

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

April 2, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, April 2, 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; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; Brian Smith, Director of Engineering; Dan Dambach, Field Services Manager; Al Ducusin, Engineering Manager; Marlene Kelleher, Finance Manager; Brett Hodgkiss, Administrative Services Manager; and Marian Schmidt, Administrative Assistant. General Counsel Joel Kuperberg was also present.

Other attendees: John Odell, a member of the public.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Franklin led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

14-04-32	<i>Upon motion by Director Franklin, seconded by Director Vásquez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.</i>
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**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

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

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director MacKenzie requested that staff request that a detailed accounting of expenses be provided by the WilmerHale attorneys in connection with their consulting work on the Indian Water Rights Settlement case.

14-04-33	<i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Vasquez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 14-11 approving disbursements.</i>
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A. Waterline Project Approval

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board approved the waterline project and directed staff to file the Notice of Exemption for a project known as Monte Vista Drive Sewer Main and Access Road Improvements for the City of Vista (CIP NO 8199; LN 2012-020; DIV NO 3).

B. Quitclaim of Blanket Easement

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board approved Quitclaim No. 657 quitclaiming a portion of Blanket Easement No. G65 over a vacant residential parcel consisting of approximately 1.40 gross acres owned by John and Barbara Odell located at Sunrise Drive, Vista (APN 178-130-35; LN 2012-016; D-2253; DIV NO 3).

C. Minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting of the Public Affairs Committee

The Board noted and filed the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting of the Public Affairs Committee which were provided for informational purposes.

D. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on March 19, 2014

The minutes of March 19, 2014 were approved as presented.

E. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-11**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 47092 through 47177 drawn on Union Bank totaling \$635,306.64.**

**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 by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2014.**

**AYES: Directors Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None**

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**7. VID SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Franklin, as Chair of the Public Relation Committee, presented an overview of the Committee’s selections and recommendations in the VID Scholarship Contest. Director Franklin stated that the Committee also recommends that the Fiscal Policy Committee consider increasing the budget for the Contest for next year from \$3,000 to \$3,500 to allow for awards as follows: One award of \$1,500, one award of \$1,000, and two possible awards of \$500 each. The Board discussed whether larger awards

would increase participation in the contest. Administrative Services Manager Brett Hodgkiss reviewed all of the methods staff used to promote the contest and to encourage students to apply. Director Miller stated that he did not believe the level of participation has anything to do with a lack of promotion on staff's part or the monetary level of the awards. Director Miller said that the Optimist Club has two scholarships available each year that are larger than the VID scholarships, and the number of applications received for these scholarships is very disappointing. Mr. Coox said that he believes the level of effort put forth by the school counselor to promote the scholarship is the biggest variable affecting participation in the Contest.

Director MacKenzie suggested for next year's contest that the Committee develop a different parameter for the essay portion of the contest to make it very specific to Vista Irrigation District. Director Vásquez agreed with this idea, adding that perhaps the parameters should be changed every year to create a need for new and different research from the previous year. Director MacKenzie further suggested that a line item be added to next year's application asking the applicant to list the special districts which serve his or her neighborhood.

14-04-34	<i>Upon motion by Director Franklin, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors approved the award of a \$1,500 scholarship to Karen Ceballos from Vista High School as the winner of the Vista Irrigation District scholarship contest. The Board also approved awarding a \$750 scholarship to Moises Lopez from Rancho Buena Vista High School as runner-up and \$375 scholarships to Shannon Morrissey and Oscar Sowell also from Rancho Buena Vista High School as honorable mentions in the contest.</i>
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During the above discussion, member of the public John Odell joined the meeting. At this time, Mr. Odell addressed the Board stating that he was in attendance regarding Item 6.B of the Consent Calendar which he understood was already approved prior to his arrival. Mr. Odell stated that he would like to briefly comment that while the District was installing a water line at Sunrise Drive and Foothill Drive in Vista, he allowed the District to use his property as a staging area. Mr. Odell commented that the crew was as good as one could be. He commended the crew on the job, the clean-up, and their friendly demeanor. The Board thanked Mr. Odell and promised to pass his comments along to the appropriate personnel.

## **8. DIVISION REPORTS**

See staff report attached hereto.

President Dorey noted a lag in the Lake Henshaw Resort Activity Report. He asked if the lag is necessary. Director of Water Resource Don Smith responded that the timing of the District's receipt of the information contained in the report from the Lake Henshaw Resort staff can be inconsistent, so staff runs the report with a two month delay in order to maintain consistency for the Board's review of the report.

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

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller reported that the Water Authority Board approved contracts with HDR Engineering for corrosion engineering services and with V&A Consulting Engineers for corrosion technician support services, each for four years. Director Miller updated the Board on the Water

Authority's positions on various state bills (as detailed in the attachment to the staff report). Director Miller reported that the lawsuit was settled regarding the Lake Hodges pump projects and the Water Authority is pleased with the outcome. Director Miller reported that work on the San Vicente dam is complete, with work continuing on the marina and the bypass tunnel. Director Miller reported that the Water Authority will be relining Tunnel 3, and Sweetwater Authority will have its water supply interrupted as a result. The Water Authority has entered into an agreement with Sweetwater Authority to preload the Sweetwater Reservoir with a water supply that will accommodate its system's needs during the relining project.

Director Miller reported that the Water Authority Board approved the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force's recommendation to modify the rate structure for 2015, and to defer the final decisions about how to apply the debt and equity payments for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant costs until the end of 2015. Director Miller reported that there will be a special meeting of the Water Authority Board on April 10 for a presentation on the San Vicente pumped storage project.

**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 MacKenzie reported on her attendance at an ACWA Board meeting the previous Friday and the ACWA Legislative Committee meeting the week before, where time was spent discussing legislative issues such as the water bond. Director MacKenzie updated the Board about some of the proposed water bonds including AB 1331 and AB 2554.

Director MacKenzie reported on an initiative to reinstate redevelopment agencies called the California Jobs and Education Development Initiative (JEDI). This initiative would repeal the elimination of redevelopment agencies and allow local governments to reestablish redevelopment agencies and resume redirection of certain local property taxes to redevelopment projects, away from other local services. Director MacKenzie reported that JEDI would remove prior redevelopment law's requirements for redevelopment plans to have certain dollar and time limits and caps on redevelopment agency debt. It would expand the prior definition of blight to allow whole cities and counties as redevelopment areas if the unemployment rate exceeds statewide or national average.

President Dorey reported on his attendance at a meeting of the San Luis Rey Watershed Council where the discussion centered on the Rainbow Municipal Water District and Fallbrook Public Utilities District consolidation. Director Dorey requested to attend the Council of Water Utilities meeting on April 15, 2014 in Poway.

14-04-35	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Franklin, MacKenzie, and Dorey), the Board of Directors authorized President Dorey to attend the Council of Water Utilities meeting on April 15, 2014 in Poway.</i>
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**11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES**

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Coox informed the Board that staff was planning to agendize the VID Scholarship presentations for an upcoming Board meeting.

## **12. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Vásquez requested that staff prepare for the Board's information a monthly listing of the different water bond bills with a short synopsis of each. Director Vásquez reported on newspaper articles about the Water Authority's planning efforts for the future, the drought's effect on the wildflowers in Borrego Springs, and the about the drought relief bill clearing the Assembly panel. Director Vásquez reported on a newspaper article regarding a court ruling favoring non-disclosure of public officials' private email accounts. Director Vásquez also reported on a newspaper article about the City of Oceanside considering the demolition of its La Salina Wastewater Treatment Plant and whether it will choose to rebuild the plant or build a new pump station to send the wastewater to another plant in the city for eventual irrigation use.

Director Miller commented on the current drought and the competing water bonds and the need for a bond to be passed. Director Miller clarified that people must keep in mind that the water bond will be for the benefit of the Bay Delta, and not the Twin Tunnels which are typically discussed in connection with the bond. Director Miller reported that plans for the binational seawater desalination plant at Rosarito Beach in Baja California, Mexico are ongoing. Director Miller commented that there was an article in the morning newspaper about Vallecitos Municipal Water District receiving an award for transparency. Mr. Coox added that the article also mentioned other Districts in the County which have already received the award including Vista Irrigation District.

## **13. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

General Counsel Joel Kuperberg reported on a case involving the City of San Jose. This case resulted in the holding that if a director or employee of a public agency sends an email from a private device that is not paid for by the government, and using a private account, to another person who also uses a private account and device, that communication is not a public record. Mr. Kuperberg stated that this holding was based on an interpretation of the wording of the statute which indicates that the record has to be in the custody, control, and ownership of the public agency. Mr. Coox added that the judge was quoted as saying that he was merely ruling on the meaning of the statute and any implications of the ruling which appear to be contrary to the intent of the Public Records Act would be a subject for legislation.

## **14. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr. Coox informed the Board that with the rainy season virtually over, the level of Lake Henshaw was currently at 4,571 acre feet which is very low for this time of year. Mr. Coox reported that the solar kiosk in the lobby is now back up and running. Mr. Coox stated that he and Director of Engineering Brian Smith would be meeting with the City of Carlsbad and the City of Oceanside staff regarding pricing for the recycled water project. Mr. Coox announced that staff would be attending a workshop the following week at the Water Authority regarding the drought relief bill and the potential funding that would come from it.

Mr. Coox said that a draft itinerary was placed at the Board's places at the dais for the upcoming Board trip to Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch. He asked that Directors let him know if any revisions are desired. He noted that the meeting place and time to embark on the trip was the District headquarters at 8:00 a.m.

A brief break was taken from 10:14 a.m. to 10:23 a.m. Upon return from break, present in the audience were Brian Smith and Don Smith.

**15. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

President Dorey adjourned the meeting to closed session at 10:23 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. Philip Omdahl vs. Vista Irrigation District (Case No. 37-2013-00045757-CU-BC-NC)
- B. San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Litigation (Settlement)
- C. Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA)


The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:36 a.m. President Dorey declared that no reportable action had been taken.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 10:36 a.m. President Dorey adjourned the meeting to April 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

  
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Paul E. Dorey, President

ATTEST:

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



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.A

**Board Meeting Date:** April 2, 2014  
**Prepared By:** Al Ducusin  
**Reviewed By:** Brian Smith  
**Approved By:** Roy Coox

SUBJECT: WATERLINE PROJECT APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the waterline project and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption for a project known as Monte Vista Drive Sewer Main and Access Road Improvements for the City of Vista (CIP NO 8199; LN 2012-020; DIV NO 3).

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Staff is in the process of reviewing the City of Vista's Sewer Main and Access Road Improvements for Monte Vista Drive. The approval of this water system will allow the General Manager to sign the construction contract when the City returns it and will allow the City to continue with the construction of their project.

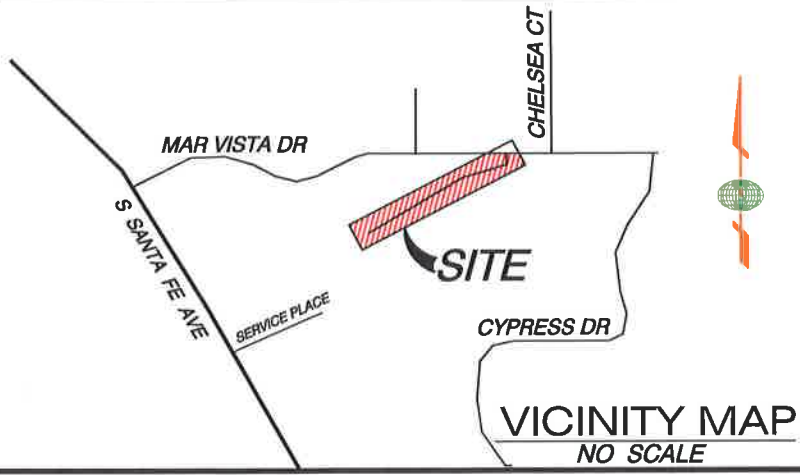
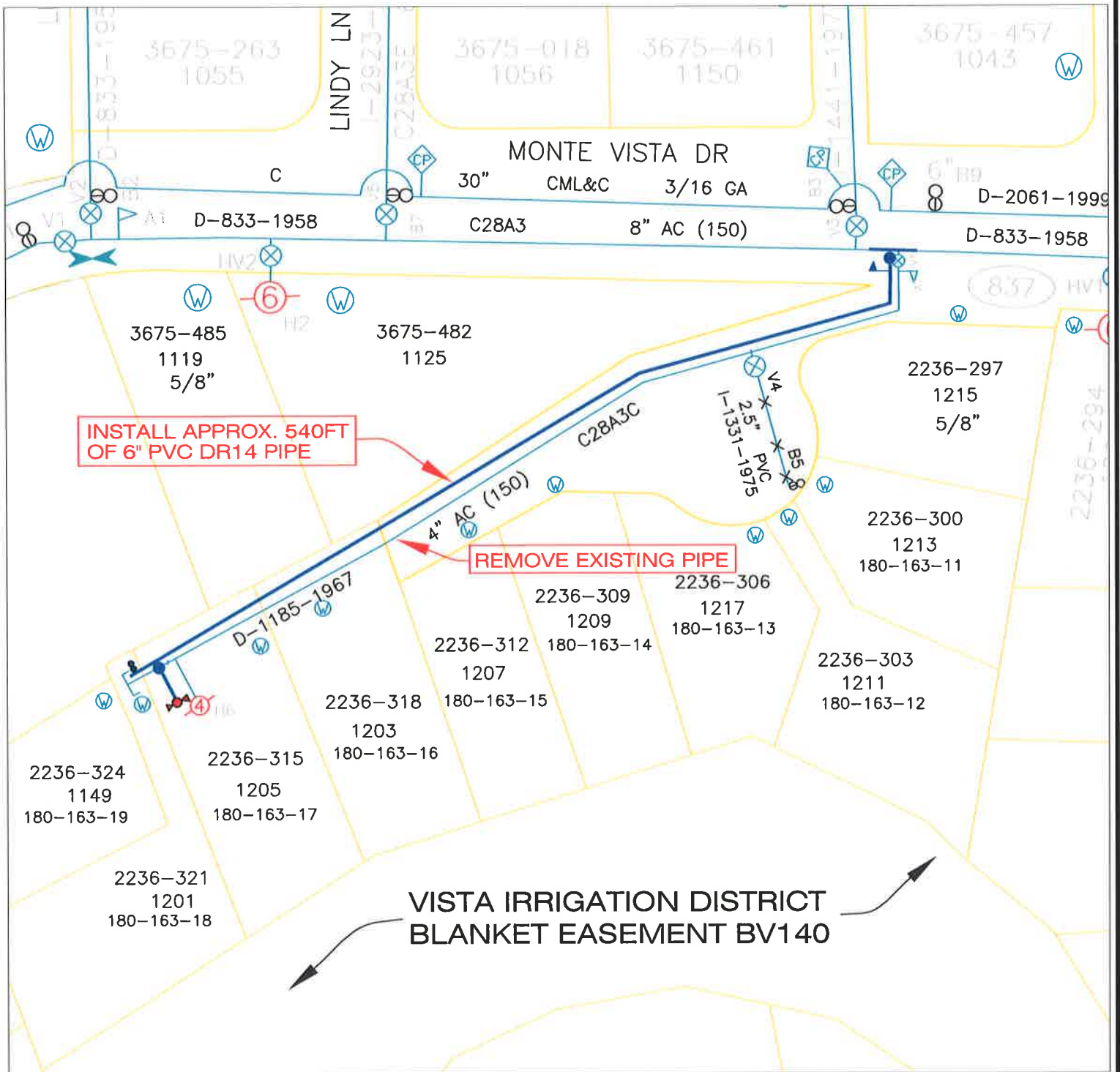
DETAILED REPORT: At City's expense, District forces will remove approximately 540 feet of existing 4" AC pipe and install approximately 540 feet of new 6" PVC pipe, nine 1" domestic water services, one standard 6" fire hydrant, and make connections as shown on the approved plans.

It has been determined that the District's existing Blanket Easement No. 140 over Monte Vista Drive (private road) has prior rights over the City's right-of-way. Therefore, all costs to relocate District facilities will be paid by the City.

The relocation of this waterline will allow the City to proceed with the development of their sewer improvement project.

ATTACHMENTS: See attached map.

# EXHIBIT



MONTE VISTA DRIVE SEWER REHABILITATION			
APN	T.B. 1088-D4		
SCALE <i>NTS</i>	L.N. 2012-020		
APPD. BY <i>AO</i>	DATE <i>3/24/14</i>	W.O. <i>D-XXXX</i>	
DRAWN BY <i>J.V.</i>	DATE <i>08/24/14</i>		
SHEET 1 OF 1	MAP <i>G15</i>		
REVISED			
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## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.B

**Board Meeting Date:** April 2, 2014  
**Prepared By:** Al Ducusin  
**Reviewed By:** Brian Smith  
**Approved By:** Roy Coox

**SUBJECT:** QUITCLAIM OF BLANKET EASEMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve Quitclaim No. 657 quitclaiming a portion of Blanket Easement No. G65 over a vacant residential parcel consisting of approximately 1.40 gross acres owned by John and Barbara Odell located at Sunrise Drive, Vista (APN 178-130-35; LN 2012-016; D-2253; DIV NO 3).

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** None.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**SUMMARY:** The owners have requested that Blanket Easement No. G65 be quitclaimed from their vacant residential parcel located at Sunrise Drive.

All District facilities have been installed within the public rights of way and the portion of water main within the owners' property has been removed in accordance with District's Rules and Regulations Section 3.14.2B.

**DETAILED REPORT:** The owners have allowed the District's construction department to use their vacant parcel located at Sunrise Drive as a temporary staging area during the construction of the District's Foothill Drive/Sunrise Drive Mainline Replacement Project (D-2253) in exchange for quitclaiming the blanket easement.

The District installed a new 8" water main within the private road south of this vacant parcel. The existing 4" AC water main through the owners' property was removed and properly disposed of. The owners currently have a locked 3/4" meter (ACCT. 1130-665) on their vacant parcel for a future residential home.

The blanket easement through the owners' parcel is no longer necessary, and it is recommended that this portion be quitclaimed.

