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NEW OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Effective February 4, 2019, the District office hours will change to 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DALE SNOOKS EARNS SAFETY AWARD

Utility Worker I, Dale Snooks, received Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) H.R. La Bounty safety award.

Mr. Snooks was instrumental in designing a pulley system to create a safe way to lift the lid from underground facilities at Plant 1. This system eliminates the lifting stress related to accessing this facility.

He has been a consistent and competent employee working for the District for over 15 years. As an appreciation for his creativity and ingenuity he was presented with a certificate and cash award from ACWA/JPIA by Mike Gualtieri, General Manager, on December 6, 2018.



BOARD ELECTION

Karen Baroldi and Brad Cooke were elected to the Board of Directors in the November 2018 public election. Their term runs from December 2018 to December 2022. Every two years an election is held for the public to vote on candidates for the Board of Directors. The District is a non-profit governmental entity which invests every dollar into running the water system and improving infrastructure. Board members direct the District and make policy decisions.

In addition, every two years the Board elects a President and Vice-President. The newly elected President is Brad Cooke and Vice President is Pam McVicar.

Mission of the District

To provide high quality potable water service at a reasonable cost to the public residing within the District boundaries.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brad Cooke, *President*
Pam McVicar, *Vice President*
Karen Baroldi, *Director*
Mark Perumean, *Director*
Robert Wilson, *Director*

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DISTRICT CELEBRATES LONGEST TERM EMPLOYEE

Michael Gualtieri, General Manager, is the longest term employee in the history of the District. He was hired as Utility Worker I in April 1982 which shows 36 years, 11 months of service. Over the years Mr. Gualtieri took water courses at Santiago Canyon College to achieve various State of California water certifications as listed below:

- Water Treatment Operator Grade II & Water Distribution Grade I-1985
- Associate of Science degree in Water Science-1991
- Water Treatment Operator Grade III-1992
- Water Distribution Grade II-1998
- Water Distribution Grade III-1999
- Water Distribution Grade IV-2001



He continued his education at University of Phoenix and attained a Bachelor of Business Management degree in 2002. On September 17, 2002, Mr. Gualtieri was promoted to General Manager. Through the years he has served at various capacities in the water industry:

- Conference Director of California/Nevada-American Water Works Association (CA/NV AWWA) semiannual Conferences-2006 to present
- Local Arrangement Committee (LAC) Chair for CA/NV-AWWA Spring Conference-2005
- President of Southern California Water Utilities Association-2012/2013
- Board representative to Central Basin Water Association

He achieved the following awards:

- Excellence in Leadership CA/NV-AWWA
- CA/NV-AWWA Section Leadership Award
- CA/NV-AWWA Don Kaiser Volunteer of the Year
- Doctor of Water - Southern California Water Utilities Association (SCWUA)
- CA/NV-AWWA Chair's Award
- SCWUA-President's Award
- ACWA/JPIA Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry Certificate
- CA/NV AWWA George Elliott Award

Mr. Gualtieri, his wife, Donna and two daughters live in Placentia. He grew up in La Habra and graduated from La Habra High School.