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## **WALNUT VALLEY WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER AND SWEARS IN TWO RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**Walnut, CA (December 11, 2020)** – Walnut Valley Water District recently swore in a newly elected board member, Mr. Kevin T. Hayakawa, and two returning board members, Directors Jerry Tang and Scarlett Kwong.

Mr. Hayakawa was officially sworn in on December 7, 2020, to represent Division IV, which serves portions of Rowland Heights. Born and raised in Rowland Heights, he is a proud alumnus of local public schools including the Ybarra Academy of Arts and Technology and John A. Rowland High School. He holds Bachelor's degrees in Physics and Astrophysics from UC Berkeley and a Master's degree in Astronomy from UCLA. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Physics at Moorpark College and a Ph.D. Candidate in Astronomy and Astrophysics at UCLA and is on track to complete his Ph.D. by Summer 2022.

"Director Hayakawa is a strong addition to the District's Board of Directors," said General Manager, Erik Hitchman. "The District is honored to have the opportunity to have such a devoted member of the Rowland Heights community serving in this position."

Returning board members, Directors Jerry Tang and Scarlett Kwong took their oath of office on December 8 and on December 7, 2020, respectively. Directors Hayakawa and Tang were sworn-in at District headquarters and Director Kwong virtually. Director Tang represents Division I which includes Walnut and a portion of West Covina. Director Kwong represents Division V which includes portions of Diamond Bar, West Covina, Pomona, and Industry.

The Board of Directors are responsible for setting District policy and for establishing long-range goals and direction for the District. For more information on the Walnut Valley Water District Board of Directors, please visit [www.wvwd.com](http://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.*