**ATTACHMENTS:** See attached map.

# EXHIBIT "A"



**G65**

PRIVATE DIRT RD  
6" PVC (DR14)  
D-2253  
ABANDONED 4" AC (150)



1130-650  
2034 (W)

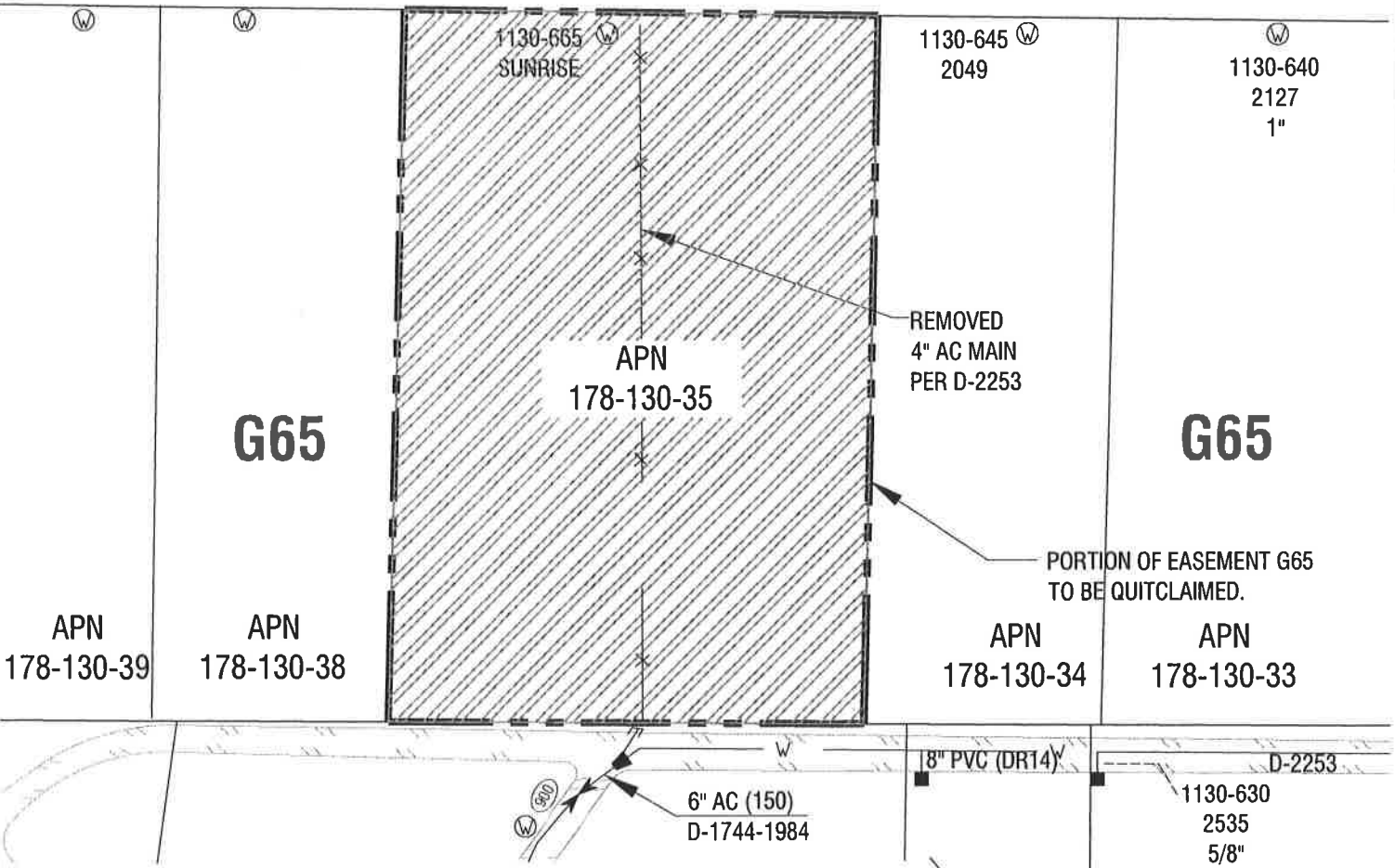
1130-638  
SUNRISE (W)

SUNRISE DR

10" AC (150) D

D-867-1959 (900)

COUNTY ROAD SURVEY NO. 1385



**OWNER**

JOHN E. & BARBARA J. ODELL  
2127 SUNRISE DRIVE  
VISTA, CA 92084

**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY LINE
- QUITCLAIM PORTION OF BLANKET EASEMENT (G65) DOC. NO. 16287 REC. 03/19/26 BOOK 1203, PAGE 38

## VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT QUITCLAIM NO. 657 PORTION OF BLANKET EASEMENT G65

APN 178-130-35		T.B. 1088-C7
SCALE: NONE		L.N. 2012-016
APPD. BY <i>MM</i>	DATE 3/24/14	W.O.
DRAWN BY: MM	DATE 3/3/14	<b>D-2253</b>
SHEET 1 OF 1	MAP 114	
REVISED: 3/12/14 Jeanette Bradshaw		
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**Cash Disbursement Report**  
 February 27, 2014 through March 12, 2014  
 (Payroll related checks are excluded)

Check		Vendor	Invoice Number	Description (Qty)	Amount Incl. Tax
Number	Date				
47092	03/05/2014	ABABA BOLT	849444-00	All Thread	96.56
47093	03/05/2014	ACWA/JPIA	0260920	Bryant/Ins/Mar 14	595.75
				VID/Ins/Mar 14	123,447.28
				Retirees/Ins/Mar 14	31,384.67
				Dorey/Ins/Mar 14	1,181.60
				Vasquez/Ins/Mar 14	1,181.60
				Franklin/Ins/Mar 14	1,426.09
				MacKenzie/Ins/Mar 14	1,426.09
				Miller/Ins/Mar 14	1,426.09
					<b>\$162,069.17</b>
47094	03/05/2014	AT&T	000005124901	1-13-14 to 2-12-14 Charges	2,293.16
47095	03/05/2014	Benchmark Landscape Services, Inc	109029	Landscape Service @ VID	988.00
47096	03/05/2014	Brithinee Electric	SI01874	Sta 10, Soft Starts	4,934.64
47097	03/05/2014	Calif. Urban Water Conservation Council	G1_2014-0234	Membership Dues	1,775.47
47098	03/05/2014	Capstone Fire Management Inc	1048	Safety & Rescue Training	1,300.00
47099	03/05/2014	Central Voice	140200550	Answering Svc 1/20/14-2/19/14	46.00
47100	03/05/2014	City Of Escondido	AR0000024899	Filter Plant/Nov-Dec'13	220,663.00
47101	03/05/2014	Coast Equipment Rentals	1663	Excavator Rental-Ora Avo	957.60
			3516	Excavator Rental-Plant 11	434.49
					<b>\$1,392.09</b>
47102	03/05/2014	Coastal Chlorination and Backflow	2705	Disinfection of Rolling Hills	330.00
47103	03/05/2014	CDW Government, Inc.	JW56517	Altiris Asset Management Suite	2,286.00



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			JW56517	Altiris Client Management Suite (150)	1,875.00
					<b>\$4,161.00</b>
47104	03/05/2014	Delp, Patricia	05465-170-8/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Closing	55.00
47105	03/05/2014	Delta Dental Insurance Company	BE000751234	VID/Dental 03/14	259.21
47106	03/05/2014	Dept of Forestry and Fire Protection	117825	Weed & Brush Abatement	225.54
			117861	Vegetation Control	563.85
					<b>\$789.39</b>
47107	03/05/2014	DIRECTV	22501803157	TV Service @ VID HQ	43.01
47108	03/05/2014	Evans, Robert	REIMB/DAMAGES 02/14	Main Line Failure	595.00
47109	03/05/2014	EDCO Waste & Recycling Svcs, Inc.	25-1A 846657 02/14	Trash/Recycle 02/14	200.49
47110	03/05/2014	Fastenal	CAVIT49718	Brass Fittings	1,676.62
			CAVIT49733	Brass Fittings	12.66
					<b>\$1,689.28</b>
47111	03/05/2014	Fredricks Electric, Inc	41005	Electrical Maintenance/Repair	545.00
47112	03/05/2014	Fuller Paving & Development, Inc.	4244-S-2ADJ1	Stop Notice Release	18,518.75
47113	03/05/2014	Glennie's Office Products Inc.	1413344-0	Office Supplies	168.49
			1414114-0	Office Supplies	828.55
			1414947-0	Office Supplies	342.06
			1414951-0	Office Supplies	120.44
			1414953-0	Office Supplies	17.88
			1415597-0	Office Supplies	564.02
					<b>\$2,041.44</b>
47114	03/05/2014	Granite Ranch Opportunities LLC	05483-470-4/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Closing	177.76



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47115	03/05/2014	GEI Consultants, Inc.	712644	Henshaw Calcs 01/14	243.00
47116	03/05/2014	H F Scientific, Inc	00189589	DPD Reagent for Chlorine Test	309.91
47117	03/05/2014	Horton, Knox, Carter & Foote, LLP	20097	Legal/Indian Wtr Rights 01/14	26,850.00
47118	03/05/2014	HD Supply Waterworks	C020734	Curb Stop LL .75" Comp. 300psi (12)	538.16
			C022349	Sta 11, Pipe Fittings	262.80
			C034251	6" POxFL adapter	195.87
			C084989	Flg x PO reducer	211.59
					<b>\$1,208.42</b>
47119	03/05/2014	Inland Water Works Supply Co	260459	ERT Brackets for Water Meters	97.65
47120	03/05/2014	Lacy, Jim	04723-085-1/CUST REFUND1	Customer Refund/Overpayment	221.21
47121	03/05/2014	Memcott, Aline	05462-051-1/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Overpayment	199.30
47122	03/05/2014	Mobile Hydraulic Equipment Corp	69940	B-21, Hydraulic Hose & Fitting	201.57
47123	03/05/2014	Networks 2000	16802	HP Hardware Maint Support	2,668.80
			16847	HP Care Pack Maint Support	427.88
			16855	Server Care Pack (4yr)	2,705.75
					<b>\$5,802.43</b>
47124	03/05/2014	North County Auto Parts	8120-234210	Trk 69, Spark Plug	(3.67)
			8120-237692	VM-1, Oil Filter	3.88
			8120-237829	Trk 1/ Starter Core, Trk 68/Tire Gauge	(79.93)
			8120-238034	Trk 23, Radi Cap	6.80
			8120-238108	Shop, Lift Valve Handle	163.04
			8120-238448	T-5, Axle Bolts	37.15
			8120-238745	Trk 66, Starter	156.17
			8120-238748	Shop - Metal Cutting	29.08



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			8120-239211	Shop - Hose Clamps	12.24
			8120-239259	Shop - Cleaner, Protectant, Oil	56.09
			8120-239639	Trk 72, Engine Spark Plug	13.35
			8120-240505	Shop - 2 Cycle Oil	11.96
			8120-240574	Trk 16, Engine Intake Cleaner	11.22
					<b>\$417.38</b>
47125	03/05/2014	North County Industrial Park			
			264-087737 03/14	HOA Fees/Lot S, Headquarter	256.40
			264-087738 03/14	HOA Fees/Lot T, Headquarter	879.30
					<b>\$1,135.70</b>
47126	03/05/2014	North County Powder Coating, Inc.			
			POWDER COATING/SKID 2/14	Powder Coat Skid	579.00
47127	03/05/2014	NAPA Auto Parts			
			173169	F-1, Oil Filter	3.97
			173170	VM-1, Oil Filter	3.36
			173171	Trk 33, Oil Filter	3.36
			173421	Trk 58/Filter, VM1/Adhesive	6.33
			173551	Trk 23, Door Handle	19.36
			173700	Trk 44, Fuel Filter	36.69
			173701	Trk 58, Oil Filter	3.11
			175372	T-5, Wire Cable	55.08
			175598	Trk 67, Adhesive Reflector	1.61
			175600	Trk 81, Filters, Trans Oil	46.86
			175615	Trk 67, Adhesive Reflector	1.61
			175717	Trk 81, Trans Oil	29.65
			175863	Trk 81, Trans Oil	(16.69)
			176121	Trk 66, Starter Solenoid	27.16
			178166	Trk 26, Hoses & Clamps	72.31
			178167	Trk 26, Hose Clamps	15.10
			178186	Shop - JB Weld	7.01
			178422	Trk 72, Engine Coil	87.46
			179275	Trk 26, Coolant Pipe	53.95
			182579	Trk 55, Oil Filter	3.11
			182580	Trk 35, Oil Filter	3.11
			182582	Trk 57, Oil Filter	3.51



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			182730	Trk 35, Engine Oil	71.15
					<b>\$543.56</b>
47128	03/05/2014	Pacific Pipeline Supply			
			164645	4" Bolt/Nut Set 307A (12)	69.01
			164801	Sta 11, Brass Nipple	27.04
			165123	MD Reservoir	72.00
			165232	Misc Plumbing Parts	818.91
			165262	Lupine Hill Reservoir Repair	58.11
			165267	Irrigation Line Repair Material	240.74
			165271	Pump Sta 11 Blue Bird Canyon	152.53
					<b>\$1,438.34</b>
47129	03/05/2014	Property Advantage Carlsbad, Inc			
			04751-285-7/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Closing	110.81
47130	03/05/2014	Pulte Homes			
			09001-510-4/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Closing	448.92
47131	03/05/2014	Quality Chevrolet			
			CTCS461738	Trk 27, Ignition Housing	328.78
47132	03/05/2014	Roberts, Adeline M			
			07257-400-0/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Closing	55.08
47133	03/05/2014	Rutan & Tucker, LLP			
			683384	Legal-General 01/14	3,803.35
			683385	Legal-Administrative 01/14	146.30
			683386	Legal-Facilities 01/14	336.00
			683389	Legal-QSA Litigation 01/14	9,892.41
			683390	Legal-Warner Ranch 01/14	2,208.00
			683396	Legal-Omdahl 01/14	4,789.71
			683398	Legal-Endangered Species 1/14	72.00
					<b>\$21,247.77</b>
47134	03/05/2014	San Diego Gas & Electric			
			00591723339 02/14	Gas 1/27/14-02/26/14	732.26
			03000315101 02/14	Electric 01/15/14-02/13/14	71.22
			15855119693 02/14	Electric 01/16/14-02/14/14	14,042.98
			32764388194 02/14	Electric 1/26/14-2/25/14	2,301.84
			36494485121 02/14	WCRH Electric 1/16/14-2/14/14	33.73



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			98031459852 01/14	TD 01/07/14-02/05/14	70.62
				RES 12/05/13-01/07/14	99.37
				CP 12/05/13-01/07/14	139.88
				STA 12/05/13-01/07/14	4,053.44
				PLT 12/05/13-01/07/14	113.66
					<b>\$21,659.00</b>
47135	03/05/2014	San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority	2274425	Legal-Water Rights 01/14	6,590.24
47136	03/05/2014	Sign Art	549	Signs for VID	233.28
47137	03/05/2014	Slater, Evan & Jennifer	04775-295-2/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Closing	100.00
47138	03/05/2014	Sunrise Materials of Vista	29530	Waddles	147.56
			30047	Replace Rock	301.63
			30214	Replace Rock	699.83
					<b>\$1,149.02</b>
47139	03/05/2014	SDIPMA-HR	MTG 3/20/14	Training/Luncheon 3/20/14 (4)	100.00
47140	03/05/2014	SKS, Inc./Petroleum Distributor	CL57085	Fuel	82.85
47141	03/05/2014	T.S. Industrial Supply	1066447	Locks 2029 Master (100)	1,128.40
			1066618	1" Paint Brush (36)	15.23
				2" Paint Brush (48)	33.85
				Rags 50lb (3)	119.62
				4" Paint Brush (48)	121.35
				Striping Paint Blue #750 (72)	277.33
				Black #206 Marking Paint (120)	408.83
				Blue #203 Marking Paint (144)	490.59
				White #207 Marking Paint (144)	490.59
				Striping Paint White #710 (144)	554.65
				Striping Paint Black #770 (160)	616.28
					<b>\$4,256.72</b>





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Number	Date				
47142	03/05/2014	TigerDirect, Inc	J60572950101	SCADA Laptop	561.78
47143	03/05/2014	Tyco Integrated Security LLC	21149437	Security/Fire Monitoring	719.12
			21173153	FOBS	110.97
					<b>\$830.09</b>
47144	03/05/2014	UniFirst Corp	360 1108071	Uniform Services	312.33
			360 1112145	Uniform Services	310.78
			360 1114195	Uniform Services	359.61
			360 1116248	Uniform Services	318.17
			360 1118330	Uniform Services	424.16
					<b>\$1,725.05</b>
47145	03/05/2014	Verizon Wireless	9719966073	1-13-14 to 2-12-14 Charges	80.02
			9720160708	Cellular Svc 1/16/14-2/15/14	1,530.69
			9720160709	SCADA Remote Access	118.98
					<b>\$1,729.69</b>
47146	03/05/2014	Vista Firestone Brake & Smog	48952	T-3, 2 Tires, Tubes & Mounting	643.23
			48997	T-22, 2 Tires and Mounting	503.44
			49072	G-9, Tire and Mounting	72.68
					<b>\$1,219.35</b>
47147	03/05/2014	Walters Wholesale Electric Co	2886624-01	Electrical Parts	9.20
			2886626-00	Parts for Electrical in Bays	376.66
					<b>\$385.86</b>
47148	03/12/2014	Accurate Measurement Systems, Inc	021414DP1	Transmitters, Valve Manifolds	2,736.22
47149	03/12/2014	ACWA/JPIA	VOO5 PROP INS 4/14-4/1/15	Property Ins 4/1/14-4/1/15	34,736.00



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Number	Date				
47150	03/12/2014	Benetrac	346644	Employee Benefits Tracking 03/14	400.00
47151	03/12/2014	Bloeser, Bonnie	06505-190-8/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Overpayment	35.08
47152	03/12/2014	Boot World, Inc.	1107502-IN	Footwear Program	175.00
47153	03/12/2014	Brugger, John & Janet	02227-050-0/CUST REFUND	Customer Refund/Overpayment	197.74
47154	03/12/2014	Council of Water Utilities	MTG 03/18/14	Coox/Mtg 03/18/14	25.00
47155	03/12/2014	Delp, Patricia	05465-170-8/CUST REFUND1	Customer Refund/Closing	55.00
47156	03/12/2014	Delta Dental of California	BE000750538	Bryant/Dental 03/14	43.77
				VID/Dental 03/14	9,867.81
				Dorey/Dental 03/14	84.50
				Franklin/Dental03/14	84.50
				MacKenzie/Dental 03/14	84.50
				Miller/Dental 03/14	84.50
				Vasquez/Dental 03/14	84.50
					<b>\$10,334.08</b>
47157	03/12/2014	Diamond Environmental Services	0000162800	Portable Restroom Svc	77.92
			0000163117	Portable Restroom service	27.00
					<b>\$104.92</b>
47158	03/12/2014	Direct Energy	140510020331486	Electric 01/08/14-02/06/14	1,241.65
				Electric 01/08/14-02/06/14	16,102.80
				Electric 01/08/14-02/06/14	6.45
				Electric 01/08/14-02/06/14	16.57
				Electric 01/08/14-02/06/14	28.20
				Electric 01/08/14-02/06/14	3,123.42
				Electric 01/08/14-02/06/14	37.11
					<b>\$20,556.20</b>

