contractors. Upon detailed review, Garza Grading and Paving responded with the lowest bid of \$12.95 per square foot.

DETAILED REPORT: The District generates approximately 10,000 to 15,000 square feet of patch paving throughout the year, which varies from 1 square foot to as large as 350 square feet per patch. Any individual patch work which exceeds 350 square feet typically goes out to bid separately.

The Vista Irrigation District boundary includes the City of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside and unincorporated areas of San Diego County. The contractor will be expected to comply with all paving standards as established under the appropriate governing agency's requirements.

The following responsive bids were received:

Garza Grading & Paving	–	\$12.95 per Square Foot
Medina Construction	–	\$14.45 per Square Foot
Southland Paving	–	\$31.65 per Square Foot



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
Prepared By: Brian Smith
Approved By: Roy Coox

SUBJECT: MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: Receive informational update on the status of the District's Main Replacement Program.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: Since FY 1996, the Board has allocated a total of \$17.2 million in various capital outlay budgets for the Main Replacement Program.

5/1/2002 Received update on the Main Replacement Program

FISCAL IMPACT: None for this item. The FY 2014 Capital Budget includes \$1.7 million for the Main Replacement Program (Budget #14-02), and the FY 2015 Capital Budget includes \$1 million.

SUMMARY: In 1995 the Board established funding for an ongoing program to replace aging water mains throughout the distribution system. The goal of this program has been to replace pipelines before they reach the end of their useful life and become a maintenance liability or for pipelines that need to be replaced due to street realignments and/or improvements.

Since the inception of the Main Replacement Program, more than 22 miles of pipe have been replaced, ranging in size from 2 inches to 20 inches. Additionally, approximately 10 miles of mains have been replaced in conjunction with other capital improvement projects including the C-Line Replacement Project, N. Santa Fe Widening Project, E-Line Replacement Project and various other smaller projects. A map showing the various main replacements and capital improvement projects is attached.

DETAILED REPORT: Utilizing the District's GIS database, staff has identified that approximately 160 miles of the District's 470 miles of mains were installed prior to 1970. These 160 miles of pipeline are comprised of approximately 55 miles of various types of steel pipe and 105 miles of Asbestos Cement (AC) pipe. Attached is a map showing the location and age breakdown of these mains throughout the District. Also attached is a chart showing the type of pipe remaining in the distribution system by decade.

District Crews respond to an average of about 38 mainline leaks each year, which equates to about 8 breaks per 100 miles of pipe. In comparison, a Water Research Foundation survey cited a national average of 25 breaks per 100 miles per year. A large percentage of the leaks occur on older steel pipelines. These leaks can vary from small and easily repairable to major leaks that sometimes require replacement of portions of the main. Recently, we have been experiencing more failures on a specific brand of AC pipe, known as Nipponite, which was installed in the 1960's. Breaks on this pipe can be more catastrophic than other brands of AC pipe which can and has led to more extensive property damage. As shown on the attached map, there are approximately 12 miles of Nipponite pipe remaining in the distribution system. Replacement of this pipe is becoming a top priority, especially in higher pressure areas.

The Main Replacement Program has been very successful in replacing aging infrastructure, thereby reducing future emergency response costs and providing a higher level of reliability to our customers. Replacement of mains is prioritized utilizing the following information:



- Input from District Crews
- Leak history
- Age of pipe
- Pipe material
- Soil conditions
- Number of services and/or fire hydrants affected
- Future capital projects
- Future street improvements
- Unsuitable location of existing main
- Water quality problem reduction

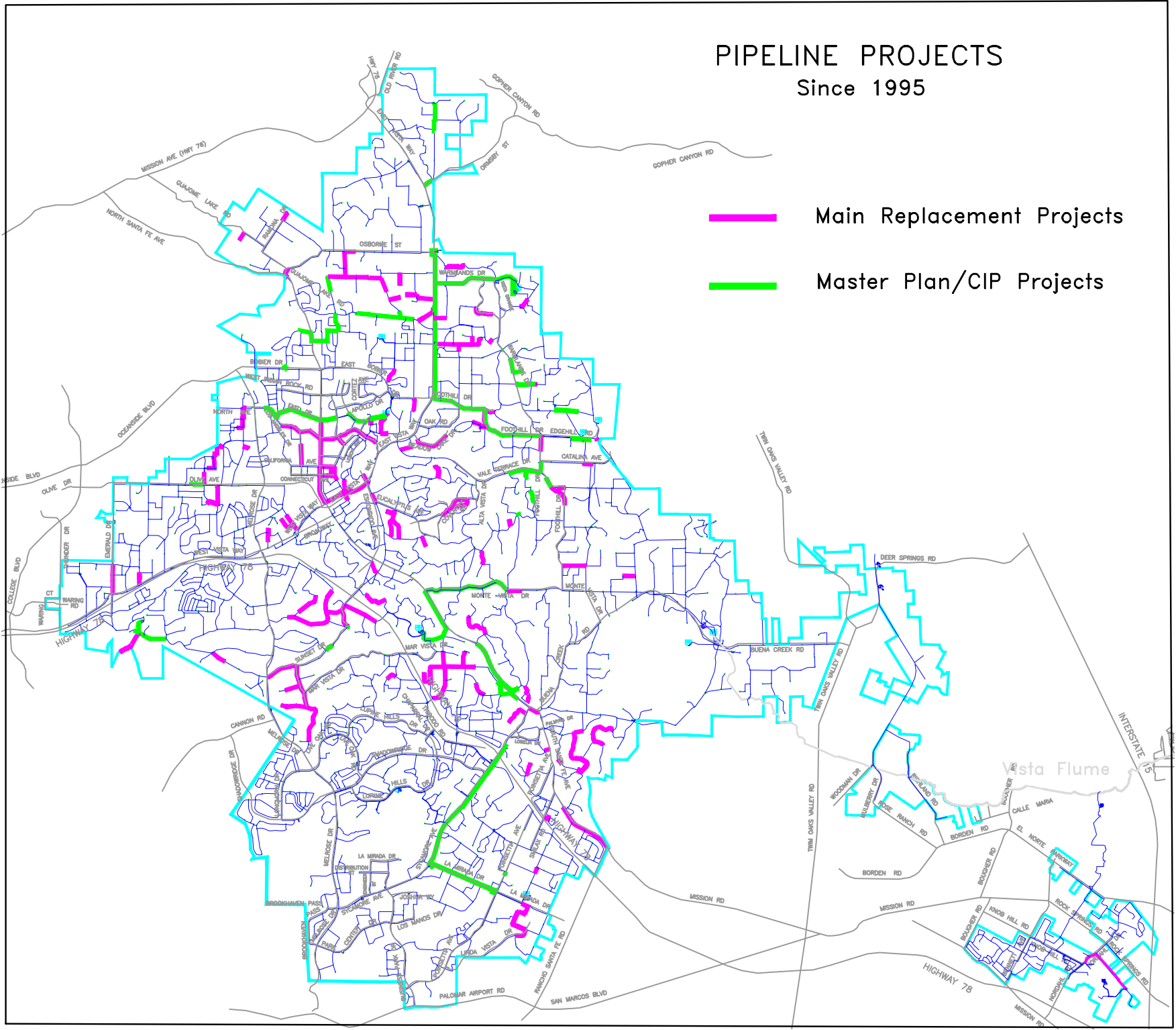
When District crews respond to an incident, a leak repair report is completed (sample attached). This information is reviewed by Engineering and is entered into the GIS system to help evaluate the need for further repair or replacement of the pipe. Pipelines that are identified as needing replacement are then prioritized into the Main Replacement Program for design and eventual construction.

