



VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

GM Newsletter

February 2025

As Valley Sanitary District enters its 100th year of service, we are proud to reflect on a century of dedication to protecting public health and the environment while continuing to invest in the future with exciting projects and community initiatives to benefit generations to come.



A message from Jason Dafforn, General Manager:

As we step into 2025, Valley Sanitary District (VSD) is proud to celebrate 100 years of service to our community. This year is not only a time to reflect on our history but also to look ahead at the exciting projects and initiatives that will continue to support our mission of providing reliable wastewater services.

We are thrilled to invite everyone to our Community Open House on April 5, where

residents can get an inside look at our operations, meet our dedicated team and learn more about the vital services we provide. Later this year, we will commemorate our 100-year anniversary in November, a milestone that highlights our long-standing commitment to sustainability and service. Follow us for more details.

We look forward to celebrating with you and continuing to build a future that serves our growing community for generations to come.

Here's to 100 years of dedication, innovation and partnership!



Thank you,

Jason Dafforn, PE
General Manager

Celebrating Director Bill Teague



Valley Sanitary District recently celebrated the remarkable service of Director Bill Teague who retired from the Board of Directors after an astonishing 67 years of dedicated leadership. Throughout his tenure, Director Teague played an instrumental role in shaping policies, overseeing infrastructure improvements and advocating for sustainable wastewater management practices.

A special event was held in his honor, bringing together colleagues, community members and local leaders to recognize his many contributions to the District. VSD extends its deepest appreciation to Director Teague for his commitment to public service and wishes him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Welcoming New Board Director Gerardo R. Jimenez



VSD is pleased to welcome Director Gerardo Jimenez to the Board of Directors. With a strong background in wastewater, Director Jimenez brings valuable experience and insights that will help guide the District's strategic initiatives and operational goals.

Director Jimenez is committed to supporting VSD's mission and working collaboratively with fellow board members to ensure continued improvements and infrastructure upgrades. We look forward to his contributions and leadership in the years to come.

Save the Date: Valley Sanitary District's Community Open House – April 5



Valley Sanitary District is excited to invite the community to a family-friendly Community Open House on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our facility located at 45500 Van Buren St, Indio, CA.

The open house will provide an opportunity for residents to take a behind-the-scenes look at VSD's operations, sustainability efforts and upcoming infrastructure projects. Guests of all ages can enjoy fun hands-on activities while learning about the critical role VSD plays in protecting public health and the environment.

What to Expect:

- Interactive Stations: Learn how wastewater is treated, explore conservation tips and take part in hands-on lab activities.
- Up Close Look at a Vactor Truck: See how we clean the sewer system.
- Giveaways & Prizes: Collect stamps at each station for a chance to win a prize.
- Family-Friendly Fun: Enjoy face painting, a photo booth, a coloring station and more.
- Facility Tours: Get an up-close look at VSD's service vehicles, treatment processes and infrastructure projects.

Light refreshments will be provided and VSD staff will be available to answer questions and discuss future projects.

Mark your calendar and join us for this fun, free family event!

Visit the Valley Sanitary District Exhibit at the Coachella Valley History Museum



Valley Sanitary District is a proud partner of the Coachella Valley History Museum, where we display our award-winning "Evolution of Wastewater" exhibit. This engaging exhibit showcases the advancements in wastewater treatment and the District's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship.

If you're in the downtown Indio area, we encourage you to stop by and explore everything the museum has to offer, from rich local history to interactive displays that highlight the region's heritage.

For more information, visit: <https://cvhm.org>

Upcoming Meetings

February 11

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

1:00 pm

February 25

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

1:00 pm

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[Calendar of Events](#)

Sustainability Tip: Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)



Pouring fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the drain can lead to costly plumbing issues and sewer blockages. When grease cools, it hardens and can create clogs in household pipes and sewer lines.

To properly dispose of FOG:

- Allow cooking oils and grease to cool, then pour them into a sealable container and dispose of it in the trash.
- Wipe greasy dishes with a paper towel before washing to reduce the amount of oil going down the drain.
- Avoid using hot water to rinse fats down the drain, as it only temporarily liquefies them before they solidify further down the line.

By taking these small but important steps, you can help protect the wastewater system and avoid costly repairs.

About Valley Sanitary District

Valley Sanitary District (VSD) serves and benefits Indio and the surrounding communities by collecting, treating and recycling wastewater to ensure a healthy environment and sustainable water supply.

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