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Number	Date				
47159	03/12/2014	Drug Testing Network Inc	70209	DOT Random	215.00
47160	03/12/2014	Escondido Metal Supply	530529	Materials for Pump Skid	589.81
			531560	Aluminum Bar	14.66
			531918	Angle Steel	25.06
			532269	Steel Strap/Pump Station Skid	25.28
					<b>\$654.81</b>
47161	03/12/2014	Ferguson Waterworks	0464974	Adapter 6" CI POxFL (7)	672.61
			0465034/CM037946	Adapter 6" CI POxFL (5)	480.44
					<b>\$1,153.05</b>
47162	03/12/2014	Gemini Pest Control Inc.	300-140217	Pest Removal Service	75.00
47163	03/12/2014	Inland Water Works Supply Co	260460	Meter 100W ERT (144)	5,859.00
47164	03/12/2014	IGOE	116971	Cobra Admin Svc Fee 02/14	85.00
47165	03/12/2014	Lightning Messenger Express	0215142469	Messenger Svc 02/14/14	87.00
47166	03/12/2014	Mackenzie, Jo A	REIMB/ACWA COMMITTEE 2/28	Committee Mtg 2/28	465.00
			REIMB/ACWA SYMPOSIUM 3/14	ACWA Symposium 3/4-5	505.28
					<b>\$970.28</b>
47167	03/12/2014	Medina Construction	12941	SR#2565 836 Barsby	293.52
				SR#2564 660 Mar Vista	384.76
				SR#6303 1702 Hilo Dr	1,452.66
				SR#2562 981 Richland Rd	391.75
			12942	SR#6328 297 Westwood Dr	140.16
				SR#2617 1069 S Santa Fe	42.32
				SR#6307 2032 Sonora Ct	440.28
				SR#6304 668 Matagual	496.63
				SR#2616 222 Eaton Way	117.50



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Number	Date				
			12943	SR#2566 1913 West Dr	480.66
				SR#1724 1105 Woodrail Dr	508.42
				SR#6309 1913 West Dr	353.70
				SR#6308 919 Ruby Dr	520.26
			12959	SR#6353 1462 Olive Ave	739.53
				SR#6310 412 Hardell Lane	69.30
				SR#6351 915 Raintree Place	283.62
				SR#6352 560 Seaview Place	1,754.53
				SR#1352 1352 Athens Place	505.27
					<b>\$8,974.87</b>
47168	03/12/2014	Moody's			
			162729	Dump Fee	100.00
			162940	Haul Spoils	150.00
			163015	Haul Spoils	50.00
			163197	Haul Spoils	150.00
			163219	Dump Fee	100.00
			163520	Haul Spoils	50.00
			163541	Haul Spoils	50.00
					<b>\$650.00</b>
47169	03/12/2014	OCHS Oil Co.			
			220914 02/14	Fuel 02/14	12,465.80
47170	03/12/2014	Raymond Handling Solutions, Inc.			
			50124098	F-3, Forklift Service	98.00
			50124240	F-3, Forklift Tire, Cable	431.60
					<b>\$529.60</b>
47171	03/12/2014	Rincon del Diablo MWD			
			10-2016-0 02/14	MD RES Wtr Svc 1/17/14-2/16/14	27.15
47172	03/12/2014	S & J Supply Co., Inc			
			S100034430.001	Regulator Parts	4,767.43
47173	03/12/2014	San Diego Gas & Electric			
			54097721081 02/14	Electric 1/29/14-02/28/14	90.36
				Electric 12/30/13-1/29/14	45.76
					<b>\$136.12</b>
47174	03/12/2014	Sign Art			



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Check		Vendor	Invoice Number	Description (Qty)	Amount Incl. Tax
Number	Date				
			572	Shop - Vehicle Decals	399.06
47175	03/12/2014	Sunrise Materials of Vista	30000	Concrete 5 GL SpeedCrete 20min (15)	635.43
				Water Plug Tub 10# Quickcrete (60)	1,148.85
					<b>\$1,784.28</b>
47176	03/12/2014	Vista Lock and Safe Company	52720	Shop, Keys for Trucks	58.59
			52943	SCADA Cabinet Keys	6.30
					<b>\$64.89</b>
47177	03/12/2014	VG Donuts & Bakery	108265	Shipping 01/14	27.88
				<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$635,306.64</b>



**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 7**

**Board Meeting Date: April 2, 2014**  
**Prepared By: Directors Franklin & Vásquez**

SUBJECT: VID SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Public Affairs Committee's recommendation to award a \$1,500 scholarship to Karen Ceballos from Vista High School as the winner of the Vista Irrigation District scholarship contest. The Committee also recommends awarding a \$750 scholarship to Moises Lopez from Rancho Buena Vista High School as runner-up and \$375 scholarships to Shannon Morrissey and Oscar Sowell also from Rancho Buena Vista High School as honorable mentions in the scholarship contest.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

04/17/13 Awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Jesus Ramos from Vista High School as the winner of the Vista Irrigation District scholarship contest. Awarded \$500 scholarships to Elizabeth Castañon from Rancho Buena Vista High School, Luis Hernandez from North County Trade Tech High School and Jake Novacek from Mission Vista High School as runners-up in the scholarship contest.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$3,000.

SUMMARY: For sixteen years, the District had participated in the scholarship contest sponsored by CSDA. After many successful years of the scholarship program, CSDA decided "to embark on a new and expanded educational opportunity to reach a greater number of students in our local schools." To this end, CSDA has replaced the scholarship program with a new educational grant program to facilitate teachers to add curriculum geared toward increasing students' knowledge and awareness of special districts and their role in local government.

In January 2010, the Board decided to continue running the District's scholarship contest without CSDA participation. While a majority of the requirements remained the same as the CSDA scholarship contest, the essay topic was changed to focus on issues impacting San Diego County water supplies. In 2011, the essay question was changed to encourage more creative writing, and the requirement to cite information sources was eliminated.

The winning scholarship award is \$1,500, and the balance (\$1,500) is available to award to a runner-up (or runners-up) at the Committee's discretion. Last year, the Committee recommended and the Board awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to the contest winner and three \$500 scholarships to the runners-up.

DETAILED REPORT: In November 2013, application packets for VID's scholarship contest were provided to counselors of high schools within the District's jurisdictional boundaries. Follow-up calls were made to counselors to make sure the application materials were received and inquire as to students' interest in the program. Additional scholarship promotional efforts included: placing information about the scholarship in Rancho Buena Vista High School's monthly scholarship bulletin; recording a segment on the scholarship program for Vista High School's daily video bulletin; issuing a news release; and announcing the program on our on-hold telephone message and web site. Application materials were also made available on the District's web site. VID received eight applications by the February 28, 2014 deadline.

Public Affairs Committee members Franklin and Vásquez were the competition judges. The Committee reviewed the applications and recommends Karen Ceballos from Vista High School be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship as the winner of the Vista Irrigation District scholarship contest. Based on the number of applications received and the quality of applicants, the Committee also recommends awarding a \$750 scholarship to Moises Lopez from Rancho Buena Vista High School as runner-up and \$375 scholarships to Shannon Morrissey and Oscar Sowell also from Rancho Buena Vista High School as honorable mentions in the scholarship contest.

If the Committee's recommendation is approved by the Board, a certificate for \$1,500 will be presented to the winner and certificates for \$750 and \$375 will be presented to the runner-up and honorable mentions at the April 16, 2014 Board meeting. Once each student has enrolled at a university, District staff will forward a check for \$1,500 (and \$750 or \$375) to each university on behalf of the student(s).

ATTACHMENTS: Scholarship Applications

**Caitlyn Buesch**





2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
(Competition is open to high school seniors  
who live or attend school in VID's service territory)

Name: Caitlyn Buesch

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

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

High School: Vista High School GPA: 4.4086

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

I will be attending Humboldt State University for a Bachelors Degree in Anthropology. After I graduate, I plan on joining the Peace Corp and the National Park Service.

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

- \*Sewed quilts for Hospital kids - Barbara Buesch
- \*Made blankets for Dorca's House in Tijuana Mexico as part of Interact Club Jessica Knieff
- \*Organized, collected and handed out books with Interact in conjunction with Photo Club for Help Portrait Laura McKay
- \*Member of RNC Honor Guard team 19  
Thomas Haygood

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)  
National Sojourner's Medal for Americanism and Patriotism 2013  
AP Scholar 2013  
Amvets National medal 2012  
Military Order of the Purple Heart National Medal for Leadership 2011

If employed, job title and total hours per week: N/A

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



# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Admissions & Records

December 9, 2013

Caitlyn A. Buesch

Vista, CA 92084

Dear Caitlyn,

Congratulations! Humboldt State University is pleased to offer you admission for the Fall 2014 semester as a resident of California. We take great pride in the high quality of students who choose Humboldt State, and we want to commend you on your academic achievements. You have been admitted provisionally, based on the information you supplied on your application for admission. We will use your official, final transcripts to verify completion of each of the admission requirements; if requirements have not been fully satisfied, your admission will be cancelled. If any information from your application changes, please let us know by email.

We are confident you will enjoy your educational experience at Humboldt State. Our distinguished faculty and innovative learning facilities provide exciting academic challenges for our students. The city of Arcata and surrounding communities warmly welcome Humboldt students and offer everything from friendly coffee shops to hiking in the awesome redwoods.

As you begin to make plans for the upcoming fall term, we encourage you to think about becoming involved in our campus community, especially as a member of one of our 180 clubs. If you are interested in living on-campus, you will have access to complete the online Housing application process at <http://myhousing.humboldt.edu> after March 3, 2014 at 4:00 PM. Housing is assigned on a first come, first served basis, determined by the date you submit your application. For more information about the license application process and important deadlines, visit the Housing website at <http://humboldt.edu/housing/apply>. Please contact the Housing Office at (707) 826-3451 or at [housing@humboldt.edu](mailto:housing@humboldt.edu) if you have any housing questions.

Advising and registration take place through our Humboldt Orientation Program (HOP) in the summer. Detailed information about the orientation program will be sent to you separately in the spring. Please continue to check your email regularly for important information from HSU.

We have enclosed your Terms of Admission. Please read this carefully – it outlines steps you must take to finalize your admission. We welcome you to Humboldt State and look forward to your arrival on campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steve Ladwig'.

Steve Ladwig  
Interim Director of Admissions

Enclosure: Terms of Admission, Freshman Deadlines

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## Essay

With the current drought in California, the people of Vista need to understand the magnitude of the drought and how it takes a group effort to make conservation a priority and in turn, make an impact on our water usage.

First of all, education about the gravity of the situation is key. Many people don't know that California would not be what it is today without the modern marvel of irrigation. With the advent of the most recent drought, it's possible that not even advanced irrigation systems will keep California green. Educating citizens of Vista about the possibility of a "mega drought", an almost common occurrence in past centuries in our state's history, may help citizens understand that conservation is of the utmost importance. A relatively simple measure to educate citizens could be to including a fact or two about water usage and conservation on customers' water bills, such as how a five-minute shower can use 25-50 gallons of water and how using a more efficient showerhead could reduce your usage significantly, in turn saving you money. It is proven that awareness influences people to change their habits, and merely generating awareness can warrant significant changes.

Promoting the three R's, Reducing Reusing and Recycling can help the customers of the Vista Irrigation District conserve water and allow people in the future to have water. Consumers, businesses, and individuals should reduce their water usage whenever possible through simple steps like turning off the water when brushing their teeth, taking shorter showers, and fixing leaking pipes all are incredibly simple ways to reduce water usage with little to no cost to the consumer. A more long term water saving measure includes planting native drought resistant plants. Succulents, lavender, and sage can save hundreds of dollars on water bills over the course of multiple years, easily paying for their installation. Consumers should also try and reuse water when they can, such as catching water that is wasted while the shower warms up or washing cars on their lawn (which also prevents toxic soaps from running straight into the ocean). When possible, using reclaimed water allows water to be recycled in cases where drought resistant plants can't be immediately planted by the City.

I believe the Vista Irrigation District could set the example for other water districts by working with the city to retrofit public buildings with water saving features. I know that at

my school, there are multiple areas where sprinklers either overwater areas or are not even pointed at areas that need water, frequently spewing water onto sidewalks for anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes twice to three times a week. Not only does excess water pose a hazard to students, staff, and visitors, it also raises costs to the school and takes water out of the system that could be used in more efficient ways. There are multiple areas around the city with the same problems and, if these problems were corrected, the city could save thousands and conserve water for people today and in the future.

Educating customers, promoting conservation, and taking steps to correct inefficient usage of water will allow water supplies to last longer and provide water now and in the future, should the drought continue.

### Sources

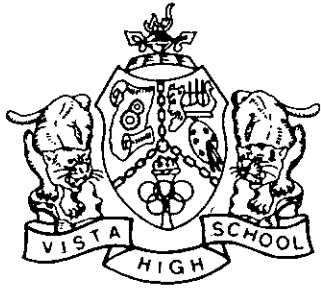
<http://www.mnn.com/money/sustainable-business-practices/sponsorstory/11-surprising-facts-that-will-change-your-water#>

<http://news.msn.com/in-depth/scientists-past-california-droughts-have-lasting-200-years>

### Personal Statement

I am attending Humboldt State University this coming fall to pursue a degree in Anthropology. With this degree, I'm planning on working for the National Park Service as an interpretive ranger. These rangers teach people about the National Parks and the importance of preserving them. The things I will learn in my anthropology courses will give me the knowledge I need to illustrate the importance of history in the National Parks, such as why the Anasazi growing corn changed the course of human history, and how past actions of cultures affect people today. I also plan on working with the Peace Corp either overseas or here in the US, allowing me to use what I learned in my classes to work with people of different cultures, a valuable skill to have in an increasingly globalized world.

Exploring new places and partaking in adventures is a major part of who I am. I enjoy trying new things and I intend to continue doing so in the future with my college and career experiences. Eventually I intend to live in a variety of places from Washington State to South Carolina, even Britain and Italy pursuing my love of new experiences through entities like the Peace Corps and other intergovernmental and intra-governmental organizations.



# VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

One Panther Way  
Vista, California 92084-3101

*"Building for the Future"*

Phone (760) 726-5611  
Fax (760) 630-9738

February 26, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

This Letter of Recommendation is being written on behalf of Caitlyn Buesch towards the Vista Irrigation District Scholarship. I have the great pleasure of being Caitlyn's Environmental Science teacher at Vista High School and her club advisor for the school's outdoor club.

In class we discuss the importance of Earth's resources and the impact that humans have on Earth. I have witnessed Caitlyn as an agent for sustainability and discovering ways how she can modify her choices to reduce her ecological footprint.

Caitlyn is also actively involved in the school's outdoor club. Through the outdoor club she reinforces honesty, trust and integrity by being conscious of the natural environment through the values of the Leave No Trace program that encourages enjoying nature through low impact choices to our environment. On various backpacking trips and hikes, she is able to appreciate first hand the impact that humans have on the environment.

Caitlyn is also a natural leader. In the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at VHS, she has performed funeral services for veterans at the Riverside National Cemetery. Within this group she is also working on creating a women's mentoring group to help her female peers prepare for the unique challenges that females have as young adults. Caitlyn's service as a leader is also seen through the VHS Interact Club in which she helped to make 17 blankets for orphanages in Tijuana, Mexico.

The qualities that Caitlyn has gained throughout her high school career plays into her aspiration of becoming a National Park Ranger. In this role she will continue to use her knowledge and skills to commit herself to conserving Earth's precious resources for others to enjoy for generations to come.

I am confident that Caitlyn will use her experiences to fuel her passion for the environment and advocate for the conscious preservation of our shared resources.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Ortiz-Luis

Environmental Systems & Societies teacher  
VHS Outdoor Club Advisor

February 17, 2014

To whom it may concern:

RE: Character Reference- Caitlyn Buesch

The purpose for this letter is to provide my personal character reference for Miss Caitlyn (Katie) Buesch. I have known Katie for four years when she and her older sister became friends with my daughter at Vista High School. They spend much time together in and out of school.

Katie was in color guard at Vista High School with my daughter for two years. She was a role model to the other students in the way she carried herself responsibly and as a team player. She was always punctual and prepared. I chaperoned many of the color guard competitions, always finding Katie helpful and respectful to the adults as well as her teammates. She always followed directions and was a pleasure to have as part of the group.

Katie has also been a member of the ROTC program at Vista High School for all four years. Through ROTC she has participated in many volunteer opportunities where they have helped other groups on campus and the community. Through her hard work, perseverance, and dedication, Katie has earned the position of Vice Commander, an accomplishment that speaks highly of her responsibility and integrity.

What I enjoy about Katie is her kindness to all people. Her intellectual demeanor, in conjunction with her unquestionable character is what will allow her to not only reach a level of excellence, but to help those around her.

I may be reached at \_\_\_\_\_ for any further questions.

Sincerely,



Idalid Ramirez



**Karen Ceballos**



**2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(Competition is open to high school seniors  
who live or attend school in VID's service territory)

Name: Karen Ceballos

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

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

High School: Vista High School GPA: 5.0

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

I plan to attend a 4 year university (UC Berkeley, University of Colorado Boulder or Humboldt State University, depending where I get in) to pursue a degree in biology, ecology or environmental science. Because I am unsure where I am attending, I just included my acceptance letters.