ATTACHMENTS: Map of Main Replacement and CIP Projects completed
Map of Pipeline Installations by Decade
Type of Pipe in System by Decade
Map of AC Nipponite mains
Sample Leak Repair Report

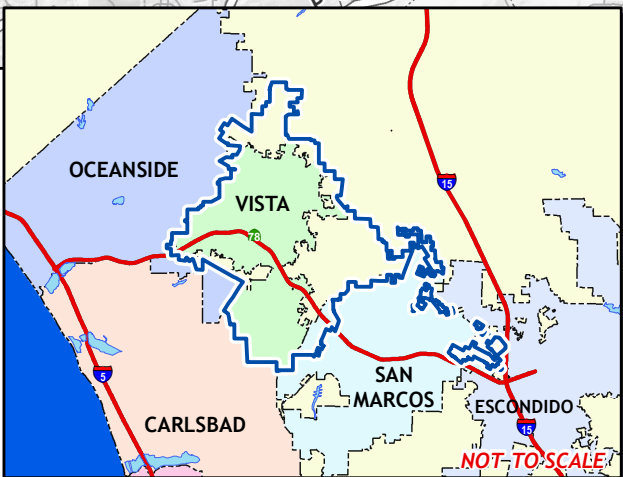
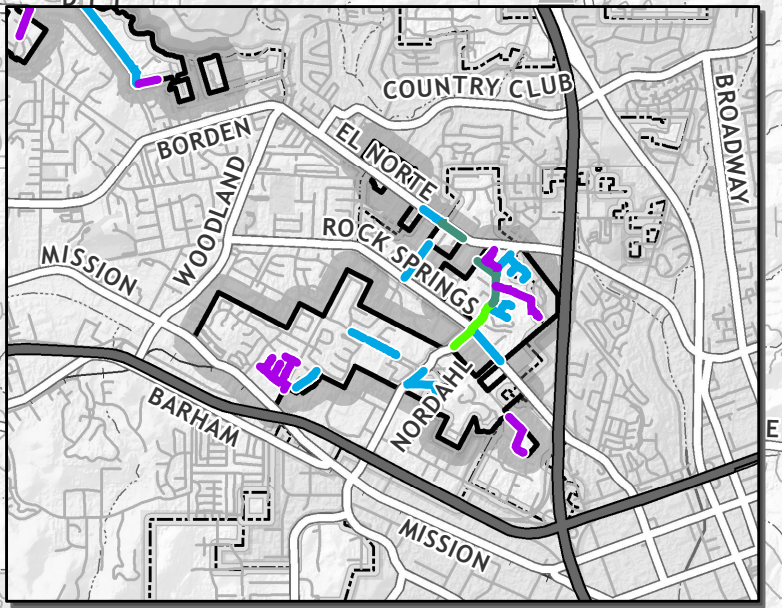
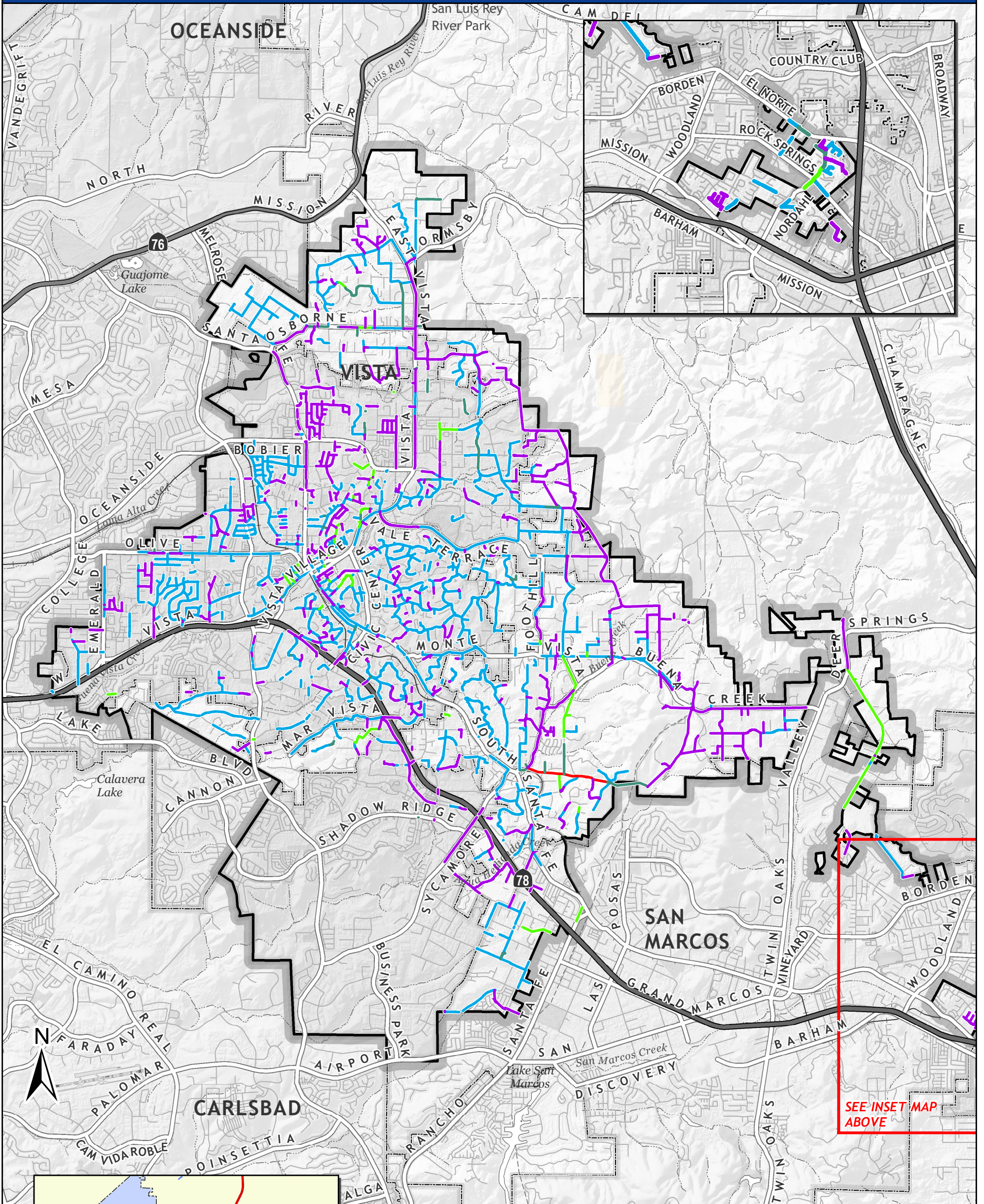
PIPELINE PROJECTS

