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WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT RECEIVES 2019 STAR AWARD
Recognition for the support and employment of people with disabilities

Walnut, CA (September 26, 2019) - The California Disability Services Association (CDSA) presented Walnut Valley Water District with the 2019 Star Award in honor of the District's OPARC Maintenance Program. The program is a long standing partnership with OPARC that provides adults with developmental disabilities meaningful employment opportunities.

The Star Award was presented to WVWD at the CDSA's annual Legislative and Award Reception on September 25, 2019 in Pasadena. Board President Ed Hilden, General Manager Erik Hitchman, and Assistant General Manager Brian Teuber were present to receive the award.

"Walnut Valley Water District is honored to be recognized for its partnership with OPARC," said WVWD Board President Hilden. "Contributing to the local community through meaningful and impactful sponsorships is one of the District's highest priorities. We look forward to continuing these efforts for years to come."

OPARC crew members perform various tasks throughout Walnut Valley Water District's service area that includes painting fire hydrants, air vacs, and blow-offs. Crew members also ensure that district assets and property are well maintained throughout the year.

"The OPARC team conducts essential performance and maintenance services for the District," said WVWD Field Service Lead, Gabriel Lievanos. "The crews gain hands-on experience in a professional setting which helps them obtain the skills and financial security they need to support independent living."

For more information, please visit Walnut Valley Water District's website at www.wvwd.com.

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About Walnut Valley Water District

Walnut Valley Water District was formed in 1952, and after more than six decades of service to the community, the District operates and maintains two large imported water pipelines, 497 miles of distribution mains, 17 pump plants, and 31 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 94.1 million gallons of water. The District also provides water service to more than 27,000 connections in an area encompassing 17,900 acres, serving a population of more than 100,000 residents and businesses in six local communities.