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

See attached sheets

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other) 3rd Place Vista High Art Award, Panther of the Month (7 times), Nominated & participated in the 2013 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp, Nominated for Girls State, Union Tribune San Diego's All-Academic Team Award, Principal's Academic Honor Roll,

Vista High Student of the Year, Vista High School Athletic Award, AP Scholar Award, Dawn Patrol Scholarship, & National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar (10 hrs)

If employed, job title and total hours per week: Food & Beverage Associate at Legoland

Job Responsibilities: Cashier, Dishroom & Patis, Food Prep, Preparing Stir Fry, Breads & Kids Meals

Community Service

Event	Grade	Date(s)	Total Service Hours
<b>Beach Cleanups</b> David Hanlon	9, 10, 11, 12	4/30/11 2/11/12 3/17/12 11/3/12 3/16/13 9/7/13	16
<b>Krikorian Creek Clean-up</b> David Hanlon	12	2/1/14	3
<b>Alta Vista Gardens (Fall Fun Festivals and Earth Day Festivals)</b> Nancy B Jones	10, 11, 12	10/8/11 10/6/12 4/13/13 10/12/13	13
<b>Organizing Earth Day Week at School</b> David Hanlon	11	4/14-27/2013	10
<b>San Elijo Conservation Work</b> Elaine Doge	10	4/21/12	3
<b>Helping Teachers and Library at VMMS</b> Laura Versaci	10	5/18/12	6.5
<b>Freshmen Advisory</b> David Hanlon	10	2011 Semester 1 every wednesday elp	8
<b>Anstine Audubon Center</b>	11, 12	12/19/12 1/5/13	19

		2/2/13 2/23/13 5/11/13 12/7/13	
<b>Homeless Walk (Sponsored by Photo Charity)</b> David Hanlon	11	10/7/12	3
<b>Canine Companions for Independence</b> David Hanlon	11	11/11/12	3.5
<b>Brengle Terrace Cleanup</b> David Hanlon	11, 12	11/17/12 9/28/13	6
<b>Spot Animal Rescue Decorating Ornaments</b> David Hanlon	11	11/13/12	2
<b>Made, Decorated, Distributed Recycle Bins to Vista High School Teachers</b> David Hanlon	11	2012 November and December	5
<b>Volunteer at Oceanside Turkey Trot</b>	11	11/22/12	4
<b>Bobier Family Literacy Night</b> Olga Greenlee	11	2/28/13	4
<b>Vista Adobe Cleaning up the</b>	11	3/2/13	4.5

gift shop David Hanlon			
Washington Middle School Beautification Eric Chagala	11	4/13/13	3
Pole Painting at VHS David Hanlon	11	3/16/13	3
Mission Meadows Jog-a-thon	11	5/17/13	4
Organizing the Toys for Tots Drive Dennis Sosnowski	12	Month of October	9
Wild Wonders Animal Sanctuary Jackie Navarro	11, 12	Ongoing (started in March)	253 hours so far
Haunted House David Hanlon	12	11/4/13	10
Taking Elementary School Students to Wild Animal Park David Hanlon	12	1/24/14	8
Krikorian Cleanup David Hanlon	12	2/4/14	3
			Total Hours (so far): 280.5



# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Admissions & Records

December 13, 2013

Karen R. Ceballos

Vista, CA 92084

Dear Karen,

Congratulations! Humboldt State University (HSU) is pleased to offer you admission for the Fall 2014 semester as a resident of California. We take great pride in the high quality of students who choose Humboldt State, and we want to commend you on your academic achievements. You have been admitted provisionally, based on the information you supplied on your application for admission. We will use your official, final transcripts to verify completion of each of the admission requirements; if requirements have not been fully satisfied, your admission will be cancelled.

You have applied to HSU as a Biology (Ecol & Biodiversity) major for the Fall 2014 semester, which is an impacted program. **Humboldt will make a final determination of the eligibility requirements for this major after the end of the application filing period.** A final offer of admission to your intended major will be made to you based on the eligibility criteria determined at the end of the application filing period. If you are not able to meet the eligibility criteria for your intended major, you may be eligible to attend HSU under a different major. *SAT or ACT scores are required for all applicants from schools outside the local area.*

As you begin to make plans for the upcoming fall term, we encourage you to think about becoming involved in our campus community. If you are interested in living on-campus, you will have access to complete the online Housing application process at <http://myhousing.humboldt.edu> after March 3, 2014 at 4:00 PM. Housing is assigned on a first come, first served basis. For more information about the housing application process, visit the Housing website at <http://humboldt.edu/housing/apply>, call the Housing Office at (707) 826-3451 or email [housing@humboldt.edu](mailto:housing@humboldt.edu).

Advising and registration take place through our Humboldt Orientation Program (HOP) in the summer. Detailed information about the orientation program will be sent to you separately in the spring. **Please continue to check your email regularly for important information from HSU.**

Please read the enclosed Terms of Admission carefully – it outlines steps you must take to finalize your admission. Welcome to Humboldt State!

Sincerely,

Steve Ladwig  
Interim Director of Admissions

Enclosure: Terms of Admission (on reverse side), Freshman Deadlines

## VID Scholarship Essay

With the issue of drought weighing heavily upon California's agricultural and municipal areas, conserving our water supply, brought to us by the Colorado River and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta River Valley, has become more imperative than ever. In order to ensure adequate water supplies for Vista Irrigation District customers today and in the future, water conservation must be attempted in all aspects of society and efforts should be taken to reduce our dependency on outside water sources by seeking new sources.

As agriculture uses up 80% of California's developed water supply, it's vital that we reduce agricultural water waste (runoff) and minimize evaporation by regulating what times of the day farms can water. While education about water sustainability for farmers is important, I think it is more effective to provide economic incentives for using water conservation technology, charging fees for excess run-off, or potentially raising water prices slightly. We should strongly encourage the use of drip systems, which are becoming increasingly affordable, and consider growing more drought resistant crops and less crops like alfalfa and rice that demand a lot of water.

Yet it would be completely unfair to blame farmers for the massive amount of water they use, for it is our demand (and in some cases, our overconsumption) of food, that forces farmers to continue using such enormous amounts of water. Our water issue is strongly interconnected with our overconsumption of *all* resources, including food, energy and materialistic goods. This could include doing things like having one vegetarian meal a week, since meat requires water to feed both the livestock and the plants fed to the livestock, or using recycled paper products, which are produced using less water.

Equally as important, water conservation must be more integrated into our city planning and design. This means installing more drought efficient landscapes in place of water intensive grassy lawns. Choosing drought resistant alternatives, like beautiful succulents or rock gardens, are just as aesthetically pleasing as lawns, use up much less water and incorporate aspects of California's native plants. Having worked in a restaurant, I also understand how much water is typically wasted. Water waste can be reduced by forcing these establishments to install water efficient appliances, educating

employees about the severity of our water shortage, and potentially increasing the price of water. While this may seem extremely detrimental to business, the higher water prices will hopefully encourage restaurant owners to place greater importance on water use and force their employees not to waste as much water. Other industries should be forced to collect and recycle their water, especially those that use tons upon tons of *water to produce products or materials*. One of the most important aspects of water conservation will be utilizing and creating innovative technology. We can apply this technology in our personal lives by switching out inefficient appliances for more efficient ones. Economic incentive is an essential feature of these personal choices, and while the VID's rebate program is amazing, it doesn't receive the publicity it deserves and will need to be more publicized in order to attain more success. Installing inventions like urinals whose water both washes one's hands and flushes the urinal could also help reduce our water consumption.

While the negative impacts on the environment still have not been fully examined, cities should look into desalination plants as a potential supplement to our existing water sources. Depending on the success of the desalination plant being constructed in Carlsbad, desalination would be an appealing possibility because it could be constructed right on the Southern California Coast, providing us with our supply of water that would require little transportation and would alleviate the water stresses placed on Northern Colorado, the Central Valley and Northern California. More research must be invested into creating technology that allows us to take advantage of our existing resources. I think this would be the perfect opportunity to utilize biomimicry, a science which studies the adaptations of animals and uses that knowledge to create technology that can improve society. For instance, we can take inspiration from the *Stenocara* beetle of the Namib Desert, an insect that collects water by sticking its rear end upward into the fog to allow water droplets to condensate and channel down into its mouth, to develop fog collecting devices. This would take advantage of the thick marine layer we have along our coast. Scientists in Australia have already started developing fog collecting devices, and this technology could be easily applied to San Diego roofs and structures. By supplementing scientific research for more efficient ways of obtaining water with changes in our personal habits, we can resolve our water crisis.



## Personal Statement

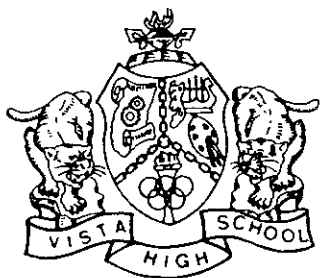
My fascination with science, especially environmental studies, biology, and ecology and evolutionary biology, emerged from the family camping trips I went on as a child. As I listened to Ranger talks and watched bats swoop through the looming Sequoias, I caught my first glimpse of the exciting, elaborate and interconnected world of biology. It was humbling to think I was part of such a grand system, and one of the reasons I love learning about the environment is because the complexity, beauty and unexpectedness of nature never ceases to inspire me. The world is incredible when viewed through a scientific perspective, and I'm excited by the challenge of understanding the ecosystems and evolutions of a habitat and its organisms. I am also very interested in environmentalism and finding ways to live a more eco-friendly life and solve current environmental issues. This passion motivated me to create Environmental Club because when I first came to high school, it seemed like students lacked any environmental activism aside from attending the typical high-school beach cleanup. I decided to create an Environmental Club devoted to community service, teaching green practices, and using education to cultivate a generation that could one day reverse the effects of environmental issues. My love for the environment has kept me motivated to organize monthly cleanups, environmentally related fields trips and other events like our annual Earth Week Celebration, despite the obstacles I have encountered trying to convince high school students to care about the environment.

In addition to studying environmental science and biology at school, I've been involved in conservation work at local preserves, volunteering at both the San Elijo Lagoon and the Anstine Audubon Nature Preserve where I work to eliminate invasive plant species that threaten to eradicate California's native chaparral plants. I also have explored my love for zoology by volunteering every week at Wild Wonders, a sanctuary for abused, non-releasable and confiscated wildlife. Both of these activities have given me a greater appreciation and curiosity for ecosystems and environmental studies, further affirming my passion for the care and conservation of wildlife and wilderness areas. As camping trips have increased my awareness of the many threats to wilderness areas and our natural resources, I feel that it is my duty to protect such important places from disappearing. Essentially, I want to pursue a degree in biology or

ecology with a minor in environmental science at UC Berkeley, University of Colorado Boulder or Humboldt State University so that I can become an ecologist researcher or wildlife biologist, and thus be better equipped to preserve our dwindling natural resources. I want to ensure that ecosystems in places like the San Elijo Lagoon or our local Anza Borrego Desert are forever protected, and preparing for a career in conservation biology or wildlife biology field is how I can make this a reality.

Since I was a child making and selling handmade cards to my elementary school teachers, I've also had an equally strong passion for art. I love learning new techniques and art-forms, and currently enjoy painting, drawing, ceramics, jewelry-making, scrapbooking, and sewing. Since my design was chosen to be the logo for a new middle school, I've grown interested in graphic design and sought to pursue my interest in high school by creating posters, logos and shirt designs for the school clubs. It is *incredibly empowering to see people wearing my design or to have one of my posters in their binder*; it gives me a sense of connectedness and power in my community. While it's difficult to find time to create art, I still always make sure to create handmade gifts and cards for my friends and family, and I also make and sell earrings at a local boutique. I enjoy pushing myself to innovate new, creative designs in all aspects of art.

Lastly, I love working with children with disabilities and have been the publicity officer of our school's Best Buddies program, a program that focuses on forming friendships with students with special needs, for the past three years. I help organize and advertise parties, talent shows and Best Buddies Prom, which provide opportunities for students with disabilities to have fun and socialize with other students. One of the best hours of my week is eating lunch with the special-education students and my own 'Buddy' we are paired with for the year. *They have truly inspired me with their positivity and kindness*, and I consider it one of my main goals in high school to ensure that they feel welcome and valued and that their high school experience is as enjoyable as possible.



# VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

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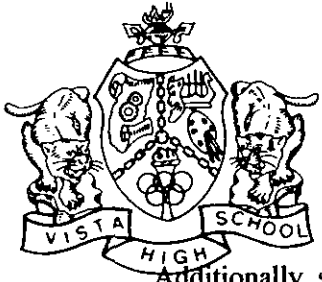
Mr. David Hanlon  
Vista High School  
One Panther Way  
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(760) 637-2542

January 4, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Karen Ceballos for your scholarship award. I have known Karen for three years as her Character Leaders classroom teacher, and through her involvement with numerous campus leadership and service organizations I advise. She is a brilliant student and leader, one who is extremely well-rounded, intellectually talented and curious, highly responsible and exceptionally hard working. Karen is a rare student and human being. She is one of the top students I have had in my eighteen year career, both academically and in the character leadership she exhibits, and the mark she makes on our campus will benefit future generations of students in powerful ways.

Karen is the ideal model student and citizen of her school, community, nation and world. She demonstrates exceptional character leadership by example and initiative, both on and off campus. She has a strong thirst for knowledge, for meaningful growth experiences, for challenges, and is one of the top students at our school. She has a very compassionate heart for serving others, actively pursuing ways to positively impact our world. She is extremely hard working, and the very impressive results she produces and her cheerful attitude inspire students and staff alike. She walks the talk of good character in a very inspiring manner, living with integrity in every area of her life. She is ranked 3rd out of a class of 600, has a 4.95 GPA with a challenging load of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes, and is a leader in the International Baccalaureate CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) Program. She is consistently recognized for her academic excellence as a member of the Principal's Honor Roll, is a full International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate, and is highly involved as a leader in campus organizations that promote a positive school environment. Just a few of her contributions to our campus include service as a leader for our huge Breaking down the Walls school climate workshop that trains 800 students in good character, and work as a Safe School Ambassador, making a significant contribution to our positive school climate through outreach to disconnected or bullied peers. She is the founder and president of our Environmental club, is a multi-year officer of our Best Buddies Club, is a leader on our Academic Team, our Outdoor Club, our After School Program leadership team, and serves as our ASB Community Relations Officer. In this capacity, she connects community charities and businesses with our school to create projects that help solve local community problems, as well as serves those most in need in our community. She created twelve beach and park clean-ups in our community, organizes our annual school Earth Week activities, and is a volunteer at Wild Wonders, a wildlife rescue organization.



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Additionally, she was a leader on our tennis team and is involved with all school charitable drives to help those in need. Karen is a doer. She sees a need and doesn't wait for others to create solutions; she brings people together to make sure change is made. She is a creative and model volunteer on and off campus, always looking for ways to serve from her heart, not merely as a check-off to do for college applications. In this regard, Karen is the most notable student I have had in my career.

What sets Karen apart from many others is her tireless drive and focus to become the best version of herself, her creative, collaborative and solutions-oriented nature, her heart for service to others in need, and the massive positive impact she has on others. For Karen, service is a way of life. She has completed many hundreds of hours of service in the last few years and is busy nearly every weekend positively impacting our world for people, animals and the natural environment. Last year, she co-organized a prom for students with special needs, and helped execute our school-wide relief drive for the American Red Cross, raising hundreds of dollars for Oklahoma tornado victims. Recently, she helped lead a team of forty students in creating a haunted house tour benefitting UNICEF. This elaborate charitable event required many hours building sets, collecting and organizing props, designing layouts, and creating lighting and costumes and sets. Recently, she co-organized a very elaborate and professional silent auction to raise money to send the entire second grade class of Temple Heights Elementary School to a behind-the-scenes tour of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park for conservation lessons. She and her team raised over two thousand dollars, filled out all needed paperwork, and coordinated all activities for the day. Additionally, she has participated in numerous school-wide drives to help homeless people and animals. These are just a few of the many ways she contributes to our world in the midst of a massive and challenging academic load. She does this, too, with an ever-cheerful and positive spirit. To this end, she was awarded *Panther of the Month*, an award honoring good character on campus, and she was chosen as our school representative for the prestigious Rotary Youth Leadership Camp. Karen's reputation precedes her. When there is a need, Karen is the first to jump in to help. She is trusted deeply because she is so reliable in character, attention to detail and excellence.

Karen is an extremely well-rounded and exceptional leader with excellent interpersonal communication skills, dependability, initiative, and humility. She is a highly valued leader in the Character Leaders program at Vista High School I coordinate, a program focused on character education and leadership across the curriculum at Vistas High School. She has modeled the Six Pillars of Character the course is based on (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship) in an inspiring manner. She is extremely self-reflective and hungry for personal growth and excellence, and always strives for excellence, never being complacent in this pursuit.

Karen is a stellar and inspiring young leader, one whose amazing abilities, self-reflective focus on personal growth, and generous compassion are centered on making a positive difference in the lives of others.

I strongly urge you to consider Karen for your scholarship award. She is a brilliant, well-rounded role-model and inspiration for all, and I am honored and filled with joy to be her teacher.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

Mr. David Hanlon



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February 27, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this Letter of Recommendation in regards to Karen Ceballos for the Vista Irrigation District Scholarship. I have the pleasure of being Karen's teacher for Environmental Science at Vista High School and the advisor for the school's outdoor club. Karen is a highly motivated student who continually goes out of her way to be of service for others and the environment.

In school, Karen is an enthusiastic learner who excels in both academics and character. She is currently ranked third in her class of 553 students. In the classroom, she is a well-spoken advocate for sustainability of our resources and is conscious of how her choices and actions impact the planet. Her curiosity for learning about the environment lends her to ask questions and provide solutions that are thought provoking and relevant to the local community and global issues. Karen is also involved with the outdoor club at school. Through the club she has been able to utilize the concepts from her environmental class and apply them to real world scenarios on our trip last year to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

Karen's character exemplifies honesty, trust, and integrity through her involvement in the Best Buddies program at VHS where she serves as the publicity chair. Members of the club are devoted to forming relationships with special needs students. The facilitators bond with the students by playing games and hosting events like talent shows and prom.

Karen is a persistent advocate for maintaining an environment that will be enjoyable for future generations. Karen is the President and an original founder of the VHS Environmental Club. Through the club she is frequently organizing cleanups at local beaches, Krikorian Creek, and Brengle Terrace Park. She also helps to organize the school's Earth Day/Week.

Karen's true passion lies in her volunteer work she does at a wild animal sanctuary. Her responsibilities include preparing and feeding the diets for the animals, cleaning their enclosures, and socialization/behavioral enrichment.

Karen is an extraordinary young woman who cares deeply for others and the environment. Her love for service will extend to her future aspirations of working as a biologist with an emphasis in conservation and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Ortiz-Luis

Environmental Systems & Societies teacher  
Outdoor Club advisor

**Moises Lopez**



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FEB 28 2014

VISTA IRRIGATION DEPT.