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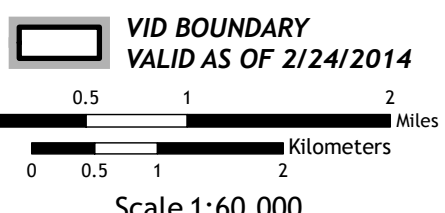
-  Main Replacement Projects
-  Master Plan/CIP Projects



VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT PIPELINE INSTALLATIONS BY DECADE



- Pipeline Installation Periods**
- ~ Unknown
 - ~ 1931-1940
 - ~ 1941-1950
 - ~ 1951-1960
 - ~ 1961-1970

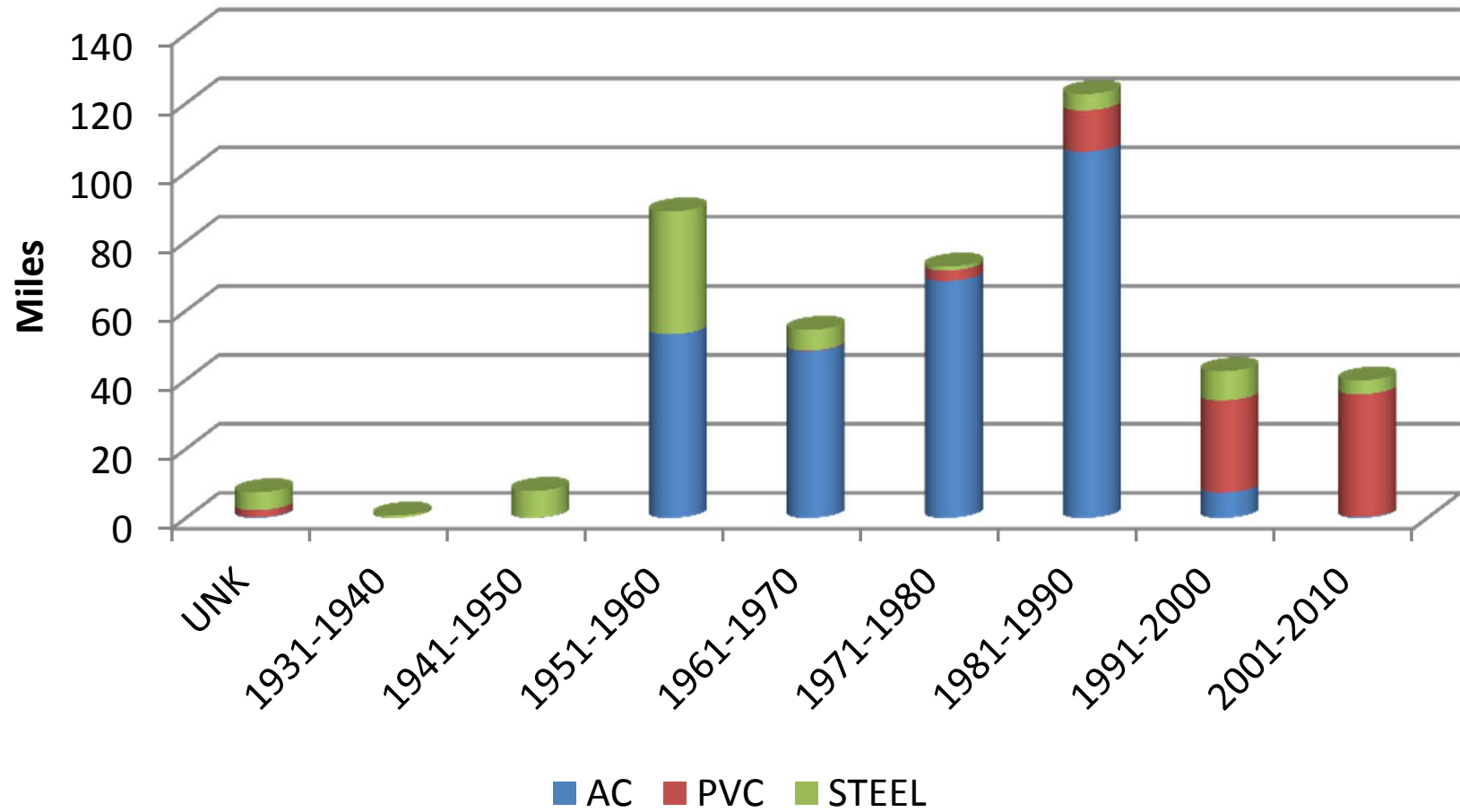


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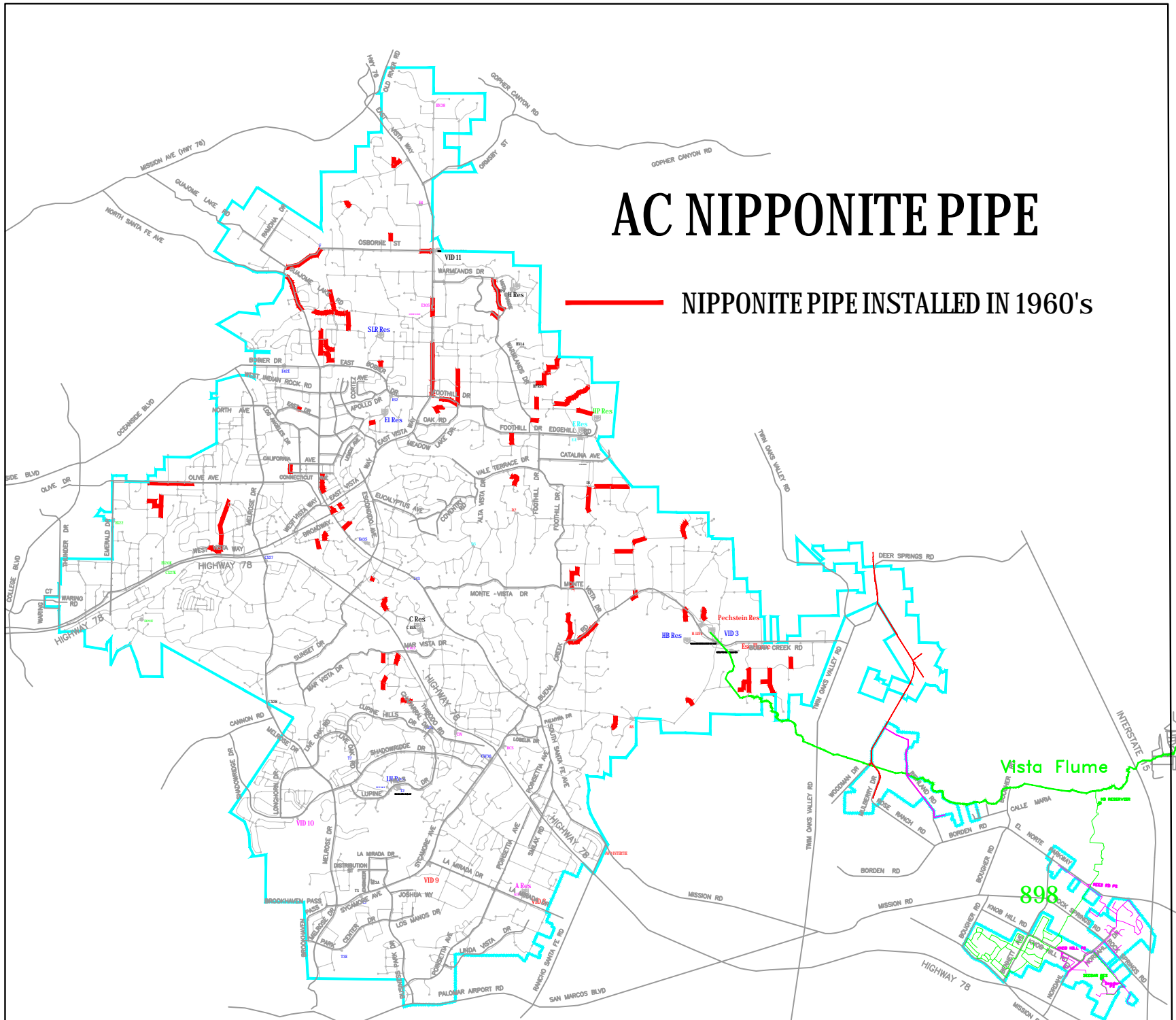


TYPE OF PIPE IN SYSTEM BY DECADE



AC NIPPONITE PIPE

— NIPPONITE PIPE INSTALLED IN 1960's



VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

LEAK REPAIR REPORT

WAO 640431

Reported: 2/13/14

Repaired: 2/13/14

Condition: Emergency Routine

Source: Leakage Survey Referral
 Citizen Complaint Other

REPAIR LOCATION:

