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## **Chris Mann Takes Seat as Board President of Yucaipa Valley Water District**



(Yucaipa, CA) – Director Chris Mann was unanimously selected as President of the Board at Tuesday’s meeting of the Yucaipa Valley Water District Board of Directors.

“It is an honor to represent the community as the Yucaipa Valley Water District Board President,” said Mann. “Protecting ratepayers, both in terms of being responsible stewards of public dollars, and in terms of safeguarding water quality and reliability, is my top priority. Along with the Board of Directors, I am committed to ensuring excellent service to our customers at a reasonable price and continuing to find innovative solutions to protecting and enhancing our water supplies for the future.”

President Mann’s goals for the District include enhancing drinking water quality through additional upgrades to the District’s state-of-the-art Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility and securing new sources of water in order to reduce the region’s reliance on imported water. Water imported through the State Water Project, for the purpose of supplementing local supplies, has become increasingly unreliable in recent years. It may also become significantly more expensive should the San Geronio Pass Water Agency move forward with drastic rate increases currently under consideration. Reducing reliance on this water supply could help YVWD customers avoid future increases to their water bills.

President Mann, who represents Division 1 (which includes Chapman Heights and other portions of the City of Yucaipa which are predominantly south of Yucaipa Blvd. between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the I-10 Freeway), is the owner of Mann Communications, a local public relations company. He is also a former Analyst and Deputy Chief of Staff for a member of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, and is the Founder of the Inland Empire Taxpayers Association, a prominent taxpayer watchdog group and political action committee. Mann previously served on the Board of Directors of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency, which wholesales imported water to water districts in the region. He is also a former Mayor and City Councilman, having been elected to the Westlake Village City Council (in western Los Angeles County) several months after graduating from college at the age of 23.

At the same meeting, Bruce Granlund was selected for a second consecutive term as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Other members of the Board include Jay Bogh, Lonni Granlund, and Joyce McIntire.

The Yucaipa Valley Water District Board of Directors regularly meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the District’s headquarters, located at 12770 Second Street in Yucaipa. In addition, the Board conducts workshop meetings at 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding each regular meeting of the Board of Directors. All meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the public.

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