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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Girls Inc. "Water Girls" Selected for 2009 National Girls Inc. Corporate Camp for Entrepreneurs

The Carpinteria Girls Inc., "Water Girls" (Karina Jougla, Erika Sanchez, Crystal Santana, Christian Santana, and Marianna Vega) were selected to participate in the 2009 National Girls Inc. Corporate Camp for Entrepreneurs. The "Water Girls" designed a water and money saving product: a chart that gives information to the consumer on how much water is used proportional to the type of showerhead they are using and a calendar booklet to record the total minutes showered. A consumer will be able to calculate the amount of water used and translate that into money spent. The product will also be available in Spanish and will be available locally. In addition to designing the product, the girls also had to provide a business plan detailing their target market, promotion and advertising mediums, start up costs, financing options, operating expenses and cash flow projections. The profits from their business will go to Girls Inc. of Carpinteria for scholarship and new programs.

The "Water Girls" along with their advisor Asa Olsson, were flown to New York, spent a week visiting women-owned businesses, and rang the closing bell on Wall Street, July 10th. You can view their presentation online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAMkaUrdgZE>

CVWD applauds the "Water Girls" for their water conserving product and entrepreneurial spirit.



Pictured left to right are Girls Inc., "Water Girls" Erika Sanchez, Crystal Santana, Christian Santana, Mariana Vega and Karina Jougla.

Photo courtesy of Duffy-Marie Arnoult.

El Distrito es bilingue. Favor de llamar (805) 684-2816 con cualquier pregunta sobre su cuenta o el uso de agua, estamos aqui para asistirlos.

Verifying CVWD Employee Identification

CVWD cares about our customers' safety and particularly for this reason CVWD employees carry official CVWD identification badges (ID) with them at all times to reduce the possibility of our customers being "scammed". CVWD staff are also required to hand a customer their business card.

If someone claiming to be a CVWD employee asks to enter your home, ask to view his or her ID badge, even if you initiated the contact with CVWD. Also, please be advised that CVWD employees will rarely ask to enter a customer's home unless there to perform a high bill investigation which has been previously scheduled by the customer.

Always feel free to contact the District office at 684-2816 to verify that someone has been dispatched to your address.

Spotlight! New District Employees



Mike Shaffer, pictured above, is the District's new Field Engineering Technician. Mike is an Environmental Studies graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is a valuable addition to the CVWD team.



Ryan Quiroga, pictured above, is the District's newest Water Utility Worker. Ryan is a long time Carpinteria resident and is a Carpinteria High School graduate. Ryan is a licensed water distribution operator by the Department of Public Health Services and has shown to be an asset to the CVWD team.

Welcome Mike & Ryan!

Board of Directors Meetings

The Board Meetings for the month of **August**:

Wednesday, August 5th and Wednesday, August 26th

The meetings are held at 4 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

Visit our website at www.cvwd.net for new and updated information.

Carpinteria Valley Water District Board of Directors

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Board Meetings

CVWD's Board of Directors regularly meets on the 3rd or 4th Wednesday of each month.

Regular meetings begin at 4 p.m., are open to the public, and are held at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave., Carpinteria.

For more information on the meeting schedule, phone (805) 684-2816

Staff

Charles Hamilton
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Tootie Maier
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