Thirty Years as the Vallecitos Water District

Most customers probably only know us as the Vallecitos Water District. But it wasn’t always that way. The District was formed in 1955 and was originally named the “San Marcos County Water District.” Over the years that name caused a lot of questions and confusion about the agency.

Were we part of the County? No, Vallecitos is an independent Special District providing water, wastewater and recycled water services formed under the State of California County Water District Act.

Were we a Department of the City of San Marcos? No, Vallecitos was formed years before the City of San Marcos was incorporated and we’ve remained independent of the city.

Did you service only the City of San Marcos? No, in addition to serving areas within the City of San Marcos, Vallecitos serves the community of Lake San Marcos, other unincorporated areas such as Twin Oaks Valley and portions of the cities of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista.

How did the District resolve the confusion? One way was to enhance the public image of the District and clarify its identity. In April of 1989, our Board of Directors did just that. By adopting Resolution 840, the District changed its name to the Vallecitos Water District, effective May 1, 1989.

The name was derived from a local land grant entitled “Rancho los Vallecitos de San Marcos.” So, we’ve been named the Vallecitos Water District for 30 years now--but we’ve been your water and wastewater specialists since 1955. We’ll be celebrating 65 years in 2020. Keep your eye out for information on that celebration next year!
2019 Calendar Contest WINNERS

Sierra Whiteside
Carrillo Elementary

“I will save water by making an invention that gives you only the water that you need.”

Zofia Dowd
Double Peak Elementary

“I would take shorter showers, not run water, take buckets to fill up water in the rain and will only use water when needed.”

Lia VanderJagt
Double Peak Elementary

“I will save water by doing my best to use less of it and value it more. I will take shorter showers.”
The Work We Do

Wondering about the work we do? Starting in 2019, Vallecitos began creating videos to document many of our departments on film. Check out these videos to see our crews in action providing our community with reliable drinking water and wastewater services, protecting the environment and more! We'll continue to post more videos as they become available.

To see the “Work We Do” go to www.vwd.org/workwedo
Between the Pipes is a publication of information and interest to Vallecitos water and sewer customers. If you receive water or sewer services from another district, please disregard any information that does not apply to you.

The public is welcome to attend the Vallecitos Board Meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration building—201 Vallecitos de Oro in San Marcos. Meetings are also aired on San Marcos TV on Cox Communications Channel 19, Time Warner Channel 24 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99, which air on the Monday following the Wednesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.san-marcos.net/smtv for programming schedule.

2018 Water Quality Report

The 2018 Water Quality Report will be available online June 30, 2019 at www.vwd.org/waterquality. The report will list the more than 200 compounds tested for throughout the year and the results. Tested water from Vallecitos consistently meets or exceeds all drinking water standards. To request a hard copy of the report, call us at 760-744-0460.