Address: 552 Mar Vista

Closest cross street: ODYSSEY

Map No. F17, Grid No. 6, Pipe Line No. CWES, Pipe WO No. D 649 -1954

SIZE (in.) AND TYPE OF MAIN:

6" CL WL WS WSCL RS RSCL AC PVC
 NP CML&C CML&C dielectric STEEL CONCRETE COPPER Other

WHAT WAS LEAKING:

- Main =>
- Service =>
- Valve # (i.e. V3) =>
- Hydrant # (i.e. H3) =>
- Blowoff # (i.e. B3)
- Air vent # (i.e. A3)
- Flume =>

TYPE OF BREAK:

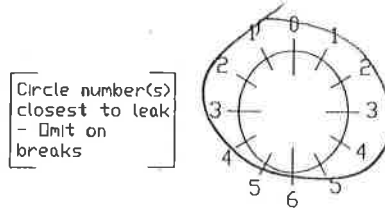
- Joint Cir. Break Split Bell Long. Break Hole Clamp
- Other
- Tap Corp. Stop Pipe Curb Stop
- Flange nuts, bolts Stem Bonet
- Valve Lateral Barrel

Description: _____

WHAT CAUSED THE DAMAGE IN YOUR OPINION:

- Ground movement-only if evident
- Contractor's equipment
- Coating failure
- Corrosion/electrolyses
- Unknown
- Other no hand hole

WHERE WAS LEAK?



