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## WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT CELEBRATES CALIFORNIA'S 3RD ANNUAL WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK

Walnut, CA (October 10, 2019) - In honor of California's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Water Professionals Appreciation Week, Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) celebrated the dedication and service of its water professionals during the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>. WVWD hosted themed activities each day and highlighted careers in the water industry to educate the public about opportunities available to them.

"It's important for us at the District to continuously plan for the future, to not only secure the vitality of the community's water resources, but also the professional development and well-being of our team members," said Alanna Diaz, HR/Safety/Risk Manager. WVWD water professionals work 24/7 to plan for the future, maintain and upgrade water systems, and improve the safety and resiliency of water supplies for the communities of Diamond Bar, Walnut, Industry, Rowland Heights, West Covina and Pomona.

This year, WVWD showcased "Water Professional Spotlights" on the District's social media channels. Each day the District shared several posts from employees who talked about why they love their career and what being a part of the "water family" means to them. These posts also served to inform community members about the diverse career opportunities available to them throughout the water industry.

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**WATER PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT**

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Shawna S.  
Human Resources Coordinator, 30 yrs.

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*"Dedicated to meeting the water supply needs of the communities we serve."*

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coworkers that make it feel like family”, said Shawna Seals, Human Resources Coordinator. “Water Professionals Appreciation Week is one of my favorite ways to give back to the agency who has given me so much and really drive home the appreciation that the District has for all of its service members.”

WVWD employees participated in themed activities such as a “We ‘donut’ know what we would do without awesome employees like you!” breakfast, to receiving goodie bags with treats like Extra gum and Tootsie rolls for going that “Extra” mile and playing an important “roll” to the District. The activities were wrapped up with a friendly game of kickball and nacho bar luncheon.

For more information visit: [www.wvwd.com](http://www.wvwd.com) and the District’s social media channels:

**Facebook:** *Walnut Valley Water District*

**Instagram:** *@walnut\_valley\_water\_district*

**Twitter:** *Walnut Valley Water District @usewaterwisely*

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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.*

#### **About Water Professionals Appreciation Week**

*Water Professionals Appreciation Week was established in 2017 by Senate Concurrent Resolution 80, by Sen. Bill Dodd (D-Napa). Recent labor studies estimate that 60,000 people work in California’s water industry and it needs roughly 6,000 new employees each year due to turnover. The water industry offers a wide variety of rewarding career opportunities in engineering, biology, finance, business administration, law, communications and many more types of positions in high-demand occupations. The measure was sponsored by a coalition of water associations led by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and including WaterReuse California, California Municipal Utilities Association, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, and the California Water Association. Under SCR 80, the annually designated week begins on the first Saturday of October and ends on the Sunday of the following weekend.*

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