2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name: Moises Lopez

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

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

High School: Rancho Buena Vista High School GPA: 4.0 (weighted)

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

4-year university

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

ASB - including part of the committee that worked with ~~the~~ the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant wishes to children with diseases. Rancho Christian Fellowship. Best Buddies club. Track and Field. Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)

Dean's List  
Employee of the month (In-N-Out Burger)  
Elected to Social chair officer position in Associated Student Body at Rancho Buena Vista High School.

If employed, job title and total hours per week: Store Associate at IN-N-OUT Burger.

Job Responsibilities: TO provide quality customer service and a fresh tasting product that our customers would return for.

Hours: 25 per WK

Moises Lopez

February 15, 2014

V.I.D. Scholarship Applicant

### Water Supply Essay

There is a saying that prevention is cheaper than clean up. In order to ensure adequate water supply for Vista Irrigation customers today and in the future, conserving water should be the approach taken to do so rather than taking measures to create usable water once it is too late. Northern California is not as lucky to find themselves in the same position that Southern California does. Because places like San Diego get the majority of their water supply from the Colorado River, Southern Californians are not in as much of a hurry to conserve water and to reduce strain on their usage. In Northern areas of California where the cities must produce the majority of their own water, they have begun to enact conservation laws to lessen the amount of water being used. The Earth is three-fourths water and yet, it is not always enough!

The world would be a much more beautiful place if the majority of people carried out actions for the sole purpose of protecting the environment and saving nature/wildlife for the generations to come. Although that would be a glorious prospect, that is not people's mindset in most cases. In order to get citizens in the eco-friendly mood, one must offer incentives; a factor that tells an individual how it would benefit him or her. One way to do this would be by offering rebates on more water efficient systems! For example, citizens of California often take pride in their home and garden. Xeriscaping is having water efficient plants in ones garden such as cacti in order to maintain a natural look, while still saving a significant amount of money on water costs. By offering a discount or rebate to enact xeriscaping in people's homes, not only would Vista Irrigation District be conserving water, but it would spark interest in citizens who never wanted to make the switch before due to the cost.

California, and San Diego County in particular, is mostly recognized and characterized by one thing; the beach and the beach lifestyle. The ocean is a



source of life and spirit for many Californians up and down the West coast. For Vista Irrigation customers, how much more in sync could one feel with the beach and ocean if they knew that the water coming out of their shower heads, faucets, hoses, and sprinkler systems were all from the ocean ten minutes away from their house. Although it may be a more outlandish proposition, an effective way that water could be made sure to be readily available for future generations of Vista Irrigation District customers could be to build a large desalination plant for multiple cities in various counties. By using the plant for the needs of multiple cities and jurisdictions, the costs and maintenance could be split between however many areas wish to reap the benefits from the plant. The ocean is surely not going to dry out; therefore, it is a dependable and consistent source of water for people to use. By splitting the expenses with multiple cities, the expenses would not be felt nearly as much locally and could lure city governments to take part in such a bold process. By no longer relying as heavily on an exhaustible source of water such as the Colorado River which multiple cities and counties rely on for the bulk of their water supply, issues stemming from the fear that future generations of Vista Irrigation District customers would not be provided an adequate amount of water would be futile.

No matter how small an effort is to conserve water; it is still an effort worthwhile nonetheless. Whether a citizen switches to a more water efficient toilet, or implements xeriscaping in their home. that effort could go a long way in conserving for future citizens of San Diego county. It is not always about changing sprinkler systems and topography in ones home, it is about changing minds and opinions and perceptions on how truly important it is to save water. Whether a person takes a shorter shower, or gets all their water from a desalination plant that has turned the pacific into a fresh water haven, adequate water supplies for Vista Irrigation customers thirty years down the line could be ensure by any effort of the people to conserve water today.

Moises Lopez

February 15, 2014

V.I.D. Scholarship Applicant

### Personal Statement

The time of year where high school students nationwide should be scrambling and losing hours of sleep in order to fill out as many scholarship applications as they possibly can is upon us! I say should because more than likely, the majority of students are not doing so. It is highly advised that students attempt to qualify for as much financial aid as possible before they enter the most expensive and important years of their lives; however, it is often the lack of drive or motivation that stands between the average student and scholarships. Whether a person has scholarships, or not, the average student is already extremely blessed. Simply having the opportunity to pursue a higher education and being able to study any interest one might have is something that the majority of the world is not fortunate enough to have and that is a fact I do not take lightly.

Coming from third-world countries, both of my parents were unable to attend college. They work entry level jobs, my father working two jobs, in order to just come up with enough money to get our family by. With two siblings already in college, and a third battling anxiety, it is getting harder and harder for them to keep coming up with enough funds to meet our growing expenses. I thank God every single day that they have both instilled me with the same work ethic and drive that they both possess. They do not let themselves become depressed or feel sorry for themselves, on the contrary, they too realize how blessed they are. They repeatedly tell me that as hard as it is to keep up with all the bills, that they are extremely grateful for what they have. Their families that they left behind in El Salvador and Mexico are in much tougher positions than our family could ever be in. My driving motivation to succeed is first and foremost my parents. They love me unconditionally and I want to make them proud. By pursuing a higher education, I not only am fulfilling my wants and ambitions; but theirs as well. To

have their child succeed in life and become a functioning member of society, I imagine, would make all their efforts and struggles at this point in my life worthwhile. I want to pursue a college education so that I do not squander an opportunity that my parents could only wished of having when they were my age.



## **Rancho Buena Vista High School**

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**Principal: Chuck Schindler**

**Assistant Principals: Heather Golly Carlos Gómez Eileen Hermansen**

February 27, 2014

Dear Scholarship Committee,

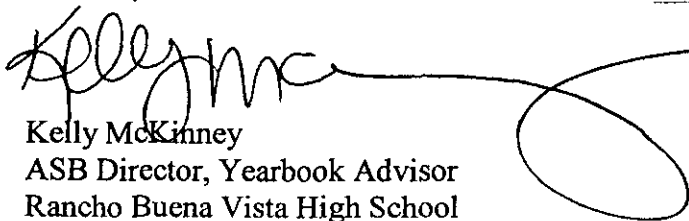
It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Moises Lopez. Moises is a young man whose maturity is far beyond his years. Outside of his hard work in the classroom, Moises has been a very active leader at Rancho Buena Vista High School and in the community.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Moises through his leadership in ASB. Moises works extremely hard on all projects he is involved in and is looked upon as an outstanding leader in the ASB organization. Regardless of the task, Moises will ensure that the job is done, on time and to the highest standards. He is also the voice of the Ranch and we hear him every morning on the announcements. Moises is a member of the RBV track team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and still finds time to hold a part time job. He might sound like a typical high school student, but when you have a chance to speak with him it is surprising how mature and confident he really is.

What has impressed me over time is Moises' dedication to things he believes in. Moises has a strong base and potential for growth in leadership beyond high school. He possesses the characteristics that are needed to be a leader in the classroom, student government and beyond. This year, Moises was a member of the Vista's Big Committee. For over three months, he worked with a team of students from the district, adults and community members on a fundraising effort for Make-A-Wish. This service learning project was responsible for a \$76,000.00 check being presented to the San Diego Chapter. He is also one of the members of the 2014 RBV Relay for Life team who will walk as a team for 24 hours for the American Cancer Society.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Moises Lopez for this scholarship. Please feel free to contact me for more information on this exceptional candidate.

Sincerely,



Kelly McKinney  
ASB Director, Yearbook Advisor  
Rancho Buena Vista High School

February 19, 2014

To Whom it May Concern:

Moises Lopez has been one of my associates here at In N Out Burger for about a year now. Not only has he been extremely hard working since the day that I hired him, but he has received numerous compliments from customers and other associates about the friendly and positive attitude he brings in to work with him every day. I typically tend to hire those who are friends with current associates so that I could truly grasp the character they have rather than just make a blind guess during a ten minute interview; however, Moises had a presence about him, a peaceful yet vibrant energy that caught my attention right away. He knows for a fact that he will not remain a worker here at In N Out Burger in the long term, the value he can bring to a business goes much beyond fast food service. Despite knowing that fact, I appreciate that he *does not let that deter him from coming in everyday and working just as hard as those higher levels in the store who have families to feed and bills to pay.* In hopes of having his work ethic spread to all my new associates, he is often chosen to train multiple new team members in numerous positions. I truly believe that he puts what the team needs and what the customers need before his own; and in a world in which fast food service is quickly declining, that is not something to take likely. I appreciate his diligence and effort on a daily basis, and sincerely hope that he gets rewarded for it in more ways than one.

Jaime Arcega  
Store Manager, In N Out Burger Store #61

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**Shannon Morrissey**



2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
(Competition is open to high school seniors  
who live or attend school in VID's service territory)

Name: Shannon Morrissey

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

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

High School: Rancho Buena Vista GPA: 4.67

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

4-year university

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

Vista Library - 2 hrs per week for 13 weeks

Carlsbad Marathon Water Station - 7 hrs, 1 week

RBV Band Tournament - 8 hrs, 1 week

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)

AP Scholar

Principal's Academic Honor

Best Character Actress - Aladdin Jr. (RBV Children's Show)

If employed, job title and total hours per week: N/A

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

## Ensuring a Water Supply Essay

2013 was the driest year ever recorded for many parts of California and this drought may worsen. Changes in the climate have been sped up by human pollution, and the situation in California will not get better without serious changes in water policies. Not only do residents of California need to be educated in water conservation, they also need to take responsibility on an individual level. The drought may be part of a much longer trend, and if habits are not changed now, the results could be disastrous for all Californians.

Many local communities have taken it upon themselves to create voluntary water restrictions and some San Diego County water districts created mandatory restrictions in 2007 to 2011. Though San Diego itself is a rather good example of conscientious water habits, the areas closer to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Colorado River are not. All of California desperately needs to crack down on water wasting habits such as overwatering, water system leakage, and high-flow plumbing fixtures. Locally, the reward system offered by water companies, including the Vista Irrigation District, is also useful in solidifying resident participation. Educating the community about these benefits will help persuade people to take water conservation steps in their own homes. However, there needs to be a statewide educational program to teach those in agricultural areas or areas that are just now installing water meters the good habits that San Diego County exemplifies. Being at the end of the line has created an awareness in Southern California for water conservation, but does the rest of California also sense the desperation caused by drought?

Widespread water conservation in the home will prove to be helpful, but the king of water usage is California's agriculture. 80% of the state's developed water supply goes into agriculture. Certainly, agriculture will always require a large water supply, but the techniques currently being used in the Central Valley create a large problem for all of California's supply. A majority of the crops grown in central California are not the most effective crops to be grown in an arid environment nor are the best technologies being utilized. Some farms have been responsible and cut down on water usage;



however, farmers need to reconsider if the crops they are growing are really the most efficient for the land they are choosing to grow them on.

Not relying heavily on northern rivers and the Colorado River is the key to providing a more dependable water supply. Receiving water from the Colorado River runs the risk of surplus water that cannot be adequately stored at this time to ensure water during times of drought. For the future, there should be a reliable way to capture surplus water for during drought years. Surplus water from other regions should also be utilized when a neighboring region is in a period of drought. Short-term water transfers help offset potential water shortages, but local water availability is necessary. Creating local desalinization plants will offset the use of imported water and diversify Southern California's water sources.

Times of drought require participation from all parties involved with California's water to ensure that the whole of California is able to live comfortably. The key is to begin with suggestions for voluntary water conservation, and if these are not enough to ensure California's water supply, then to create state legislature to force all of California to act together. Prioritizing more water efficient and appropriate crops for central California and maintaining only the necessary amount of irrigation will cut down greatly on wasted water. On a local level, creating special watering days per week and creating an initiative to install low-flow plumbing in all households will lower water bills and help conserve precious water. Conservation is needed now to ensure a positive future for California's water supply.

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## Personal Statement

My world has exposed me to a plethora of different choices and interests. I blame a lot of this on my wild and insane family. Their strange combinations of preferences have influenced me because they have allowed me to explore a variety of new subjects. These aspects of my world have created who I am and defined my aspirations.

The most important part of my world is my family. Seeing my family members' diversity in their careers and interests opened my mind to discover what I wanted to do myself. On one side of my family, I have artists, fashion designers, and actors. On the other side, there are engineers, linguists, and nurses. The polarity of my family's interests has also polarized what I desire to pursue.

Ever since I was a toddler, I've loved animals. When my family adopted our first puppy, it was an enlightening experience for me. Growing up with animals not only made me fonder of them, but made me understand how important animals are to human beings. I knew from an early age that my career must involve animals or biological science in some way. Whether it's in research, veterinary medicine, or owning a zoo, I aspire to further my knowledge in zoology. Recently, my brother has been describing the courses he has taken in biology and other related sciences to me. His influence has pushed me even more towards making zoology my focus. Thanks to my family, I have been exposed to a whole new world of science that I aspire to be completely immersed in one day.

My world was turned upside down, in a positive way, when I got cast in a play in seventh grade. I only auditioned because I knew my aunt loved theatre herself. Yes, I caught the drama bug. It seems clichéd, but I certainly fell hard for acting. Ever since, I've been involved in school plays and also have watched more films and performances. I pick all the performances apart, searching for nuances and technicalities so I can learn everything possible about performing arts. It has almost become an obsession of mine. Were it not for my aunt's influence, I never would have been exposed to such a life changing art.

Though I don't know how I can achieve success in both zoology and theatre, I know I will, because my experiences have created a sense of relentless determination toward accomplishing my goals. My aspirations are varied because my world is varied. Ultimately, I am thankful, because my world has allowed me to be able to attempt a multitude of subjects and explore what I truly aspire to be. One pursuit may end up being my life's work while the other becomes my life's hobby, but my future will involve all of what my world has allowed me to aspire toward.

To Whom It May Concern,

Shannon Morrissey has been a student of mine for two years. This young lady is extremely bright and has great potential. Her dedication to art is noteworthy. She is talented, dedicated and humble. Shannon has a constant smile on her face and her respect for others make her admired and respected by her peers. She is insightful, inventive and inspirational in all of her endeavors.

She is kind and optimistic. I believe that the caliber of her dedication is incredible. Shannon has an enthusiasm that is contagious and her genuine approach to working with others is noteworthy. This young lady has a wonderful outlook on life. She endeavors at completing tasks and maintains a strong work ethic.

This student has accomplished many things. It is without hesitation and unbridled enthusiasm that I recommend Shannon for any scholarship available. Please feel free to contact me regarding this amazing young lady.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Scott

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Scott', written in a cursive style.

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Shannon Morrissey, a wonderful young lady, talented actor, dedicated student, and hard working athlete that I have had the pleasure to know for three years.

I first met Shannon in her sophomore year of high school. I coach cross-country and track and she came out for both teams that year. Shannon was not the most naturally gifted runner I have coached, but she was one of the hardest working. She never missed a practice and she put forth her best effort every day without complaint. She showed tremendous improvement and I was very happy with her progress.

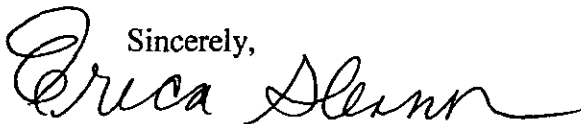
Shannon is also an extremely talented and hard working actor. I have had the pleasure to watch her in a number of productions and her talent is undeniable. According to her Drama teacher and coach, she displays the same work ethic and drive in theatre as she does in track. She is a very dedicated student, and she has to make priorities. She is well respected by staff and students alike and is a vibrant participant in her classes.

As a student, Shannon is very dedicated. She takes honors, AP, and IB classes. She is ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in a class of over 600 students. She is serious about continuing her education at a four year university. She hopes to double major in biology and theatre.

This scholarship would go a long way in helping Shannon pay for college. She has an older brother at SDSU. Shannon has applied to top UC schools and will need financial assistance to help her realize her dreams. She works in the summer at Legoland in order to assist in the cost of her education, but with her high school and soon her college schedule, working will be part time and more funds will be needed.

I enthusiastically recommend Shannon for this scholarship. She is tremendous young lady and is an asset to our school and community. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erica Glennon". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

Erica Glennon  
Coach

**Maria Fernanda  
Perez Muñoz**



**2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(Competition is open to high school seniors  
who live or attend school in VID's service territory)

Name: Maria Fernanda Perez Muñoz

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

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

High School: Mission Vista High School GPA: 3.35

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

After graduating high school, I plan to attend a four year college, where I will major in Biology or Pre-Med to become a doctor. During college I also plan on obtaining a job in which I will have money earned to help pay for college and aid in lessening the burden over my parents.

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

- M.e.Ch.A Club (Operation Hope) - Desantiago, Sooyeohn
- Beach Clean-ups (M.e.Ch.A) - Desantiago, Sooyeohn
- Teachers Assistant (Grapevine Elementary) - Smithfield, Rosemary
- Tutor - Claudia Muñoz

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)

- Photo Image (County Fair Best Photo - 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Peer Mentor Camp (Training Completion certificate)
- Reality Changers Scholar [College Apps Academy]

If employed, job title and total hours per week: Babysitter - 14hrs per week

Job Responsibilities: feed, shower, play, watch over small infants while guardians are out at work or nights out



## Essay

After every seed that was planted followed a drop of glistening dihydrogen monoxide, from the flourishing of each seed, luscious fruits and leafy green vegetables could soon be found in all produce isles. Water as we call it does not simply keep our bodies hydrated but provides a source of nutrients to farm lands, our gardens and loving creatures. It is a source of life that routinely goes unnoticed whether it involves taking showers, washing dishes or leaving our sprinklers turning and squirting water on our sidewalks, grass areas or even windows. With minimum importance to how water is provided for our daily use, we disregard the fact that as Californian's an average of about ninety-three percent of us rely on publicly supplied water, to help meet regular domestic water needs. Resulting in an estimate of thirty-four billion gallons of dihydrogen monoxide for the United States water utilities to supply for Californians'.

Through the worst of droughts and sizzling days, our water supply has been given to each of us on a daily basis, from the Northern California via the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Colorado River. An average of about eighty percent is delivered. But if placed into thought, how would the Californian community react if they could not find a drop of water any where? Would the community begin to pay attention for once and consider all of the past calls of action in taking care of water and shutting off our handles, not spending so much time in the shower or wasting cups of water. With much to think about little is being done to help ensure adequate water supplies for our community.

