



Walnut Valley Water District

Press Release

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Water District Board Welcomes New Directors Theodore L. Ebenkamp and Scarlett P. Kwong

The Walnut Valley Water District welcomed two newly elected members to their Board of Directors. During a recent ceremony, Scarlett Kwong was sworn in by Diamond Bar Councilmember Steve Tye, and now serves as the elected representative for Division V, representing portions of the cities of Diamond Bar, West Covina, Pomona, and Industry. Ms. Kwong was also elected as the Assistant Treasurer by the Board and will serve as a member of the Public Information committee and as an alternate for the Finance and Legislative committees.

Ms. Kwong holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Math/Computer Science from the University of California at Los Angeles. She is currently a Project Engineer/Planning and Budget Manager at an aerospace company that develops In-Flight Entertainment Systems for commercial airliners. A Diamond Bar resident since 1998, Kwong is active in many school and community organizations serving the local schools as well as the City. Currently she is serving her 2nd year as the Coordinator for the Five Parents' Groups at Diamond Bar High School, as well as the Advisor to the Chinese American Parents Association. In 2006, Kwong served on the Walnut Valley Unified School District's annual Budget Committee. She has assisted Miss Diamond Bar Pageant to relocate to its current location at the auditorium at Diamond Bar High School. Through her hard work and dedication, she has received many awards and recognitions, including the 2007 Bob Huff's recognition of Community Leaders Award, Walnut Valley Unified School District's 2007 Parent/Community Partner Award, Diamond Bar High School's 2006 Shirley Shuler Memorial Parent Volunteer of the Year Award, Chinese American Parents Association's 2005-2006 Presidential Service Award, and others.

Theodore L. Ebenkamp was also sworn in during the ceremony as Director of Division IV, representing portions of Rowland Heights and Diamond Bar, by the District's Legal Counsel Dr. Ebenkamp was elected Second Vice President by the Board and will serve as a member of District's Finance and Legislative committees and as an alternate for the Public Information and Community Relations committees.

Dr. Ebenkamp has been a resident of the Rowland Heights/Diamond Bar area since 1970. He holds Master of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Southern California. He retired from the Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center after a 27 year career in which he served as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Pharmacy and in various professional and managerial positions, including: Senior Pharmacist, Nuclear Pharmacist and Acting Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services. Dr. Ebenkamp is a board member of the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council and serves on the Measure R Bond Oversight Committee of the Rowland Unified School District.

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In 1952, the Walnut Valley Water District was formed under State law to provide a supply of water for the people in this area. In 1955, after beginning the development of the water supply system, the District provided potable water to 21 service connections with an approximate population of less than 800 in the local area.

Today, after more than five decades of service to the community, the District operates and maintains two large imported potable water pipelines, 370 miles of distribution mains, 16 pump plants, and 27 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 87.4 million gallons of water serving over 26,000 connections. The District also operates and maintains a recycled water distribution system consisting of 28 miles of distribution mains, 1 pump plant, 3 wells, and 2 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 4 million gallons of water serving over 200 connections. The District provides water service to an area encompassing 17,900 acres, serving a population of nearly 100,000 residents and businesses in six local communities.