HOW BIG WAS THE LEAK?

- Break (entire circumference) Large hole
- Small hole (under 1") Split

DEPTH OF COVER 2 ft. 6 in.

ESTIMATED SIZE OF LEAK? ? GPM

SHOULD THE PIPE BE REPLACED? Yes No Not sure

TYPE OF SOIL?

- Clay or Adobe Sandy
- Gravel/Rock Loam

EXISTING BEDDING?

- Gravel/Sand Native Soil
- Pea Gravel

INSTALLED ANODE?

- Yes No

DESCRIPTION OF REPAIR: Damage part was: Repaired Replaced

If repaired, what repairs were made?

- Leak clamp Repacked valve
- Welded Recaulked joint
- Other (describe) _____

If replaced, what material was used? 6" C900

Repair time 6.5 (person hours)

Crew size 3

REPAIR COSTS:

Materials	\$	_____
Labor	\$	_____
Equipment	\$	_____
Other	\$	_____
Total	\$	_____

MAP ATTACHED SHOWING LOCATION OF LEAK

PHOTOS ATTACHED

CREW CHIEF COMMENTS: 2 flagger needed



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 8

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
Prepared By: Lisa Soto
Approved By: Roy Coox

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION FOR REGION 6, SEAT C

RECOMMENDATION: Cast the District's ballot for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors election for Region 6, Seat C.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

7/18/12 Cast the District's ballot for Jo MacKenzie for the CSDA Board of Directors election for Region 6.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Each of CSDA's six regional divisions has three seats on the Board, Seats A, B, and C. Director MacKenzie is currently serving a three-year term in Seat A, which will expire in 2015. This year's election is for Seat C. The District received a mail ballot with five candidates from which the Board may vote for one. Ballots must be received at CSDA's Sacramento office by August 1, 2014.

DETAILED REPORT: See attached mail ballot information from CSDA.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Official Ballot for CSDA, Region 6, Seat C
- CSDA Mail Ballot Information
- Candidate Statements from all five candidates



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CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

2014 BOARD ELECTIONS

MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

Dear Member:

A mail ballot has been enclosed for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in your Region for Seat C. Each of CSDA's six (6) regional divisions has three seats on the Board. Each of the candidates is either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your geographic region. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) director to represent its region.

We have enclosed the candidate information for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your region in Seat C and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information (*in some regions, there may only be one candidate*). If any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

Please utilize the enclosed return envelope to return the completed ballot. Ballots must be received at the CSDA office at 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814 by **5:00pm on Friday, August 1, 2014**.

If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please mail in your ballot to:

California Special Districts Association
Attn: 2014 Board Elections
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please contact Charlotte Lowe toll-free at 877.924.CSDA or charlottel@cdda.net with any questions.

CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014 ELECTION



**SOUTHERN
NETWORK**
REGION 6

SEAT C
term ends 2018

Please vote for only one.

- Elaine Sullivan***
Leucadia Wastewater District
- Arlene Schafer**
Costa Mesa Sanitary District
- Judy Corl-Lorono**
Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
- Sheryl Landrum**
Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego
- Dan Kirby**
San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

All fields must be completed for ballot to be counted.

**incumbent running for re-election*

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

MEMBER DISTRICT:

Must be received by **5pm, August 1, 2014**. CSDA, 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814



CSDA Region 6 Candidate Statement

Elaine Sullivan

**Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) Board Member
Carlsbad, CA 92009**

I am seeking CSDA member's votes to re-elect me to represent Region 6 because I have a passion for special districts and I believe that I can use that passion to continue serving CSDA members. I have been on the CSDA Board of Directors since 2013 and serve on their Membership and Education Committees.

I believe that I bring a unique and proven set of skills from my 26 years of experience as past President, and a member of various committees with the LWD Board of Directors and the Encina Wastewater Authority's (EWA) Board. I have held these positions, with over 98% attendance.

During my tenure, both agencies have been recognized for numerous recognitions and awards, such as:

- LWD is a Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) District of Distinction (since 2008),
- LWD received SDLF District Transparency Certificate of Excellence,
- LWD received California Water Environment Association's (CWEA) 2012 Small Collection System of the Year Award,
- LWD received the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers 2013 Outstanding Financial Reporting Award (since 2010),
- EWA Outstanding Compliance with EPA regulations,
- EWA received CWEA's 2013 Treatment Plant of the Year Award.

LWD is currently debt-free and maintains one of the lowest rates in San Diego County.

Other public service experience includes:

- Serving 12 years as a member of the California Water Reuse Finance Authority Board,
- Serving 16 years with CSDA San Diego Chapter's Scholarship Committee and;
- Serving the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Committee,

I have enjoyed committing my time and energy to CSDA's various continuing goals and engaging in new projects being launched. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to contribute and serve the Special District Region 6; therefore, I ask for your ongoing support and vote.

ELECT ARLENE SCHAFER

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

REGION 6, SEAT C

Arlene Schafer—Director Costa Mesa Sanitary District



PREVIOUS CSDA EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Board President (2009)
 - ◆ Board Vice President
 - ◆ Board Secretary
 - ◆ Finance Corporation
 - ◆ Task Force Committee
 - ◆ Legislation Committee
 - ◆ Fiscal Committee
 - ◆ Membership Committee
 - ◆ Recruitment & Planning Committee
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I would be honored to serve as your representative on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors Region 6, Seat C. I believe my 24 years of experience as a local government leader that includes 15 years serving on CSDA in a variety of different capacities makes me the best candidate. In recent years, special districts have been scrutinized by the State legislature, grand juries and the press, which is why I believe it's important for CSDA to continue serving as an advocate for special districts by informing the legislature and the public the important and essential services we provide to our communities. Furthermore, I believe it's important for special districts to demonstrate good governance that will help earn the public's trust. If elected, I will work with the Board and staff to ensure cost efficient programs, education and training seminars are still available to you.