Recent news articles recall a controversial new plan developed by governor Jerry Brown in support of building two large tunnels to help overturn the levees completely, resulting in an approximate cost of \$16.9 billion dollars. In constructing these massive tunnels each would be approximately 40 feet high and 35 miles long, which would be submerged under the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Although, Governor Jerry Brown's proposal for tunnels would not only provide a more reliable source of water to 25 million Californians it would help restore endangered salmon, melt and other fish who also rely on the Delta for survival.

Perhaps the main point in constructing such tunnels would be to benefit our water

systems and provide for adequate water supplies to all individuals, but before initiating construction it would take an extended amount of time, and to be completely honest we as a community must find the solution to have adequate water supplies, now. Living in California is said to be a blessing, to be living on the land God so blessed and why not use all Californians' resources to come up with a plan that provides water we need. Maybe two \$16.9 billion tunnels are not necessary. We could help ensure adequate water supply all by ourselves, starting by decreasing the contamination that goes on daily, each day oceans are being trashed and oil tanks being dropped in the great deep blue. If we could place a stop to that and start picking up trash whenever we see it, it would allow for an increase in our water supply. Contamination would no longer be an issue and unlike other geographical locations diseases would not hunt us down because of our faults.

As a senior in high school I believe that the power to help ensure adequate water supply all depends on its recipients. I believe that so much could be done by all of us if we all helped pitch in a helping hand to collect trash, take a day off and take a stroll through your street or local park, or beach and pick up at least a wrapper. Come together as a community and attend local meetings in which we all speak our thoughts and come to a conclusion to stop oil dropping in our oceans.

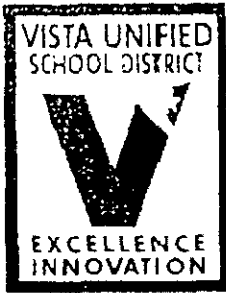
Let us place into consideration that all that occurs to planet earth is our fault, we have placed ourselves in this very position and yet blame others for having to do with unfertilized crops, dehydrated bodies, and dead lands. The reality of things here is truly the collaboration and love we show for our communities. For my fellow Vista community members I strongly encourage us to act upon such hazardous problems and work together to help gain adequate water supplies for the Vista Irrigation District. It is a step into life, and we must not waste our waters.

### ***Personal Statement***

As a Latina who was born and raised in Mexico D.F., I can say that perhaps the only reason why my parents' took the risk of immigrating to the United States was to give my sisters and I a better future. They came in search of the so called "American Dream" in which both happiness and freedom were to be shipped together, at no extra charge. With a past full of scars and a past life lived in a community that lacked an educational foundation, the older I grew I realized that attending college was not an option but a necessity. I had come to acknowledge that in being accepted to college, not only will I have initiated the journey to a better future, but I will have found a dozen more ways in the near future to help out the family members, teachers, friends and neighbors who helped me strive for a better and brighter future. Personally, as a future college student my mentality is set as such; I acknowledge that by attending college, I will have a secure future and job hunting will not consume my time. I will have shaped my community skills and expanded my knowledge, as I learn to communicate with an entire university lavished with diversity. Most importantly in attending college, I will have placed the best possible example to my younger siblings' as I encourage them to continue their education in order to live a happier and healthier lifestyle.

I have learned that my passionate desires for becoming a well known doctor, have risen from the necessities I for so long observed as I grew up and that now my goal was to attend a college which would provide for me either a major in biology or pre-med, where I will earn my masters degree or doctorate degree. As I strive to be the physician who will help patients in times of pain, when they see no light at the end of the tunnel, it is my goal to help them not only cope with their overpowering disease, but to treat them with dignity.

I am sure that if I was given such an opportunity as the Vista Irrigation District Scholarship, I would wisely make use of such a significant blessing. It would be an investment in what I am sure will provide me a better future and encourage others to treasure the tradition of applying for scholarships and attending college.



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Assistant Principal

January 10, 2014

To Whom it May Concern:

It is an honor to be writing this letter of recommendation for Fernanda Perez. Fernanda was in two of my classes last term, AP U.S. History and an elective class called, "A Socio-Political History of Rock 'n Roll." Fernanda was one of the bright lights in both of these classes, and a stand out because of her enthusiasm for life, her natural curiosity for learning, and her compassionate nature.

In the classroom Fernanda was an absolute joy. She was always eager to be in class, always had a smile, and often led the class in rich discussions. My observations of Fernanda in the classroom were impressive; she was able to articulate her position, and yet not alienate the opposing side because she did such a good job listening to the counter position. In the 16 years that I have taught, Fernanda is one of the most courteous, respectful, and optimistic students to grace my classroom. Even in a class of 39 students you learn who Fernanda is almost immediately because of her sweet nature.

Fernanda is among the second graduating class of Vista's newest high school, Mission Vista High School. The school is a magnet high school drawing students from across the district that are particularly interested in the visual and performing arts, as well as technology. Fernanda demonstrated risk taking and individuality by choosing to attend a school that leaves behind the more traditional trappings of the high school experience, and instead forge ahead one's unique talents. The risk has paid off for Fernanda because the school, now in its fifth year, leads the other schools in API scores and focuses on technology and the arts, in addition to traditional core classes.

Fernanda always gives 110%, no matter what it is. She has pushed herself by taking honors courses and has maintained a "B" average throughout her high school tenure. Fernanda is a Reality Changes Scholar, a founding member of the school's M.e.CH.A club working tirelessly on scholarship fundraisers, and is one of the school's Peer Mentors. She also gives of her time selflessly in her community by volunteering at a homeless shelter called Operation Hope, as a Youth Leader and Organizer at her church, and regularly participates in beach clean ups.

As you can see, Fernanda is a very well-rounded individual. She excels inside and outside of the classroom and is an asset to her community. If I were to use three words to describe Fernanda, they would include: respectful, honest, and determined. She works very hard and does so with a great deal of integrity. She always puts her best foot forward, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of a letter of recommendation than Fernanda.

I would highly recommend Fernanda as a candidate in any endeavor she pursues, and I believe she is the ideal candidate. She is rare gem in every aspect.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [teresagerent@vistausd.org](mailto:teresagerent@vistausd.org)

Sincerely,

Teresa L. Gerent, Teacher  
MISSION VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

The purpose of Vista Unified School District is to inspire each and every student to persevere as critical-thinking individuals who collaborate to solve real-world problems

## JUDITH MARQUEZ

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February 21, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I hold Fernanda Perez in the highest esteem, and recommend her for the Vista Irrigation District scholarship without reservation.

I have known Fernanda for about eight years and I have watched her grow up into the charming, creative and hard-working young woman she is today.

I first met Fernanda at Iglesia de Cristo Nuevo Dia, the church we both used to attend. Fernanda participated in dramas, praise dances, and helped in a variety of church outreach events. In addition, I had the privilege of working closely with Fernanda when she served in the Visual Department. I was impressed of how quickly Fernanda learned to use the software designed to project songs and Bible verses. In addition, Fernanda was able to work effectively with little supervision, got along well with others and was always cheerful and dependable.

To conclude, I would like to restate my strong recommendation for Fernanda Perez. If you have any further questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Judith Marquez

**Jacqueline Reyna**



**2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(Competition is open to high school seniors  
who live or attend school in VID's service territory)

Name: Rayna, Jacqueline

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

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

High School: Rancho Buena Vista GPA: 6.2

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

I plan to attend a four-year university. At  
institution, At college, I plan to major in Neuroscience  
and Psychology in the hopes of becoming a researcher  
in solutions for addictive drugs and how they affect behavior.

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

San Diego County Library: Vista Branch Mrs. Orquidia  
Washington Middle school: Teacher's Aid Ramon Alvarez  
Rancho Buena Vista: Latino Film Festival Mrs. Neumann  
Church Choir: Antonio Zaferrino

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)

Rancho Buena Vista Valedictorian, Questbridge National Finalist,  
Full International Baccalaureate, Avid Graduate, Honor Role

If employed, job title and total hours per week: Legoland California: Food & Beverage 16

Job Responsibilities: I attend customers at a restaurant. I act  
friendly, polite, and respectful to all customers.

Since there has been in a drought, due to the lack of rain, a new method to obtain fresh water is needed in order to ensure water supply in the future. Northern California will soon be unable to provide sufficient water supply for the San Diego County, which includes Vista. Folsom lake in Northern California is drying, and soon other reservoirs will cease to provide water. Also, the Colorado River is responsible for the supply of water for California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming. This resource will cease to exist if water conservation regulations are not set in place. One method that Carlsbad has set in place is the creation of a seawater desalination plant. This plant will take seawater from the Pacific ocean and purify the water from salt, so that the water will become fresh water. However, this method is expensive, which will create higher prices for customers. Therefore, in order to promise an efficient water supply to customer's for today and in the future, there needs to be modifications in the house utilities, so that the minimum amount of water is used in a household per day.

Making house modifications available for each customer can save money as well as water. For example, the company should offer a free shower or bathtub modification to the customer. The company could exchange shower hoses with ones that can conserve water. Therefore, when customers turn on the shower hose in order to use it, the water will stop at a certain temperature, so that water will stop flowing, thus saving the company water and the customer money. If this modification was made to several houses in a year, then the water waste would lessen. Another alteration that can be done is to replace manual faucets with hand sensitive faucets. This will stop users from keeping the water going while brushing ones teeth or other forms of water wasting activities. Even if the customer is unwilling to change their behavior, the technology in the faucet would prevent them from unnecessary water use. The customer would not have to change their behavior because technology would do it for them. Even though, the remodeling of house equipment can be expensive, the conservation of water is worth the cost. There methods in order to make these expenses less costly, which is to gradually add the expense to the customer's bill, so that the customer is not alarmed by the prices of the alterations.

Water conservation is an important issue in California. This is the time when most customers would be willing to conform to the ideas that the irrigation system has proposed. Since the water shortages is more evident now, customer's will be willing to make changes in their lifestyles and homes in order to extend the amount of fresh water available. Even if new methods to produce fresh water is formed, water waste will always be a major factor that limits the production of fresh water to be at its maximum capacity. Small steps need to be taken in order to ensure that new methods will function well today and in the future. Thus, by making minor modifications at residences, the conservation of water will increase, so that society can move into a better and healthy future.



I grew up in a happy home. As I reflect on my life, I realize even though I lived in a warm home, I faced many adversities. As a child my favorite pastime was walking with my mom to pick up my older brother from pre-school. My mother and I were together often before I started to go to elementary school. My house was filled with a multitude of people when I was young. I remember having my parents and siblings sleep in the master bedroom together. My three cousins slept in another room and the third room was rented to a family of four, a single mother and her three children. My grandparents slept on a mattress in the living room. This was normal to me. I never considered myself poor because I always had food and clothes. Later, my father told me that we needed financial help from the other families in order to pay the rent. At that time, my mother was not working, so my father was left with all the financial burden.

Everything I worked for is for my family. Since I am trying to be the first in my family to go to a four- year university, I carry all of my parent's pride. I am the jewel of the family. I go beyond the best of my abilities to make my family proud. I can't wait to see the smile of pride on my father's face after he finds out that I can create a better future for myself. My greatest fear is becoming a burden to my parents and making them worry. I often see them worry over my brother's future, as he has been to jail, which made me mature at a young age. My family depends on me to help my older siblings. I symbolize their hope. This responsibility created independence and resilience in me.

Throughout my schooling, English-speaking classes were hard for me because my first language was Spanish. This challenge created tremendous writing problems. Teachers would often separate me from the rest of the class to teach me how to read at the grade level. No one helped me improve my writing until I attended middle school. I loved my middle school. I became the model student in all of my classes. I would also participate in field hockey, which I enjoyed. I was recognized frequently for my work and teachers would treat me as a friend. An AVID teacher, Akiko Morimoto, took a lot of her time outside of school to help me improve my writing. She encouraged me to apply to a program titled Promising Young Writers, which recognized talented students. I worked really hard to understand how she wanted me to structure my essays. Though I did not receive the

award, my improved writing skills helped me transition into high school.

When I entered my first honors class in ninth grade, I was stunned to see my class filled with Caucasian students that I did not recognize. I was intimidated because, in my mind, they were better than me. I really struggled with that mindset throughout high school. Seeing other students succeed to the point of perfection intimidated me, which lowered my self esteem. I was not used to this environment, especially since my experience in middle school was the opposite. After that moment, I let myself fall into the background, which hindered my intellectual development. I knew that I was a very intelligent and capable girl, but the self pity in my mind would not let me exhibit it. This became an issue for me during the the first couple years of high school. I still deal with it now, especially since I am ranked number one at Rancho Buena Vista High School. When students found out my ranking, I was informed of negative comments about me, especially since few knew my capabilities. I gave myself encouragement each and every day by looking at myself in the mirror and smiling. Usually, I would give myself talks and tell myself that I am capable of achieving anything that I put my mind to. I strived to give the best that I could. My self-motivation grew, which made me independent.

Thanks to the support of my parents, I was able to bear through high school, not letting myself slip away. This helped me to become stronger and cultivate my leadership skills because I knew that I was born to be a leader. I have learned to rely on myself and be independent. I still struggle with negativity, but I will always find a way to overcome it because I know that I can accomplish anything. This is how my mom taught me to be and it will never change.



## **Rancho Buena Vista High School**

**A California Distinguished School**

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**Assistant Principals: Shannon García Heather Golly Carlos Gómez Eileen Hermansen**

September 24, 2013

**RE: Jaqueline (Jackie) Reyna**

To Whom It May Concern:

Jackie Reyna is brave. Jackie is determined to get the most out of each day in high school. It is an honor to write this letter of recommendation for Jackie. Jackie loves to learn, excels when challenged, and relishes in collaborating with others. She is willing to be "uncomfortable" in order to learn.

Jackie, in her junior year, took on the challenge of 7 courses. She took on classes in AP *and* courses in IB. In addition, she chose to take on two after school courses to help her prepare for college. One course was the IB Theory of Knowledge course and the other course was an AVID course to help her stay organized in her endeavor to attend a 4-year university.

At the beginning of her junior year, Jackie enrolled in my AP U.S. History course. She was struggling with writing a thesis for AP U.S. History document-based question. She was relentless in getting it right. We met before school and after school or whenever her schedule allowed. She excelled in the AP U.S. History class and earned a "4" on the College Board Exam. Jackie clearly understands that there are always opportunities for growth – and she loves the journey.

When there was group work in class, she was either the organized leader or the consummate and contributing team member. Her words to her peers are always supportive and kind. Even when she was coaxing less than cooperative peers, Jackie always kept her composure. Jackie would use her persuasive skills to get the most out of her team.

Jackie will be the first in her family to graduate from a four-year university. She knows it takes hard work on her part, but is not afraid to ask for help. These are two key factors that will help her to be successful in college and in life.

I am sure that as Jackie follows her dream of a higher education that she will succeed and that others will benefit from her generous spirit. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Jackie at \_\_\_\_\_ or call me at \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elsie Aguirre-Simpson

Rancho Buena Vista High School Social Studies Dept. Chair/Teacher

**To whom it may concern,**

I am writing on behalf of Jacqueline Reyna, she was under my supervision at Iglesia De Jesucristo Youth group from 2011 to 2013 before I stepped down. Jacqueline has always been and continues to be an exemplary individual. Always willing and ready to give a helpful hand, fully involved in every activity and outing event. During my time as the youth leader at Iglesia De Jesucristo I always found Jackie, as we call her, a pleasant person to work with. She was reliable and exceeded in every task that was asked of her to complete. She volunteered her time in many outreach activities as well as fund raisers. Never once can I recall an incident or event where Jacqueline was unreliable or a problem. Her intelligence and resourcefulness has been proven to be a valuable asset to the Youth Department and her selfless personality is one of the many hearts that makes the ministry come alive. She is loved and respected by her peers, and the church community. She is a great example to everyone who meets her and I am sure that she will continue to inspire people's lives. I personally would say that working with Jackie not only has a pleasant experience but also a privilege.

Sincerely,



**Israel Tienda**

**Vista, Ca 92084**

**Oscar Sowell**



**2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(Competition is open to high school seniors  
who live or attend school in VID's service territory)

Name: OSCAR SOWELL

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

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

High School: Rancho Buena Vista GPA: 3.61

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

I will be attending Fisher College to study Criminal Justice. After college I plan to return to Vista to join the Sheriff's Dept.

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

President of Best Buddies, a club that promotes friendships between students with disabilities and other students. (Contact Donna Childs, RBV Special Ed, Vice-President of Natural High club which promotes healthy activities for all students.

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)

RBV student of the month (Sept 2013). Award notes "OSCAR radiates positive energy; he heads up two clubs and plays soccer, water polo and is Naturally High! Watch out world, here comes Oscar!"

If employed, job title and total hours per week: Deputy Explorer, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, 20 hours minimum per month, Unpaid Internship

Job Responsibilities:

I ride along on patrols, help with community events and attend ongoing training sessions.



# FISHER COLLEGE

Office of Admissions

October 10, 2013

Oscar Sowell

Vista, CA 92084

Dear Oscar:

Congratulations! On behalf of the faculty and staff at Fisher College, I am honored to inform you that you have been accepted to Fisher College for the Fall 2014 semester. We look forward to having you join our campus community.

Fisher College's small class size and attention to the individual student makes it one of the best learning environments in Boston. Our location in the historic Back Bay puts you in the center of city life and provides a myriad of professional opportunities for you as you proceed within your program of study.

We ask that you indicate your intention to enroll by forwarding a \$500 deposit along with the enclosed housing application, as soon as possible. This deposit will allow us to plan for faculty, student services and make arrangements for housing. This amount will be applied towards the total cost and is refundable until May 1, 2014. If you are unable to send your deposit at this time, please contact the Admissions Office to make other arrangements.

Between now and the start of classes in September, there is much for you to do including:

- Visit Fisher College, if you have not already done so
- Expect a letter in the mail announcing your Fisher College Merit Scholarship
- Complete your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* to be eligible for additional financial aid and secure educational loans
- Make arrangements for bill payment
- Ensure all final transcripts are forwarded to Fisher College
- Make note of your Student ID Number: 770499393

Oscar, I urge you to stay in contact with your admissions counselor, who is available to help you through all of these steps. Contact the Admissions Office at 617-238-8818 or [admissions@fisher.edu](mailto:admissions@fisher.edu) with any questions. I look forward to welcoming you to our learning community.

