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Hesperia Water Recycling Facility Begins Operations



Hesperia Subregional Water Recycling Facility

Recycled water is coming to Hesperia. VWVRA has begun the start up of the Hesperia Subregional Water Recycling Facility, which involves developing a microbial population for the biological portion of the recycling process. The process can take several months to establish. The facility also uses state of the art membranes or filters to clean the water and powerful ultra violet lights for disinfection. No solids will be treated at this site. Once fully operational, the facility will provide the City of Hesperia with up one million gallons of recycled water

everyday. Hesperia has built a ten mile pipeline to transport the recycled water to the Hesperia Golf Course to irrigate the grass and landscaping. There are also plans to use the water for irrigation at various city parks. The Hesperia Subregional and it's sister facility in Apple Valley provide two valuable services for the Victor Valley. By providing recycled water for irrigation, it takes the strain off our precious groundwater supplies while re-using our resources. And secondly, it reduces pressure on our interceptors or pipelines that are reaching capacity.

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Logan Olds leaves a legacy of leadership at VWRA

After 13 years at the helm, longtime VWRA General Manager Logan Olds has stepped down to pursue new opportunities. Logan has been the face of our organization for a number of years and has been committed to our local community, especially Victor Valley College, where he served on the VVC Foundation Board. When Logan became General Manager of VWRA in 2006, he was tasked with turning around a facility that was facing more than 100 water quality violations. Through his leadership and foresight over the last 13 years, Logan has guided VWRA from a troubled wastewater treatment facility to a respected industry leader. Under his leadership, VWRA has resolved those early water quality problems, improved and expanded our infrastructure, navigated several disasters including the 2010 Upper Narrows emergency, supervised construction of the Apple Valley and Hesperia water recycling facilities and initiated an award winning green energy program. Logan leaves a legacy at VWRA of innovative thinking and leadership. He will be missed.



Logan Olds

Marcos Avila named CWEA's Maintenance Person of the Year Townsend and Adams also win two regional awards

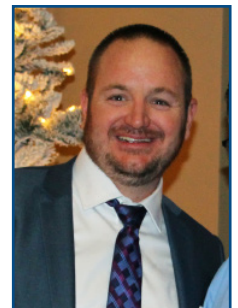


Marcos Avila

VWRA Lead Mechanic Marcos Avila has been honored as the Mechanical Technician of the Year by the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). The prestigious statewide award recognizes Marcos for his outstanding work in the maintenance field. Marcos has been with VWRA since 2011. He started as a mechanic in training and became Lead Mechanic in 2016. Two other VWRA staff members won regional awards. EC Inspector Robert Townsend was named P3S Person of the Year by the Desert and Mountain Section of the CWEA. Robert has been with VWRA since 2011. Lead Operator Brad Adams was recognized as Operator of the Year by CWEA/DAMS. Adams started his career at VWRA as an Operator in Training in 2012.



Robert Townsend



Brad Adams



Supervisor Robert Lovingood

Lovingood joins VWRA Board

First District Supervisor Robert Lovingood has joined the VWRA Board of Commissioners. He represents San Bernardino County Service Areas 42 and 46 which include Spring Valley Lake and Oro Grande. He replaces Commissioner Jeff Rigney who retired earlier this year. Supervisor Lovingood joins a VWRA Board of Commissioners that includes Hesperia Mayor Larry Bird, Apple Valley Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Nassif and Victorville City Councilman Jim Cox.

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Desert Knolls Wash

Main Apple Valley Interceptor moved out of wash



VWRA has moved a 2600 foot long section of the main Apple Valley interceptor out of the Desert Knolls Wash. The 15" pipeline carry's about 2 million gallons of wastewater from Apple Valley every day. The old pipeline ran several feet under the sand in the wash, however runoff from a storm in late 2016 uncovered a portion of the line. There was no spill and the line was re-buried, but VWRA made moving the interceptor out of the wash a top priority. Construction on the newly realigned pipeline was completed in late April.



Around the Plant

Kudos!



Congratulations to Operator Travis Prine for earning his Grade I operators certificate.



Congratulations to Maintenance Mechanic Richard Swatzell for earning his Grade I mechanics certificate.



Congratulations to Operator Julio Espinoza for earning his Grade I operators certificate.



Welcome to our new Septage Receiving Attendant Kalin Westover who has also earned his operator in training cert.



Congratulations to Operations Intern Lucas Wilkens for earning his Operator in Training cert.



Welcome to Maintenance Intern Benjamin Carrera



Congratulations to Electrical Instrumentation Intern Derek Evans who earned his E & I Grade I



Congratulations to Operations Intern Emily Wilson for earning her Operator in Training cert.



Congratulations to Operations Intern James Pasioka for earning his Grade I certificate.

Employee of the Quarter: *David Wylie*



Safety and Communications Officer David Wylie was selected as the most recent VWRA Employee of the Quarter. David joined VWRA in 2014 as the Public Information Officer and transitioned to Safety and Communications Officer in 2016. He oversees staff safety and training as well as internal and external communications. Before joining VWRA, David worked in radio and television news including stints at Y-102, KATJ, KOLA 99.9 and the TV news magazine California Life. He is also the voice of fireworks shows put on by Pyro Spectaculars by Souza and can often be heard at local 4th of July events. David lives in Victorville with his wife Denise and their two sons.

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Day of the Operator

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