Currently, I am serving on the Board of Directors for the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) where I have been a Board member for 16 years. CMSD provides solid waste and wastewater collection services to over 116,000 residents residing in the City of Costa Mesa and portions of Newport Beach and the unincorporated Orange County. I am proud to be part of an organization that has been a District of Distinction since 2009, earned the Transparency Certificate of Excellence and most recently, CMSD received Gold Recognition in Special District Governance.

If elected, I will continue to promote CSDA benefits to special districts and I will work collaboratively with CSDA Board of Directors on finding partnership opportunities for different services to help avoid membership dues from increasing. I believe my experience, knowledge and commitment to special districts will enable me to represent you well. Please vote for Arlene Schafer by **August 1, 2014**.

April 17, 2014

Candidate Statement


When I was first elected in 2007, I realized I knew nothing about being an elected official.

California Special Districts offered the Governance Academy. I graduated your classes and feel the opportunity allowed me to be a better citizen as well as a better Director for my water agency and my community. I have since taken your numerous online classes to keep up to date.

It would be my Honor to be the Candidate for our region and be able to contribute to the CSDA and therefore my constituents.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,


Judy Corl-Lorono

President of Board of Directors

Bighorn Desert View Water Agency



Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
11769 Waterhill Rd., Lakeside, CA 92040
Phone: (619) 562-0096 ✶ Fax: (619) 562-4799
Website: www.rcdsandiego.org

**ELECT SHERYL LANDRUM
CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
REGION 6, SEAT C**



**Sheryl Landrum
District Manager**

**CSDA member since 2009
CARCD member since 2009
RCD Employee since 2009
Small business owner 2004-
2009
Controller/Accountant/Office
Manager 1986-2012**

My name is Sheryl Landrum and I am the District Manager of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego and an Executive Director of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County. It would be a privilege to serve as your representative on the CSDA Board of Directors for Region 6 and I promise to work hard to fulfill the CSDA's vision and goals.

As the District Manager of the RCD, our programs provide San Diego communities with educational and technical assistance in conservation/resource management. The RCD also manages the programs and funds of the Fire Safe Council of SD County which strives to keep San Diego fire safe.

For the past eighteen months, I have been working with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts to develop a strong vision, standards of excellence, and messaging for RCDs to deliver to our communities and our legislators. I would like to aid the CSDA in its quest for respected acknowledgment as well.

This May I gave testimony before the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees for the release of 10 million dollars in State Responsibility Area fees. I also met with numerous other legislators to promote funding for Special District work as well. I am honored to advocate for Special Districts and to ask for funding for our much needed programs and services.

I am hard working and dedicated to excellence. My RCD's management of USFS grant funds is held as the standard of excellence by the USFS grant clearing house and my work with the SD County Fire Authority led them to ask for a long term MOU between our two agencies. I will bring the same level of excellence to the Board of the CSDA and respectfully ask for your vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheryl Landrum".

Sheryl Landrum, District Manager and Executive Director

Dan Kirby

President, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

Dan Kirby is a life-long Southern Californian and was appointed to the Monrovia City Council in March of 2003. After serving for two years, he was elected outright by a margin of three to one in 2005. He was appointed to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) in 2004 and now serves as its Board President. During his time in public office, Dan has built solid relationships with lawmakers locally and in Sacramento.



In addition to serving as President of the board, Dan serves as the Chair of the Personnel and Legislative Committees at the District. He participates regularly at the MVCAC Legislative days in Sacramento and represents SGVMVCD at state conferences.

Dan often refers to himself a life-long learner and demonstrates that with his passion is youth and education. He has worked with children at Kare Youth League in Southern California for over 35 years and has taught in the classroom at Rio Hondo Preparatory School in Arcadia since 1985.

As a youth counselor, Dan has travelled with students on educational tours, visiting no less than 48 states, six Canadian Provinces, and Baja California, Mexico.

Dan also has business experience. In 1985 Dan opened a graphic design, commercial printing and sign company, which he still manages today.



Agenda Item: 9

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
Prepared By: Roy Coox

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

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



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 10.A

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
Prepared By: Lisa Soto
Approved By: Roy Coox

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS

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



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 10.B

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
Prepared By: Marian Schmidt
Approved By: Roy Coox

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS AND DIRECTORS ATTENDING

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 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>June 17, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 6/13/14</i>	Vásquez (R) Dorey (R)
2 *	North County Water Group Meeting <i>June 25, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
3 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>July 15, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 7/11/14</i>	Vásquez
4	Harassment Prevention Training AB1825 Webinar (CSDA) <i>July 16, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 7/11/14</i>	
5	Staying in Compliance: Understanding Fundamental Laws (CSDA) <i>July 17, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – VID Board Room</i> <i>Registration deadline: 7/14/14</i>	
6 *	North County Water Group Meeting <i>July 23, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
7	MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner <i>July 30, 2014, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</i> <i>Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel Grand Ballroom, Costa Mesa</i>	
8	Legislative Roundup Webinar (CSDA) <i>July 30, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 7/25/14</i>	
9	Improve Your Outreach Skills and Build Bridges to Your Community Webinar (CSDA) <i>Aug. 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/1/14</i>	
10	Understanding Board Member and District Liability Issues Webinar (CSDA) <i>Aug. 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/8/14</i>	
11	Annual Water Conference (Urban Water Institute) <i>Aug. 13-15, 2014 – Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/7/14; Hotel Group Rate: 7/20/14</i>	MacKenzie Vásquez (H)
12 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Aug. 19, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 8/14/14</i>	Vásquez
13	The New Transparent District – Building Public Trust Webinar (CSDA) <i>Aug. 19, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/14/14</i>	

