



VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

GM Newsletter
January 2024

As Valley Sanitary District (VSD) nears a century of service in the Coachella region, we are excited to launch our new quarterly GM Newsletter. VSD General Manager Jason Dafforn wants to keep our community informed and engaged as we approach our regional centennial celebrations in 2025. Stay tuned for updates and insights into our services and upcoming festivities!



Overview of Valley Sanitary District

As the newly appointed General Manager of Valley Sanitary District, I am honored to welcome you to the first edition of our quarterly GM Newsletter. In partnership with our skilled team and Board of Directors, I am focused on overseeing VSD's operations and driving strategic initiatives that promise sustainable growth and a bright future for our community. Our commitment to environmental stewardship, transparent operations and high-quality wastewater treatment remains unwavering.



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Thank you,

Jason Dafforn, PE
General Manager

Who We Are:

Valley Sanitary District is a California Special District governed by a locally elected Board of Directors. VSD was founded in 1925 and is governed by the California Sanitary Act of 1923. VSD collects and treats wastewater within our designated service area.

VSD believes in environmental stewardship and is regulated by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Colorado Region and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

What We Do:

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

How You Can Help:

Be mindful of what goes down your drains. After cooking, let fats, oils and grease 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.

Year in Review, Year Ahead



In November VSD was honored to be a title sponsor for [Indio's State of the City Business Awards & Expo](#). Be sure to click on the video link below to learn more. It was a momentous occasion for us as we joined the community in discussions about our shared future. [Click here or on the video image above to watch.](#)

Reflecting on our accomplishments in 2023, Valley Sanitary District has reached significant milestones in wastewater management and community engagement. As we embark on 2024, our commitment continues with the advancement of the Recycled Water Project and various Capital Improvement Programs, all aimed at enhancing our service to the community.

Projects To Improve Our Neighborhoods

Current Projects:



Recycled Water Project Phase 1

Valley Sanitary District is embarking on opportunities to recycle and reuse highly treated wastewater for beneficial use. Using recycled water will improve local groundwater conditions, reduce imported water demands and provide a local, drought-resistant supply.



Collection System Rehabilitation Program

This 10 year initiative, with a budget of \$60 million, aims to rehabilitate and reconstruct approximately 100 miles of sewer collection system pipes within the District's boundary in Indio, California.

Completed Projects:



Requa Sewer Project

The Requa Sewer Project is complete. Thank you for your patience during construction.

Congratulations to the Requa Team on their 1st Place Award for Outstanding Professional Accomplishments from the [California Water Environment Association](#).



Solar Power Initiative

The Solar Power Initiative Project is complete and operational. VSD constructed a 1 Mega Watt Solar Power Project at the water reclamation facility site in Indio, California. The project provides approximately 42 percent of the power needs at the water reclamation facility.

Valley Sanitary District is actively engaged in various Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to enhance our community's infrastructure for a sustainable future. To learn more about these exciting initiatives, [click here](#).

Capital Improvement Projects are large-scale construction, renovation, or maintenance projects that enhance or upgrade public infrastructure.

Employee Spotlight:



At our November 14 board meeting, the Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors proudly recognized Karen H., Jeanette Juarez and Branden Rodriguez for their outstanding contributions to accounting and financial reporting. Their diligent efforts led to VSD receiving the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for the 10th consecutive year, a national accolade that highlights excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This recognition underscores our commitment to maintaining high standards in our financial practices.

In December, Valley Sanitary District proudly achieved the distinction of being certified by Great Place To Work!



For the latest job openings and career opportunities at Valley Sanitary District, please follow our social media pages.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 23

Board of Directors Regular Meeting - 1:00 pm

February 13

Board of Directors Regular Meeting - 1:00 pm

Click here for the latest:

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

Click here for the full:

[Calendar of Events](#)

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Core Values:

TRANSPARENCY



RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



INTEGRITY



1950's VSD Treatment Plant

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