Sincerely,

Robert Melaragni  
Dean of Enrollment Management

*P.S. Our Annual Fall Open House will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2013, to RSVP please visit [fisher.edu/openhouse](http://fisher.edu/openhouse).*

## Oscar Sowell, Vista Irrigation District Scholarship Essay

While water covers 70% of the earth's surface, "less than 1% is available for human use."<sup>i</sup> Therefore, it is crucial for our survival to make sure we have enough fresh water available. While the Colorado River is a major source of our water, it seems that our rights to that water is limited, uncertain and thus a problem.<sup>ii</sup> The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is another important part of our water supply and we need to keep the levees strong to keep the water fresh.<sup>iii</sup> There is also a plan to overhaul the existing system which would try to balance opposing interests by "restoring the ecosystem while protecting water deliveries to Central Valley farms and Southern California's growing population" but it has a very high price tag that would be passed onto ratepayers.<sup>iv</sup> However, if we want to ensure fresh water far into the future, we may need to invest in a solution like this one.

In addition to water from the Colorado River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, there may be another answer. Since there is so much ocean water close to us, perhaps desalination technology will help make more water available. However, I have read that it takes a lot of energy so that may not be the best solution either.<sup>v</sup> But since it is very expensive to get fresh water to Southern California, perhaps having a local desalination plant, like the one being built in Carlsbad, is a good idea after all. Another

Another effective plan is to promote water conservation and efficiency. If we all cut our shower time by two minutes, we would "save about 5 gallons of water each day."<sup>vi</sup> If we encourage people to use less water and to choose water efficient products when they need to buy or replace something like a washing machine or dishwasher, it becomes a decision that will make a huge difference over time. And we should all make sure we have low flush toilets and low flow water heads installed to improve our water efficiency.

I also think we need to recycle water and we should encourage the use of rain barrels to catch rain water. If we connect them to our house rain gutters, we will capture water that would have otherwise been wasted. I am glad the Vista Irrigation District is providing rebates for rain barrels, as well as other water saving devices, encouraging people to save water. We should also divert some of our house gray water, like from our



showers, into our gardens, a move that would save more than 9100 gallons a year.<sup>vii</sup> I think we promote recycling glass, metal, paper and plastics really well, but we don't think about recycling water very much.

We also need to think about our landscaping. We need to choose plants and flowers that are drought-tolerant, instead of plants that use a lot of water. In fact, we should all consider replacing our grass lawns with more water-wise landscaping or even put in artificial turf since more than half of the water we use in San Diego County is used for irrigating landscape.<sup>viii</sup>

I would like to suggest that the Vista Irrigation District do presentations at our local schools to reach the next generation of water consumers so that we will have a better understanding of the problems at hand. I think a school-based presentation would help students understand why our parents get mad at our long showers and changing clothes more than once a day. Maybe we need to hear the message of water conservation from different people for it to sink in and for us to understand that all of our efforts, big and small, add up to the future.

Since there are so many cheap and easy ways to conserve, I think water conservation is the most cost effective solution for the short term. But in the long term, we will need to invest in infrastructure and our water rates may have to go up to ensure we can continue to live a good life here in Southern California. I want to eventually raise my family in Vista and so I must be mindful of the important issues surrounding the availability of water, and to help spread the message "Water is life and conservation is our future!"

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## **Oscar Sowell, Vista Irrigation District Scholarship personal statement**

I am an 18 year old senior at Rancho Buena Vista High School in Vista, California. I have lived in Vista my entire life. I live with my parents and older brother. I have lettered in two Varsity sports this year: Soccer and Water Polo. I play the position of Goalkeeper in both sports. I also play Club Soccer and plan to continue playing soccer in college. I have maintained a 3.61 GPA through high school while playing sports and being an officer in two clubs.

I want to attend Fisher College in Boston because it has an excellent Criminal Justice Program, and then return to Vista to become a San Diego County Sheriff. Currently I am a Deputy Explorer with the Sheriff's Department and am learning all about Law Enforcement. Part of my training includes 20 hours a month riding along on patrol and helping with community events, as well as ongoing training sessions and a summer one week Explorer Academy. I want to protect and serve my community.

I also help keep my community healthy by working with the Natural High organization of San Diego. I am the Vice-President of the Club at my high school, but I also work with the organization throughout the county. I just finished a weekend Youth Development Institute leadership program with great success. I work hard to show other young adults that there are ways to get "high" other than drugs by promoting healthy activities for all students.

I also have training and experience working with students at my high school that have a variety of intellectual and developmental disabilities through the Best Buddies Club which promotes one on one friendships between students with disabilities and the rest of the student population. I am President of this club and have helped it to grow into the biggest club on my campus. I think my experiences working with disabled people will help me become a better Law Enforcement Officer since it is important to serve the entire community equally. I am looking forward to college and hope you will consider me for your scholarship.

Applicants name: Oscar Sowell

From: Donna Childs

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To: Whom It May Concern

Letter of recommendation for Oscar Sowell:

When describing Oscar, the first thoughts that come to mind are responsible, self- confident, reliable and dedicated to helping others. Oscar was involved with Best Buddies for 3 years, two of which have been in an officer capacity. As a sophomore Oscar was a Best Buddy and as a junior he was Vice-President and as a senior he was the President. Best Buddies is an International organization started by the Kennedy/Shriver family dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

He is a brilliant and dynamic leader of this club. He planned and implemented all activities for a very large group of students and did so with vigor and passion. He continually displayed sensitivity and compassion to those in our club who are developmentally and mentally challenged. His ability to plan and implement fun activities for our bi- weekly meetings astounded me. He consistently strived to make each and every activity for our seventy plus member's pleasurable and brought laughter and encouragement to those less fortunate than him. His unbelievable organizational skills, integrity, and absolute resolve to make our club the best it can be paid off as our chapter of Best Buddies is the leading chapter in the county.

In my opinion, Oscar has been the finest, most dedicated and reliable president that I have had the pleasure to work with. Watching Oscar work with the disabled, bringing them such joy and simple kindness, making them laugh and smile, bringing hope into their lives, makes him worthy of being accepted into any program he chooses .

It is hard for Oscar to contain his compassion for helping others; he has a hunger for making people less fortunate than him happy, which is what society in general needs more of. He has made a huge impact on the lives of many disabled students and inspires others to help him on his quest to "Make a Difference" in the world around him. I would highly recommend Oscar receive your scholarship as I know he will succeed in anything he sets his mind too, and do so with pride and veracity. I could not give a higher endorsement to one of my students, past or present.

Donna Childs



Resource/Behavioral Specialist

Best Buddies Senior Advisor

Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

Rancho Buena Vista High school



February 22, 2014

Vista Irrigation District  
1391 Engineer St  
Vista, CA 92081

Re: Oscar Sowell, Scholarship Applicant

To whom it may concern:

I have known Oscar Sowell in the capacity of athletic trainer/coach to athlete for three years. He came to me first as an injured athlete, then second as a healthy athlete seeking to improve his athleticism.

We began working together back in 2010 after Oscar was released from physical therapy following minor knee surgery. From the beginning he was highly motivated to return to pre-injury health and become the best soccer goal keeper he could be. From my experiences, Oscar is a bit of a rare find, as a high school student/athlete he maintains a fairly structured life schedule. Though soccer is a main focus, he keeps varied interests with school activities like the Best Buddies program and the Drama Club. Outside of school Oscar enjoys detailing vehicles and likes to take his Land Rover off-roading. Also, he makes time for family and I hear of many encounters with his grandparents.

Oscar is a very engaging individual, who has a very good rapport with people of all ages. He is a very respectful individual and expresses high moral standards. A strong desire to serve or help others is a desirable quality this young man possesses.

In summary, I highly recommend Oscar for your scholarship assistance. He is a worthy candidate and will continue to be a very productive individual in his future endeavors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Henry, A.T., C.C.S.C.S.  
Head Strength Coach

**Ashton Thomas**



**2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(Competition is open to high school seniors  
who live or attend school in VID's service territory)

Name: Ashton Thomas

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

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

High School: Rancho Buena Vista GPA: 2.6

Post high school education plans (college, vocational school, on-the-job-training, etc.)

I plan on attending California State University Channel Islands and working towards a degree in photography.

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

Volunteered for the Indian Wells Art Festival in 2011. Helped clean the facility along with manage tickets and line flow at the entrance

Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)

Cosch's Award for JV Swim Freshmen year. ~~Coach's~~ award is a mix of MVP and overall dedication

If employed, job title and total hours per week: Deck supervisor - 15 hours

Job Responsibilities: Supervisor children in pool area and clean up pool deck.

Ashton Thomas

### Vista Irrigation District Scholarship

85% of San Diego's water supply comes from Northern California, specifically the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Colorado River. The problem we are facing is that the state of California has declared itself in a state of drought after reporting record breaking water shortages. The last time California faced record breaking numbers was in 1977 when the population was 22 million, now the population has risen to 38 million, suggesting that a very big part of our water scarcity could have to do with the large population. With Governor Jerry Brown's emergency drought proclamation many cities are beginning to introduce mandatory and voluntary restrictions on the water supply such as only being able to wash your car on certain days.

San Diego remains relatively unaffected by the statewide drought; many experts are claiming that this is due to Southern California's past experiences with water scarcity. In 1999 the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California finished building a reservoir that doubled the regions storage capacity. This reservoir is currently at 72% capacity, which isn't a problem now but soon could be. Lake Morena is used as a safeguard for San Diego to fight against drought and. As of right now San Diego is doing fine but people need to be aware of this looming issue. If San Diegans are aware of the problem before it gets worse the problem could be stopped in its tracks. The solution San Diego can introduce is to introduce voluntary guidelines for people to follow. We are not in a state of emergency which is why we haven't had to institute mandatory restrictions on water usage. If we can raise awareness of this issue many people would begin water conservation efforts, larger companies would perhaps invest in the water conservation effort in an attempt to boost their public image. I myself am going to focus on using less water, perhaps taking shorter showers and watching water usage while cleaning the dishes.

Governor Jerry Brown has referred to this drought as a slow moving disaster, meaning it's not too late to turn this around. Governor Brown directed state officials to assist farmers and communities that are affected economically by the drought. He is also trying to raise awareness of the problem and asking people to conserve water in any way they can. The problem is that awareness is so low for this problem that if you went to my school and asked students, faculty, and administration their thoughts on this drought many of them would claim it was their first time hearing about this problem. In a recent survey it was discovered that the states water reserves are at just 20% of their normal levels. In my IB History class we learn about international affairs and how other countries and our own have solved problems throughout history. In 4 months I will be graduating and feel as though this drought is a perfect opportunity for our



education system and irrigation districts to benefit from one another. Seniors especially should know about this considering in a few short months we are going to a part of this adult world. Raising awareness is the first and very simple step to fixing this problem. San Diego is currently the only California region that has remained largely unaffected by this problem because of its past experience.

Awareness is the key to fixing this imminent disaster. Seniors in high school look forward to a higher level of education, but we should not have to wait until college to receive it. I count myself among many would be more than happy to learn about actual problems that are happening in my community. I highly suggest that the vista irrigation district begin speaking with various school districts to start with possible guest speakers, events the students can attend to learn about the drought, and begin projects that would suggest possible permanent solutions to California's drought problem.

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Ashton Thomas

### Vista Irrigation District Personal Statement

My name is Ashton Thomas; I am eighteen years old and currently a senior at Rancho Buena Vista High School and will be graduating in June. After graduation I will be attending school at Cal State Channel Islands working towards a degree in photography. I look forward to my higher education because of the experiences I will gain from attending Channel Islands. In my final four months of high school I will be working at Waterworks aquatics as a deck supervisor and attending swim meets and practices.

I have been a part of the RBV swim and water polo teams since my freshmen year. I intend to become one of the swim captains this year and contribute to a winning season with my team. Growing up I also played basketball, baseball, and soccer. My first job, where I worked from April 2012 to August 2013, was at the Wave Water Park as lifeguard my first season and Captain my second. As a captain I was in charge of lifeguard schedules for each day, dealing with guest concerns, and managing park safety. Water has played a huge part in my life especially over the last four years; this is what led me to apply for this scholarship.

The other big part of my life is my family; I live with my dad, stepmom, and two brothers. I have never met my birth mother but intend to one day meet her. I have never felt as though something is missing because I have incredible support from my family, I would not be where I am without them. I've lived in Vista since I was born and went to school at lake elementary and Madison middle school, many of my friends I met in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade I still talk to on a daily basis. I cannot wait to go to college and begin the rest of my life. I also look forward to receiving a college education and learning about the things I am interested in such as film and photography.

I hope to pursue a higher education so that not only can I gain the college experience and living on my own but also so that I can reap the benefits of a college education. My family has been there for me and motivated me when I had given up hope and I see college as an opportunity to apply what I've learned from them to take care of myself. The strangest part about going to college will be leaving vista. I have never lived anywhere else in my life and it will be strange adjusting to a new area. My senior year I have been participating in a photography class and received a camera as a Christmas present. Ever since I received my camera I have been doing nothing but taking and editing photos and it's grown to be my favorite hobby and I am looking to pursue a career in it.

Choosing the Vista Irrigation District's made perfect sense to me because of the fact that I've practically spent 75% of my high school career in water. Even after my final high school swim season comes to a close I will still swim on my own to stay in shape, its really the only way I'm comfortable working out.

Patrick Emaus  
Rancho Buena Vista High School  
1601 Longhorn Drive  
Vista CA 92081

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Ashton Thomas as he will be an asset in any of his endeavors. I have enjoyed coaching Ashton as a member of the RBV Water Polo Team and Swim team for the last four years, as well as having him as a student in my PreCalculus class. As a student, athlete and representative, Ashton will contribute positively to a University.

Ashton consistently sets lofty goals for himself and strives to achieve them. He is passionate about his endeavors and commits completely to being successful. As a water polo player, Ashton developed a shut down press defense that earned him a starting position on the varsity team. ~~He improved his team play and studied the game to~~ maximize his athletic abilities and contribute to the team's success. He commanded respect from his teammates as they recognized the work Ashton did to ensure he was a contributor. Similarly as a swimmer, Ashton intends to break the school record in the 100 backstroke. The intensity and drive that he brings to practice to achieve this goal sets the tone for his teammates.

In school and at work, Ashton also challenges himself. He works well with peers, communicating clearly, explaining his strategies and listening carefully to their viewpoints. If he struggles with a concept, he works independent of class instruction to improve his understanding. Once he has more confidence with the topic, he helps other, struggling students to break through similar barriers. As a lifeguard for the city pool, his diligence, consistency and responsibility earned him a spot in management. No matter the endeavor, Ashton's drive creates a positive example for his peers.

Ashton will be leaving the RBV polo and swim teams with a legacy and expectation that hard work leads to success. He had the same affect on students around him in the classroom and his coworkers at his job. As a coach and teacher, it is difficult to teach this message. It is important to have contributors like Ashton who teach this message through example. His passion is contagious as it breeds success. He will be a contributor for any university and in any of his endeavors. Ashton Thomas has my highest recommendation. Please contact me at [patrickemaus@vistausd.org](mailto:patrickemaus@vistausd.org) if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Patrick Emaus



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Ashton Thomas

Vista, CA. 92081

Dear Ashton,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Healthy Family Foundation and the Ophelia Project, I wanted to thank you for your excellent volunteer service during the recent Indian Wells Arts Festival of April 2 and 3, 2012. You were so generous with your volunteer time, serving over 11 hours to help with crowd control, collecting attendance tickets and serving as an ambassador to the many art patrons on the grounds.

As you know, Healthy Family Foundation a 501c3 charitable non-profit organization whose mission is promoting health and wellness to children and families of Coachella Valley, and preventing child abuse / neglect is our foremost focus. Your volunteer service at the Festival greatly helps the Ophelia Project, our 'flag ship' program of 16 years in Coachella Valley.

We want you to know how much your time and talents are appreciated. You have helped us in our mission and we Thank You!

Sincerely,

Susan Francis  
Chief Executive Officer  
Healthy Family Foundation



**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**Board Meeting Date:** April 2, 2014  
**Prepared By:** Eldon Boone, Brian Smith, Don Smith  
**Approved By:** Roy Coox

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.

**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION**

**VID Water Production  
February 2014**

Description	Current Month Production		Average Production of Last 12 Months		Total, Fiscal Year-to-Date
	(mgd)	(af)	(mgd)	(af)	(af)
<b>VID's EVWTP Production</b>					
Local Water	0.00	0.00	1.84	173.11	1,306.00
SDCWA Raw Water	7.97	684.50	9.47	884.47	6,501.40
<b>Subtotal (EVWTP Production)</b>	<b>7.97</b>	<b>684.50</b>	<b>11.31</b>	<b>1,057.58</b>	<b>7,807.40</b>
Oceanside Contract Water (*)	5.00	429.70	3.71	339.18	1,356.70
SDCWA Treated Water	0.82	70.10	5.19	487.22	4,047.90
<b>TOTAL WATER PRODUCTION</b>	<b>13.78</b>	<b>1,184.30</b>	<b>17.74</b>	<b>1,657.85</b>	<b>13,212.00</b>

\* Averages since November 2013

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

**Lake Henshaw**

Storage as of March 25, 2014: 5,425 af (10% of 51,774 af capacity)  
 Current releases: 0 cfs  
 Change in storage for month of February: 792 af (gain)  
 Total releases for month of February: 0 af  
 Hydrologic year-to-date rain total: 11.12 inches (March 25, 2014)  
 Percent of yearly average rain: 45% (30-year average: 24.9 inches)  
 Percent of year-to-date average rain: 49% (30-year average through March: 22.6 in.)

**Warner Ranch Wellfield**

Number of wells running in February: 14  
 Total production for month of February: 694 af  
 Average depth to water table (February): 92 ft

## ***March***

- Station # 11 CIP – Skid pumping system was set, wired, and plumbed. Performance testing is currently being conducted.
- First Quarter Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct (DBP) samples were collected on February 12, 2014. Compliance for the Stage 2 DBP rule is determined based on a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA). For THMs, each LRAA must be below 80 ug/L and HAAs must be below 60 ug/L. February THM tests results ranged from 30-35 ug/L and HAAs ranged from 9-13 ug/L.
- Analyzed 100 routine (reportable to CDPH) bacteriological samples. All samples were negative for total coliforms (TC-). The average chlorine residual for March was 2.14 mg/L.
- WQ Calls/Incidents for March – One customer experienced discolored water after a shutdown. The service line was flushed to clear.
- Pechstein reservoir was offline from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>. The reservoir was cleaned and new wash lines were installed.
- On March 16<sup>th</sup>, CWA conducted an 11-day shutdown of Pipeline 4 which limited source water to only the EVWTP, VID # 1 & # 11 connections. VID maintained unimpaired service during the shutdown.
- A solar powered radio repeater was added to the Henshaw SCADA communications network.