14	Understanding the Brown Act Beyond the Basics Webinar (CSDA) <i>Aug. 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/19/14</i>	
15 *	North County Water Group Meeting <i>Aug. 27, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
16 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Sept. 16, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 9/12/14</i>	Vásquez
17 *	North County Water Group Meeting <i>Sept. 24, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
18	Governance Foundation (CSDA) <i>Sept. 29, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 9/25/14</i>	
19	CSDA Annual Conference <i>Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2014 – Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, Palm Springs</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/22/14</i>	Vásquez (T, H) MacKenzie (H)
20	WaterSmart Innovations Conference <i>Oct. 8-10, 2014 – South Point Hotel & Conference Center, Las Vegas</i> <i>Registration deadline: 6/2/14</i>	
21 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Oct. 21, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 10/17/14</i>	Vásquez
22 *	North County Water Group Meeting <i>Oct. 22, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
23	Ethics Compliance Training AB 124 Webinar (CSDA) <i>Nov. 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 11/10/13</i>	
24 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Nov. 18, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 11/14/14</i>	Vásquez
25 *	North County Water Group Meeting <i>Nov. 19, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
26	ACWA Fall Conference <i>Dec. 2-5, 2014 – Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
27	Must Have Communication Protocols – Board & Staff Webinar (CSDA) <i>Dec. 10, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 12/5/14</i>	
28	Colorado River Water Users Association Annual Conference <i>Dec. 10-12, 2014 – Caesars Palace, Las Vegas</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
29 *	Council of Water Utilities Meeting <i>Dec. 16, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 12/12/14</i>	Vásquez

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

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

A=Airline; **R**=Registration; **C**=Car; **H**=Hotel; **T**=Tentative



Agenda Item: 11

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2014
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:

- On-site chlorine generation project construction award
- Recycled water project update

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Vista Irrigation District Participation in ACWA

Since 1927, Vista Irrigation District has been a *very* active member of ACWA. From the ACWA Region 10 Board to holding seats on key committees, Vista ID has an active voice in the work of the Association of California Water Agencies.

- **Richard Vasquez**, Region 10 board, Water Quality Committee
- **John Franklin**, Federal Affairs Committee
- **Jo MacKenzie**, Local Government Committee Chair, Membership Committee

Advocacy to Support Solutions

As the largest coalition of local public water agencies in the country, ACWA works hard to assist its members with the critical job of providing safe, reliable water to Californians. From advocacy to information to education on new trends, ACWA members have powerful resources to help them meet challenges at the local level.

Here are examples of how ACWA is working to help Vista Irrigation District and other members on water challenges:

State Legislation and Related Policy Issues

- **Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP)** – ACWA convened a broad cross-section of member water interests in spring 2013 to develop a statewide plan addressing the state's overall water supply reliability and ecosystem health. The goal was to craft a specific plan of action that could be broadly supported by the water interests throughout the state and serve as a sustainable path forward for California. The resulting plan was completed in September 2013 and unanimously approved by the ACWA Board. ACWA submitted the SWAP to the Governor on October 2, 2013, as the water community's recommendations for developing the Administration's water plan for the state. ACWA is still seeking resolutions from its member agencies supporting the SWAP.
- **Water Bond** - ACWA plays a leadership role on the water bond discussions at the State Capitol. ACWA is supporting modifications to the current 2014 water bond to protect key priority areas and aid its passage this year. ACWA leads a water bond coalition that includes the ACWA members and representatives from organized labor, business and agriculture.
- **AB 145 (Perea)** - This bill proposed to move the State's entire Drinking Water Program from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). ACWA successfully led the coalition of water and public health organizations that successfully opposed the

bill and sought a workable solution. As a result of that advocacy, the Senate Committee on Appropriations held the bill on its Suspense File on August 30, and Assembly Member Perea amended another bill, AB 1393, on September 6 to propose a solution that ACWA offered back in February. As amended, AB 1393 proposed to move only the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the SWRCB. That bill is now a two-year bill. In July the Brown Administration decided to officially support moving the Drinking Water Program to the SWRCB. Discussions are continuing.

- **Drought Action Group** – ACWA formed a Drought Action Group in January 2014, made up of experts in the water community who can leverage their collective knowledge of drought impacts and activities to recommend specific actions for ACWA’s advocacy to the state and federal governments that could be undertaken to combat this and future droughts. There will be an emphasis on identifying and cataloguing serious conditions in the areas of greatest need, water supply alternatives, potential solutions and/or needed actions and how those actions may affect other stakeholders. The Drought Action Group will prepare and deliver a report of its findings to Governor Brown.
- **Drinking Water Reorganization Task Force** – The Brown Administration invited ACWA to participate on the Task Force which is advising the Administration on the development of its transition plan for the Drinking Water Program. This Task Force discussed issues such as which process steps should apply to the adoption of drinking water standards.
- **Governor's Drinking Water Stakeholder Group** - The Governor's Office invited one water association representative to participate on the Governor's Drinking Water Stakeholder Group - ACWA. One of the issues that the Group has discussed is whether a Statewide fee should be imposed on water use to fund water projects in disadvantaged communities ACWA is opposing this proposal but supporting other actions that can be helpful to such communities.
- **State Budget Issues** - ACWA tracks and engages on issues within California’s State Budget of importance including opposing property tax raids and shifts that have cumulatively saved our member agencies money and protected their own agency budgets. The drinking water reorganization proposal will be dealt with in a budget trailer bill.
- **State Water Board Groundwater Workplan** - The Association has helped inform and proactively engage the State Water Resources Control Board as it prepares a Groundwater Workplan to respond to widespread concerns about the sustainability of groundwater resources in light of persistent local groundwater overdraft conditions, subsidence, and water quality problems. ACWA is leading the water community based on ACWA’s policy document, “Sustainability from the Ground Up: A Framework for Groundwater Management in California,” proposing new initiatives to ensure sustainable groundwater management statewide, address possible regulatory or legislative proposals, and protect and enhance the ability of local groundwater managers to effectively respond to the challenges.
- **Opposition to Public Goods Charge on Water in State Water Plan** - The Association successfully led an effort to oppose proposals to include a public goods charge or other statewide water user fee in the “Finance Framework” of the California Water Plan Update 2013.

Drinking Water Issues

- **Hexavalent Chromium (Chromium-6)** – ACWA will continue to provide key leadership as the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) works to develop a drinking water standard for chromium-6.

