



# District News

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## *Three Valleys Remembers Director Joseph Ruzicka*

CLAREMONT, California – Three Valleys Municipal Water District is extremely saddened to announce the passing of Board Director Joseph T. Ruzicka following a brief illness. He was 84 years old.

A resident of Diamond Bar, Ruzicka served on the Three Valleys MWD Board of Directors since 2003, representing Diamond Bar and the City of Industry in Division V. In his current term, he also served as Board Treasurer and represented the district as the special district-alternate member on the board for the Los Angeles Formation Commission (LAFCO).

“Joe contributed greatly not only to this organization, but to the entire region,” said Three Valleys MWD Board of Directors President Bob Kuhn. “We all owe him a debt of gratitude for the legacy he leaves behind. He will be deeply missed.”

“The entire Three Valleys family mourns the loss of Joe. I will miss his smile the most,” said Three Valleys MWD Director David De Jesus. “He possessed a true passion for public service. We will be forever grateful for his service to the community.”

Before joining the Three Valleys MWD Board of Directors, Ruzicka served on several committees that guided the incorporation of Diamond Bar. He was then appointed as an inaugural member of the Diamond Bar parks and Recreation Commission in 1989 and helped create the popular “Concerts in the Park Series” and several youth sports programs. He was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1997, where he served until his election to the Three Valleys MWD Board in 2003.

“It was an honor to serve alongside Joe for nearly two decades,” added Three Valleys MWD Director Brian Bowcock. “He was always looking to expand his knowledge and help others, and really was just a wonderful person.”

TVMWD Director Carlos Goytia added, “Joe was an inspiration to all of us and contributed so much to his community. I was proud to call him a friend.”

Originally from Chicago, Ruzicka was an eight-year veteran of the U.S Marine Corps in both active and reserve duty from 1954 to 1962. He previously worked as Regional manager for the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board. In addition to his roles in government service, Ruzicka was a past president of the Walnut Valley Rotary Club and past president of the local Little League.

“It was a distinct privilege to serve with Joe,” said TVMWD Director John Mendoza. “He was an integral part of our success and his impact will be felt for many years to come.”

“Joe set a remarkable example for all of us in public service,” added TVMWD Director Denise Jackman. “We will miss him terribly.”

Memorial services are pending.

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*In 1950, Pomona Valley Municipal Water District (PVMWD) was formed under State law for the purpose of annexing to the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), thereby entitling the area to receive water imported to the region. The District changed its name to Three Valleys Municipal Water District in 1981.*

*TVMWD, a water resources management agency is governed by an elected Board of seven officials and covers approximately 133 square miles. The present population is about 525,000. Since its formation the Three Valleys Municipal Water District has installed some 37,000 feet of pipeline and delivered more than 150 billion gallons of water.*