## ***April***

- Isolate and drain “C” reservoir to facilitate application of a new interior lining system.
- Install new pump control valve at Station # 12.
- Shut down Flume for application of epoxy lining system on a portion of Borden bench roof and transition box.
- Rehabilitate well 14A.

## ***WARNER RANCH, SAN LUIS REY RIVER, FERC and ESCONDIDO ISSUES***

- Escondido staff have retained a contractor to apply an epoxy coating system to the concrete walls of the four sedimentation basins of the EVWTP. Basins 1 and 2 are presently being coated, and basins 3 & 4 will be coated as schedule and water demands allow. This project is being implemented to retard or eliminate the corrosive degradation of the 40 year old sedimentation basin walls. The contract amount is \$1,075,000; the City will bill the District for its 20 percent share (\$215,000), probably in conjunction with the FY 14 EVWTP reconciliation billing.
- Escondido staff anticipate bidding the Disinfection and Electrical System Upgrades Project (also known as the On-Site Generation [OSG] Project) in April of 2014, with bids due six weeks later. The Engineer’s “Opinion of Probable Construction Cost” for this project is \$12.8 million, 20 percent of which (\$2.6 million) will be the District’s responsibility. A full report on this project will be brought before the Board when contractor bids have been evaluated, probably in June or July.
- Entry permits issued to: Apex Consulting for invasive weed control in the Navy lease area; Pangea Biological for SDG&E pole replacements; USGS for water quality testing of three wells as a part of the GAMA program; and Boy Scouts of America for trail maintenance.
- Cattle counts for March: Hettinga – 1,493 Mendenhall – 147.
- See the attached reports on activity for January 2014 for the Lake Henshaw Resort, Inc.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Lake Henshaw Resort, Inc., Activity Reports – January 31, 2014



## ADMINISTRATION AND FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

### *March*

- Presented information regarding the poster contest to 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes located within the district's service area.
- Prepared annual San Diego County Water Authority infrastructure access charge survey.
- Continued coordinating the development of the District Budget.
- Participated in the California Special Districts Association Fiscal Committee meeting.
- Began recruitment for the Cashier/Receptionist position.
- Coordinated annual training on Pesticide Application for District personnel.
- Hosted Water Distribution Refresher classes in conjunction with AWWA. This training was open to other water districts.
- Began main line installation on Cortez Avenue – 900 feet of 8” pipe, 16 services and 2 fire hydrants.
- Completed main line installation on Hilo Drive – 750 feet of 8” pipe.
- Completed main line installation on N. Santa Fe and Washington Street – 500 feet of 8” pipe.

### *April*

- Present information on water supply conditions, drought impacts and water conservation incentives at contractor event held at Horizon Landscape in Vista.
- Present information on water supply conditions, drought impacts and water conservation incentives to Shadowridge homeowners group.
- Coordinate the development of the District Budget.
- Continue recruitment for the Cashier/Receptionist position.
- Host two Liebert Cassidy Whitmore trainings on “Introduction to Public Service” and “Public Sector Employment Law Update.” These trainings are open to other water districts.
- Coordinate the Respiratory Training and Fit Testing for District personnel.
- Replace three valves on Business Park Drive.
- Replace four valves on and near Live Oak Road.
- Continue main line installation on Cortez Avenue – 900 feet of 8” pipe, 16 services and 2 fire hydrants.

## ENGINEERING DIVISION

### *March*

- Continued feasibility study for using the City of Vista's effluent pipeline from the Shadowridge Reclamation Facility to bring recycled water from the City of Carlsbad to the Shadowridge Golf Course. Met with City of Oceanside staff to discuss negotiation strategy for recycled water from Carlsbad.
- Attended meeting of the North County Recycled Water Coalition.
- Met with Rincon Water District staff to discuss the treatment and delivery of water from the Vista Flume.
- Continued working on design of main replacement projects.

## *April*

- Mainline Replacement Projects in Design (current projects): Sunrise Drive, Foothill Drive, Hilo Drive, , N. Santa Fe Ave. (alley between Orange St. and Washington Ave.), Cortez Avenue, HN Line (Gopher Canyon to Fairview), N. Citrus Avenue, Nevada Avenue, Lemon Avenue, Lado De Loma, Eddy Drive, Peters Drive, Rancho Vista Drive, Bandini Place, E. Vista Way, Mason Road, AB Line Replacement (Esplendido Avenue and Companero Drive)
- Mainline Replacement Projects in Planning (future projects): Larkhill Drive, Palomar Place, Oak Drive, Ora Avo Drive, Shale Rock, Ocean View, McGavran Drive, Camino Patricia, Camino Corto, Primrose Avenue, Cortez Avenue, Las Flores Drive, La Mirada Drive, Descanso Avenue, S. Santa Fe Pipeline (Mar Vista Dr. to Montgomery Dr.), Phillips Street, and Pump Station No. 10 by-pass (Blue Bird Canyon Road), Mar Vista Dr., Rockhill Rd.
- City of Vista Projects: Paseo Santa Fe Streetscape Improvements- Phase I along South Santa Fe Avenue from Main Street to Oceanview Dr. (CIP 8232) - Downtown Redevelopment Project- City awarded sewer, water, and storm drain construction contract to PK Mechanical Systems, Inc. Construction anticipated to begin in April 2014 in conjunction with the Paseo Pointe Affordable Housing Project. Staff to provide inspection of water facilities affected by street improvements. Monte Vista Drive Sewer Main and Access Road Improvement (CIP 8199) - continue plan review of water facilities affected by sewer improvements.
- CWA Projects: Carlsbad Desalination Project (Contractor Kiewit Shea Desalination-KSD) - Continuing construction within Carlsbad Segment- Lionshead Avenue to Melrose Drive. Pipeline 3 Relining Project, Portal 5 (Contractor L.H. Woods & Sons, Inc.) - Contractor utilizing District leased property near Pechstein reservoir. Staff to provide inspection of water facilities affected by lining project.
- Meet with City of Carlsbad and Oceanside staff to continue discussion of purchase of recycled water from Carlsbad.
- Attend meeting of the North County Recycled Water Coalition.



**LAKE HENSHAW RESORT, INC.  
ACTIVITY REPORT  
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2014**

	2013 Jan	2013 Feb	2013 Mar	2013 Apr	2013 May	2013 Jun	2013 Jul	2013 Aug	2013 Sep	2013 Oct	2013 Nov	2013 Dec	2014 Jan	12 MO AVG
Fishing Permits	41	144	351	1,018	987	873	808	756	437	287	205	101	171	512
Boat Launches	8	2	16	56	56	45	24	8	2	0	2	14	9	20
Motor Boats (full day rental)	13	5	20	91	84	111	101	87	30	15	9	32	32	51
Motor Boats (half day rental)	5	3	4	6	14	12	13	11	5	4	2	0	3	6
Campground/Head Count	94	157	365	554	2,218	1,371	2,069	2,150	1,191	776	365	158	264	970
Campground/Cars, Trucks, etc.	17	35	92	180	781	407	579	710	260	278	77	25	54	290
Campground/Recreational Vehicles	5	3	25	19	22	15	27	11	15	6	20	7	10	15
Mobile Home/Spaces	63	64	64	64	64	65	66	66	66	66	63	63	61	64
M.H.P. Daily (Visitors/Head Count)	84	84	109	137	150	155	155	156	123	102	119	115	76	123
M.H.P. (Residents/Head Count)	90	91	91	91	91	92	93	93	93	93	86	86	85	90
Storage	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	6	9
Cabins	44	66	123	223	197	247	223	239	126	118	150	93	141	162
Hunters	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	171	29



**Agenda Item: 9**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: April 2, 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.



San Diego County Water Authority

## SUMMARY OF FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING March 27, 2014

1. Agreement with the Sweetwater Authority regarding water storage at Sweetwater Reservoir.  
The Board authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement for reservoir storage capacity with Sweetwater.
2. Resolution Certifying the Final Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2013 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update and Climate Action Plan; Adopting Environmental Findings of Fact and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; Approving the Project; and Authorizing Filing of a Notice of Determination.  
The Board adopted **Resolution No. 2014-05** that certifies the Final Supplemental Program EIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and State CEQA Guidelines, and reflects the independent judgment of the Board; and Concurrently adopts the Environmental Findings of Fact and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and Approves the Proposed Project modifications and the Climate Action Plan; and Approves the 2013 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update; and Authorizes the filing of a Notice of Determination.
3. Construction contract with Four M Contracting, Inc. for Wister Sport Fishery Project.  
The Board authorized the General Manager to waive any inconsequential variance in the bid documents and award a construction contract to Four M Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$2,798,000 for the Wister Sport Fishery project.
4. Authorize the General Manager to submit a comment letter on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.  
The Board authorized the General Manager to submit a formal comment letter on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.
5. Professional services contracts with HDR Engineering, Inc., for Corrosion Engineer and Corrosion Technician Support Services and V&A Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Corrosion Technician Support Services.  
The Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide Corrosion Engineer and Corrosion Technician support services for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,950,000, and for up to a four-year term. Authorize the General Manager to award a professional services contract to V&A Consulting Engineers, Inc. to provide Corrosion Technician Support Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$435,000, and for up to a four-year term.

6. The Board Adopted positions on various state bills.
  1. Adopted a position of Oppose Unless Amended on AB 1731 (Perea)
  2. Adopted a position of Support if Amended on AB 2043 (Bigelow)
  3. Adopted a position of Support and Seek Amendments on AB 2100 (Campos)
  4. Adopted a position of Support on AB 2104 (Gonzalez)
  5. Adopted a position of Support and Seek Amendments on AB 2636 (Gatto)
  6. Adopted a position of Support if Amended on AB 2686 (Perea)
  7. Adopted a position of Support and Seek Amendments on SB 992 (Nielsen)
  8. Adopted a position of Support if Amended on SB 1049 (Pavley)
  9. Adopted a position of Support and Seek Amendments on SB 1144 (Galgiani)
  10. Adopted a position of Oppose Unless Amended on SB 1370 (Galgiani)
  11. Adopted a position of Support on SB 1420 (Wolk)
  
7. Treasurer's report.

The Board noted and filed the monthly Treasurer's report.
  
8. ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

SDCWA v. Metropolitan Water District  
The Board authorized the following actions:  
Approve additional budget authorization of \$6.09 million through the current two-year budget (June 30, 2015); and for additional services through June 30, 2015.  
Authorize the General Counsel to amend professional services agreements with:  
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck by the additional amount of \$355,000; and  
Gordon Hess & Associates by the additional amount of \$125,000; and  
H2O Resources Inc. by the additional amount of \$45,000; and  
SCN Communications by the additional amount of \$165,000; and  
the temporary employment agreement for necessary services with James Taylor for an additional amount of \$96,000 per year, not to exceed 960 hours; and  
Authorize the General Manager to amend the professional services agreement with Southwest Strategies by an additional amount of \$75,000.
  
9. ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

SDCWA v. MWH, et al.  
The Board authorized the following action:  
Ratify the Settlement Agreement among all the parties with respect to *SDCWA v. MWH Americas, Inc. et al.*, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2011-00090504-CU-BC-CTL
  
10. Retirement of Director.

The Board adopted **Resolution 2014-06** honoring Farrah Douglas upon her retirement for the Board of Directors.

11. Approval of the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force Final Recommendations to ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Water Authority and the fair and proportionate recovery of long-term water supply and infrastructure investments.  
In regard to Calendar Year 2015 rate and charge development, the Task Force recommends the Board approve the following changes to the Water Authority's existing rate and charge structure and financial policies:
- The Board authorized the following actions:
1. Defer the final decision regarding how to apply the debt and equity payments for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant to the Administration & Finance Committee for consideration of the CY 2016 rates and charges, and adopt an interim policy for the CY 2015 rates and charges that applies the debt and equity payments for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant to the supply rate; and
  2. Maintain the current policy related to the application of non-commodity revenue offsets for CY 2015 Rates and Charges and defer to the Administration & Finance Committee the application of revenue offsets to all revenue categories, including treatment, to the development of the CY 2016 rates and charges; and
  3. Defer to the Administration & Finance Committee all other Task Force recommendations, including modification of allocation of storage charge and consideration of a Supply Reliability Charge concept.



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 10**

**Board Meeting Date: April 2, 2014**  
**Prepared By: Marian Schmidt**  
**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:** April 2, 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.

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
<b>1 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber of Commerce Sundowner</b> <i>Wed., April 9, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Chiropractic Rehabilitation Wellness</i>	
<b>2 *</b>	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., April 15, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 4/11/14</i>	Vásquez
<b>3 *</b>	<b>Public Sector Employment Law Update</b> (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore) <i>Tues., April 15, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Vista Irrigation District Board Room</i> <i>Reservation deadline: None</i>	
<b>4 *</b>	<b>Introduction to Public Service</b> (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore) <i>Tues., April 15, 2014, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Vista Irrigation District Board Room</i> <i>Reservation deadline: None</i>	
<b>5 *</b>	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., April 23, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Central Valley Water Tour</b> (Water Education Foundation) <i>Wed., April 23-25, 2014, 7:30 a.m. - Sacramento International Airport</i> <i>Registration deadline: 4/9/14</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Setting Direction/Community Leadership</b> (CSDA) <i>Fri., April 25, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</i> <i>Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center, Bakersfield</i> <i>Registration deadline: 4/22/14</i>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Hoover Dam &amp; Colorado River Aqueduct</b> (SDCWA & MWD) <i>Fri., April 25-27, 2014 – Meets at SDCWA</i> <i>Registration closed</i>	
<b>9</b>	<b>ACWA Spring Conference</b> <i>Tues., May 6-9, 2014 – Portola &amp; Marriott Hotels, Monterey</i> <i>Registration deadline: 4/10/14</i>	Dorey (R,A,H) MacKenzie (R,H,C) Vásquez (R,A,H,C)
<b>10 *</b>	<b>O.C. Water Summit</b> <i>Fri., May 16, 2014, 7:30 a.m – 1:30 p.m., Grand Californian Hotel, Disneyland Resort</i> <i>Early registration deadline: 5/9/14</i>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Setting Direction/Community Leadership</b> (CSDA) <i>Mon., May 19, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – CPS HR Training Center, Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: 5/16/14</i>	
<b>12 *</b>	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., May 20, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 5/16/14</i>	Vásquez
<b>13</b>	<b>Legislative Days</b> (CSDA) <i>Tues., May 20-21, 2014, Sacramento Convention Center</i> <i>Registration deadline: 5/15/14</i>	MacKenzie (R)

14 *	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., May 21, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
15 *	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., June 17, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 6/13/14</i>	Vásquez
16 *	<b>Vista Chamber of Commerce Joint Sundowner</b> <i>Wed., May 21, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Classic Chariots</i>	
17 *	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., June 25, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
18 *	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., July 15, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 7/11/14</i>	Vásquez
19	<b>Harassment Prevention Training AB1825 Webinar (CSDA)</b> <i>Wed., July 16, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 7/11/14</i>	
20	<b>Staying in Compliance: Understanding Fundamental Laws (CSDA)</b> <i>Thurs. July 17, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – VID</i> <i>Registration deadline: 7/14/14</i>	
21 *	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., July 23, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
22	<b>Legislative Roundup Webinar (CSDA)</b> <i>Wed., July 30, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 7/25/14</i>	
23	<b>Understanding Board Member and District Liability Issues Webinar (CSDA)</b> <i>Wed., Aug. 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/8/14</i>	
24	<b>Annual Water Conference (Urban Water Institute)</b> <i>Wed., Aug. 13-15, 2014 – Hilton Mission Bay Resort</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
25 *	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., Aug. 19, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 8/14/14</i>	Vásquez
26	<b>The New Transparent District – Building Public Trust Webinar (CSDA)</b> <i>Tues., Aug. 19, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/14/14</i>	
27	<b>Understanding the Brown Act Beyond the Basics Webinar (CSDA)</b> <i>Thurs., Aug. 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 8/19/14</i>	
28 *	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., Aug. 27, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
29 *	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., Sept. 16, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 9/12/14</i>	Vásquez
30 *	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., Sept. 24, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
31	<b>Governance Foundation (CSDA)</b> <i>Tues., Sept. 29, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 9/25/14</i>	
32	<b>CSDA Annual Conference</b> <i>Mon., Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2014 – Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, Palm Springs</i> <i>Registration deadline: 9/5/14</i>	
33 *	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., Oct. 21, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 10/17/14</i>	Vásquez
34 *	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., Oct. 22, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	

<b>35</b>	<b>Ethics Compliance Training AB 124 Webinar (CSDA)</b> <i>Thurs. Nov. 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 11/10/13</i>	
<b>36 *</b>	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., Nov. 18, 2014, 7:15 a.m. – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway</i> <i>Reservation deadline: 11/14/14</i>	Vásquez
<b>37 *</b>	<b>North County Water Group Meeting</b> <i>Wed., Nov. 19, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Rincon del Diablo MWD, Escondido</i>	
<b>38</b>	<b>ACWA Fall Conference</b> <i>Tues., Dec. 2-5, 2014 – Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>39</b>	<b>Must Have Communication Protocols – Board &amp; Staff Webinar (CSDA)</b> <i>Wed., Dec. 10, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</i> <i>Registration deadline: 12/5/14</i>	
<b>40</b>	<b>Colorado River Water Users Association Annual Conference</b> <i>Wed., Dec. 10-12, 2014 – Caesars Palace, Las Vegas</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>41 *</b>	<b>Council of Water Utilities Meeting</b> <i>Tues., 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: April 2, 2014**  
**Prepared By: Marian Schmidt**

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
- Pipeline Replacement Program overview

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

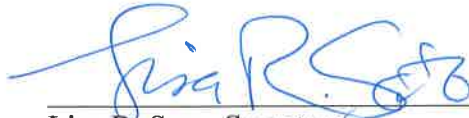
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, HELD ON APRIL 2, 2014, WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 9:15 AM, APRIL 14, 2014, AT 26439 HIGHWAY 76, SANTA YSABEL, CALIFORNIA.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO )

I, Lisa Soto, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District; that the foregoing is duly noted in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District; that said Regular Board Meeting was ordered adjourned to the time and place above specified; and that I posted a copy of this order of adjournment near the public entrance to the Board Room at the offices of the District.



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Lisa R. Soto, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District

POSTED: April 2, 2014