



VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

GM Newsletter
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99 years of service. A century of dedication
and now a brand-new look for the future.



Valley Sanitary District is unveiling something special—a new logo to reflect our legacy and the exciting path ahead.

A message from Jason Dafforn, General Manager:

As we approach Valley Sanitary District's 100th anniversary in 2025, we're excited to unveil a refreshed logo that represents both our legacy and the path ahead. This new design symbolizes our continued commitment to public health, environmental stewardship and sustainable wastewater management.

Even though we have a new look, our mission remains the same: delivering reliable, essential services to the community. As we enter our next century, we remain focused on innovation and sustainability to meet the needs of our growing region.

Here's to the next 100 years of service, progress and partnership with our community.



Thank you,

Jason Dafforn, PE
General Manager

Indio State of the City



On October 1, Valley Sanitary District proudly introduced our new logo at Indio's State of the City. The event highlighted the city's growth, future plans and focus on community with an emphasis on progress in infrastructure and safety. As a sponsor, we engaged with attendees by sharing branded water bottles and tote bags featuring our updated look. Our Board President, Debra Canero spoke about the importance of the logo as a symbol of our future direction and we took a special moment to honor Director Bill Teague for his remarkable 67 years of service. It was an exciting day of celebrating our legacy and future with our community!

National Night Out



Valley Sanitary District was excited to participate in National Night Out with the Indio Police Department and many other amazing community partners. This event provided a great opportunity for our team to engage with local residents, showcase the equipment we use to manage wastewater collections and treatment and share the story behind our new logo. We connected with the community, answered questions and demonstrated our ongoing commitment to public health and safety. It was an exciting and rewarding evening for everyone involved.

Projects To Improve Our Neighborhood



Westward Ho Drive Sewer Siphon Replacement Project

Construction for the Westward Ho Sewer Siphon Replacement Project is set to begin soon following the damage caused by the 2019 storm that exposed and compromised the sewer siphon beneath the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. Using horizontal directional drilling (HDD), the project will install new 8-inch parallel pipelines inside a 30-inch casing pipe to replace the damaged siphon, minimizing environmental impact and ensuring reliable service. Directional drilling or horizontal directional drilling is a trenchless construction method using a specialized drill rig to install the sewer pipeline and minimize community disruptions.



There will be no interruptions to sewer service during construction and affected neighborhoods will be notified in advance. Thanks to the efforts of the VSD Board and General Manager Jason Dafforn, this project is fully funded through FEMA and Cal OES.

Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade Project

VSD's plant upgrade project is in its final year of construction. This critical project will improve water treatment processes and enhance overall efficiency. As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, the plant upgrades align with the larger vision of our Recycled Water Project.

For more details and to stay updated on progress, visit [VSD Water Project](#).

Capital Improvement Projects

Valley Sanitary District is actively engaged in various Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to enhance our community's infrastructure for a sustainable future. Capital Improvement Projects are construction, renovation or maintenance projects that enhance or upgrade public infrastructure. VSD's CIP program ensures the long-term viability of our service area's wastewater system, supporting public health, economic development and environmental sustainability within our community. To learn more about these important initiatives, [click here](#).

Employee Spotlight - Meet Anna Bell



Anna Bell plays a vital role in overseeing laboratory and compliance operations while also serving as the interim chief plant operator. In this interview she shares her journey into the wastewater industry, what attracted her to the field and the important goals she's working towards to support VSD's mission. Beyond work, Anna offers a glimpse into her personal life and hobbies, helping us get to know her better both professionally and personally.

[If you'd like to read the full interview, click here.](#)

Upcoming Meetings

November 12 - Board of Directors Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

November 26 - Board of Directors Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Click here for the latest:

[Board of Directors Meeting Minutes & Agendas](#)

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[Calendar of Events](#)

Sustainability Tip

Be mindful of what goes down your drains. After cooking, allow fats, oils and grease to cool down, then dispose of them in a trash can, not down the sink. Even small actions can have a big impact on maintaining a healthy sewer system.



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.



Did you know lab workers test wastewater for harmful substances to protect public health and the environment?

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