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LVMWD Brings Water and Business Together at Tap-In 2019

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) hosted the inaugural Tap-In 2019 Water & Business Summit, a luncheon connecting local businesses and water professionals in a discussion about the importance of sustainability to California's economy.

Regional businesses and water industry leaders gathered at the Agoura Hills Recreation & Event Center on Thursday, November 7th to learn about current and future water supply challenges facing California residents and businesses. Mayor Pro Tem Illece Buckley Weber from Agoura Hills set the tone of the event with her welcoming remarks and spirit of collaboration.

The summit was highlighted by two speakers and a panel discussion that examined the energy-water-food nexus and how the demand for, and availability of, water directly impacts economic activity. Attendees learned ways in which businesses can implement easy and cost effective water savings and sustainability practices to save money and conserve water.

The panel, comprised of Dan Drugan from Calleguas Municipal Water District, Bridget Karl from the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce, Jill Lederer from the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce and Dave Pedersen from Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, provided expertise and future insights into water reliability and how businesses can effectively embrace sustainability initiatives and integrate them into their business models.

Raychel Harrison, CEO and Creative Director for Calabasas-based businesses Salon Nuuvo and Nuuvo Haircare, shared her salon's successful sustainability practices, as well as how she has effectively marketed them to her clientele.

Chairwoman Gloria Gray of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California rounded out the discussion, highlighting the importance of collaboration amongst water agencies and businesses to adequately address the water challenges of the future.



Featured speaker Raychel Harrison shares how Salon Nuuvo has embraced sustainability and grown its business.

Moving forward, LVMWD is focused on facilitating the continued conversation around sustainability to support this thriving community in the present and future.

Tap-In 2019 was sponsored by Calleguas Municipal Water District, the City of Agoura Hills, the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Employee Spotlight: Jonathan Vo

Meet Jonathan Vo, Water Reclamation Plant Operator at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility. Jonathan has served LVMWD customers since 1988 and has moved up the ranks from a utility apprentice with his beginnings at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (Tapia). In his 31 years with the District, Jonathan has alternated stints between Rancho and Tapia and most recently settled into his current position at the former.



Jonathan Vo
Water Reclamation Plant Operator

Jonathan serves the community by ensuring customers receive the highest quality compost on the market. He understands and helps facilitate the composting process, where biosolids produced during the wastewater treatment process at Tapia are blended with high quality woodchips to make EPA certified Class A Exceptional Quality garden compost and then given away for free to the public. Coincidentally, Jonathan planted a *Plumeria Frangipani* in September 2018 that managed to survive the Woolsey Fire. As pictured with Jonathan to the left, the flowers are thriving.

Jonathan not only finds great pleasure in serving this prestigious community, but also in having the opportunity to support himself and his family. As an adolescent, he arrived in America with his brother and sister from war-torn Vietnam with just a few dollars in his pocket. Through his service with LVMWD, Jonathan has been able to help his parents, sister, and brother gain citizenship in the United States.

In his spare time, Jonathan enjoys playing soccer, tennis, basketball and riding his motorcycle along the Pacific Coast Highway. He compares the feeling to that of the freedom he has gained since making a life for himself in America. ♡

THE MISSING PIECE



Send your response to:

THE MISSING PIECE, LVMWD, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302, or send to LittleDrop@LVMWD.com with **"Missing Piece"** in the subject line. **Please include your mailing address in case you are a winner!** Prizes are awarded monthly to 10 winners randomly selected from the correct responses. Watch for the answer in the next issue of *The Current Flow*.

What did the attendees at Tap-In 2019 learn from the speakers and panel?

Previous issue's *Missing Piece*:

In order to maintain the highest quality water, how many samples and how many tests does LVMWD perform on its water each year?

Answer:

Over 1,200 samples and over 11,000 tests.

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WATER HEROES TO THE RESCUE!

Super Drop and the League of Water Warriors hit the Streets



Fall is a very busy season here at LVMWD. We enjoy being active and participating in all of the wonderful events in our surrounding communities including Reyes Adobe Days, Calabasas Pumpkin Festival and Trunk or Treat at the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center to name just a few.

This year we also participated in the Hidden Hills Fiesta Parade. In the months prior to the event, we formed a committee of creative and talented LVMWD employees to come up with a theme for the float. Following the Hidden Hills theme of “Heroes,” our brainstorming led us to create our own District super heroes called “The League of Water Warriors” inspired by the various processes and products that we create and deliver throughout our region.

The District’s team of skilled craftsmen built the float to look like a city park with a large “floating faucet” style fountain as the focal point, a park bench that held two more passengers and, at the back of the float, was a city skyline with Little Drop (or in this case “Super Drop”) towering above our communities with his/her watchful eyes. All of the heroes marched alongside the float while the narrator, perched on a soap box with a bull horn in hand, preached to the masses the Legend of the League of Water Warriors.

The Villain:

Climate Change – We live in a world powered by fossil fuels, an insatiable appetite for consuming natural resources and embrace wide-spread materialistic life-styles. And because of that, we all have created a villain so treacherous and

vile that some cannot even bear to utter its name... Climate Change.

But all is not lost. Because the enemy has now met its match.

Climate Change - the most dangerous villain of our time!



Meet the League of Water Warriors:

The Purple Piper!

Using her magic flute, she changes wastewater into recycled water to keep our parks and soccer fields green which leaves more drinking water to keep everything else alive!

Conservation Cowgirl!

Along with her drip-irrigation lasso, she wrangles-in wasteful water use and reduces the need for more imported water all the while minimizing greenhouse gas emissions socking it to Climate Change!

Captain Compost!

With her free spirit of giving back to the community, she shields us from poor air quality by using your poop to make

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Board meetings are scheduled at 9 a.m.
on the second and fourth
Tuesday of each month

Board Meetings are now live-streamed on the District’s
website at LVMWD.com/BoardMeetingSpeakerCard

Las Virgenes - Triunfo JPA
meets the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m.

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Board meeting and agenda information

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nutrient-rich free compost and your gas to power the process eliminating the use of trucks to haul your waste away and minimize carbon emissions – the lifeblood of Climate Change!

Thunder Tap!

With the power to morph from liquid to solid and gas, Thunder Tap flows effortlessly into your homes leaving behind no traces of waste like plastic bottles, a scourge on the environment, requiring massive amounts of energy to manufacture which is sweet nectar to the villainous climate change.

Wastewater Woman!

With her sidekick Lil Plop, she uses her powers of absorption to create nutrient rich energy that she passes along to the Purple Piper and Captain Compost supercharging their abilities to crush the spirit of Climate Change!

Super Drop!

Climate Change's most potent adversary, she/he draws power from flushed toilets and transforms from a waste

product into the purest form of water. With keen foresight so masterful at seeing the future, Super Drop will be in your homes to keep you healthy and hydrated even when Climate Change is beating on your front door.💧



Super Drop waves to the adoring crowd!

Conservation Corner - Less is More!

AVOID PAYING WATER PENALTIES

SEASONS CHANGE AND SO DO YOUR PLANTS WATER DEMANDS

Season	Average High Temp	Plant Water Demand
Winter	64	Low
Spring	76	Medium-Low
Summer	93	High
Fall	83	Medium-Low

As the days get shorter, your landscaping needs less water, regardless of temperature.

Remember to reduce the amount of irrigation for your yard. The temperature can trick you into believing you need to water more than is needed. Reducing irrigation during the fall and winter will save thousands of gallons of water and help you avoid penalties for wasteful water use. Remember to adjust and inspect your irrigation system seasonally.