Clean Water Issues

- **Recycled Water** - ACWA works regularly with its members on concerns related to increasing the availability of recycled water as an alternative water supply. Our staff has provided regulatory leadership with input with member input on the State Water Resources Control Board Recycled Water Policy, and is actively engaged in the development of CDPH's groundwater recharge regulations that will provide criteria for recycled water to be used for groundwater recharge and surface water augmentation projects.

Groundwater

- ACWA published its groundbreaking policy document on groundwater management *Sustainability from the Ground Up: A Framework for Groundwater Management in California* in April 2011 and has been working to complete the 2012-2013 action plan that will guide activities related to groundwater for the next term.
- In April 2014, ACWA published its *Recommendations For Achievement Groundwater Sustainability*. Developed by a special task force and approved by ACWA's Board of Directors on March 28, these recommendations include legislative and administrative changes to strengthen groundwater management and accountability where it is deficient, provide new tools and authorities to accelerate progress by local and regional agencies, and guide enhanced state support where needed.

Federal Issues

- **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)** - ACWA supports on-going House and Senate efforts to conference a new WRDA bill. ACWA believes WRDA authorizations are not earmarks and should not be included in the earmark moratorium and the WRDA bill should return to a two year project authorization schedule.
- **Small Hydropower** - ACWA strongly supported and is pleased that bills to stream-line the permitting process for small hydropower projects, including in-conduit hydropower have been signed into law.
- **Financing Water Infrastructure** - ACWA's federal relations staff works hard to support funding for water infrastructure programs including EPA's State Revolving Funds, the Army Corp's Water Resources Development Act, proposed loan guarantee financing and the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI, Water Recycling program, and the Water Infrastructure Financing Authority (WIFIA).
- **Endangered Species Act** - Whether dealing with ecosystem management in the Delta or elsewhere, ACWA is working with state and federal agencies to adopt a comprehensive, ecosystem-based approach that addresses multiple species of concern and all potential significant stressors to the species and its habitat.

- **Water Quality** - ACWA supports the development of drinking water standards that are health protective. ACWA's Washington DC office works to ensure that all regulatory decisions affecting drinking water are made through the process established by the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- **Farm Bill** - ACWA supported reauthorization of the Farm Bill with sufficient funding for conservation programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and Regional Conservation Partnership Program. These programs ensure that on-farm and on-ranch operational, resource conservation, local economic, and rural sustainability goals are met. ACWA believes the Colorado River Salinity control project should receive \$17 million in EQIP funding.
- **Energy Water Nexus** - To help conserve water and save energy, ACWA supports authorizing EPA's WaterSense program and reinstating property assessed clean energy programs nationwide.
- **Clean Water Act** - ACWA is concerned about the potential impacts removing the definition of "navigable" from the Clean Water Act (CWA) could have on recycled water policy and conservation measures. Water storage and conveyance facilities for irrigation, municipal, commercial or agricultural purposes should not fall within the purview of the CWA.

ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority

- **Risk Sharing Insurance Programs** - Membership in ACWA provides agencies with the opportunity for exclusive access to huge cost savings with the ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA). These risk-sharing pools are cost-effective insurance programs that can provide phenomenal cost savings to ACWA Members.
- **JPIA's Employee Benefits Program** – JPIA offers flexible employee benefit plans, fixed rates, dedicated customer care advocates and a knowledgeable, trained staff available to assist members with cost containment, employer policies and federal health care reform and all state and federal requirements.

Discounted Services through ACWA's Preferred Provider Program

ACWA's Preferred Provider (APP) program provides member agencies unique, value added products and services at a reduced price negotiated by ACWA's huge buying power. Time and money can be saved through providers in solar, energy, natural gas, background checks, leak loss detection, translation services and more!

Communications & Outreach

ACWA's award-winning Communication Programs support and advance the association's legislative and regulatory agendas. ACWA membership also offers access to exclusive information on our website, www.acwa.com, and to industry-leading publications including ACWA News, E-News and other publications like guidelines on Proposition 218 and Proposition 26.

Some of ACWA's current communications programs include:

- **Drought Information Clearinghouse** – ACWA is working with members and other external groups to coordinate messaging and educate key audiences on drought impacts. ACWA also is serving as a go-to information clearinghouse on an array of drought-related topics, including local agency actions in response to drought.
- **Save Our Water** – ACWA leads the Save Our Water program in partnership with the California Department of Water Resources to provide conservation tips and information directly to consumers. In his drought emergency declaration on Jan. 17, Gov. Brown directed Californians to the Save Our Water website (www.saveourh2o.org) for conservation resources. The program was created in 2009.
- **Value of Water** - ACWA developed a tool kit available to all ACWA members with key Value of Water messages, sample materials, and graphics to allow members to tailor and customize for use in its own community to help educate the public on the costs of delivering water.
- **Rethinking California Water** - ACWA's new communications initiative brings fresh perspective to the current water policy debate. With this media outreach effort, ACWA hopes to inject some common sense concepts and observations into the current conversation to help policy leaders think differently about how we view and solve California's water challenges.
- **Local District Transparency** – ACWA has compiled some resources for member agencies to use to communicate the value and quality of services they provide every day. Water agencies have a long track record of delivering vital services to their customers. But that doesn't guarantee the public is aware of the services they provide and the important role they play in their communities. These resources can help deliver that message.
- **ACWA's Outreach Program** is a statewide network designed to engage ACWA Members on key bills and initiatives to make contact with legislators. The strength behind this program lies with ACWA's Outreach Ambassadors who have played an important role in advancing ACWA's legislative and regulatory goals. LADWP has been a true partner in providing regional outreach on issues affecting the communities it serves.

Conferences & Events

ACWA offers numerous conferences, trainings, workshops and events each year at member discounts. These include:

- **ACWA's Spring and Fall Conferences**
- **Continuing Legal Education**
- **Annual Washington DC Conference**
- **State Legislative Symposium**
- **Ethics Training**
- **Technical Certifications**
- **Regulatory Summit**
- **Regional Programs and Tours**