



VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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To: The Independent Special Districts of San Diego County

Greetings;

As Board President of the Valley Center Municipal Water District (VCMWD), I am encouraging you to support Ms. Lindsay Leahy for the San Diego LAFCO Special District's Advisory Committee (SD LAFCO SDAC).

While VCMWD was very fortunate to secure Lindsay as our new General Manager, she is by no means new to San Diego County. She brings a long public service career here in North San Diego County with the cities of Carlsbad and Oceanside. Lindsay also brings a deep understanding of independent special districts, as her most recent position prior to VCMWD, was serving as Deputy General Manager for the Santa Margarita Water District in southern Orange County.

With her wide range of experience in public service with multiple municipal and special district agencies, Lindsay will contribute valuable insight and perspective to the SDAC, as it deals with the important jurisdictional and service provision issues associated with independent special district governance in San Diego County.

A review of her attached resume will confirm that she is well suited to be a contributing member of the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission SD LAFCO SDAC.

Sincerely:

Enrico Ferro, President
Valley Center Municipal Water District

Lindsay Leahy, PE

General Manager – Valley Center Municipal Water District

SUMMARY

Accomplished water industry professional with over sixteen years of experience in the planning, design, construction, and operation of complex water, wastewater, and recycled water systems. Oversees comprehensive utility operations, including water distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, and water recycling programs serving 30,000 residents. Recognized for fostering collaboration, advancing innovation, and championing sustainable resource management within the public utilities sector.

EXPERIENCE

General Manager – Valley Center Municipal Water District

November 2025 – Present

Oversee all functions of the District, including Finance, Customer Service, Human Resources, Operations, and Engineering. Responsible for implementing Board directives, coordinating District operations, and maintaining an efficient, professional, and collaborative work environment.

Deputy General Manager – Santa Margarita Water District

February 2025 – October 2025

Oversaw all operations, engineering, and planning functions of the District, including maintenance and construction, water and recycled water treatment and distribution, and wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal serving over 200,000 residents and 74,000 customers. Directed capital project development and implementation while modernizing District policies and procedures.

Water Utilities Director / Principal Water Engineer – City of Oceanside

October 2018 – February 2025

Oversaw all water, wastewater, solid waste, and recycling services for the City, serving 180,000 residents and over 44,000 customers. Managed water, wastewater, recycled water, and advanced water treatment operations, including distribution, indirect potable reuse, and waste collection and disposal. Directed and managed a five-year, \$500 million Capital Improvements Program. Responsible for utility rate setting and for fostering a productive and positive work environment for more than 170 employees across the three utilities.

Senior / Associate / Assistant Engineer – City of Carlsbad

November 2015 – October 2018

Served as Project Manager overseeing up to five concurrent projects, managing budgets, contracts, and project delivery. Coordinated design, construction, and startup activities with consultants and Operations staff. Ensured technical quality for design projects valued up to \$15 million and mentored staff to enhance technical expertise and project execution efficiency.

Engineering Manager – Everest Solar System

November 2012 – November 2015

Established and managed the Engineering, Research & Development, and Project Management departments. Led the development of a commercial rooftop product line that reduced component costs and installation time.

Project Engineer – J.R. Filanc Construction Company, Inc.

June 2009 – November 2012

Managed construction of \$40–\$160M water and wastewater treatment plant projects, overseeing field operations including job cost control, scheduling, and safety compliance.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- Master of Public Administration, San Diego State University – 2019
- Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, California State University, Chico – 2009
- Water Management & Leadership Certificate, California State University, San Marcos – 2018
- Professional Engineer, CA – License No. M36974

LEADERSHIP & BOARD SERVICE

- San Diego County Water Authority Board - Director
 - Audit Committee
 - Engineering and Operations Committee
 - Administration and Finance Committee
 - Water Planning and Environmental Committee
 - Legislative and Public Outreach Committee
 - Board Governance Workgroup
- South Orange County Wastewater Authority Engineering Committee - Member
- LAFCO San Diego County Water Authority Municipal Service Review Working Group - Member