



**TRIUNFO
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DISTRICT**

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2018 Year in Review

In 2018, TSD responded to one of the most destructive brush fires in recent memory, made significant progress on a major project to improve water supply reliability, welcomed a new Board member, and more.

Pure Water Project Progresses - Demonstration Project Planned

The past year saw significant progress on the Pure Water Project, a landmark effort by the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to help ensure long-term water supply reliability and drought resilience.



In early 2018, Triunfo Board members James Wall (pictured) and Susan Pan traveled to Washington, DC, to lobby for additional project funding.

The JPA successfully obtained grant funding and approved plans for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility. This pilot plant is the precursor for a \$100 million water purification plant, scheduled for completion in 2030, that will provide 1.6 billion gallons annually of locally sourced drinking water.

The source for the pilot and full-scale plants will be highly treated recycled water currently discharged into Malibu Creek. The pilot plant, scheduled for completion in late 2019, will evaluate advanced water purification technologies including reverse osmosis and ultra-violet disinfection, ensuring that water meets all drinking water standards.

For details on the Pure Water Project, visit triunfosanitation.com.

TSD Responds Effectively To Four-Day Woolsey Firestorm



When the first plumes of smoke from the Woolsey Fire appeared in the hills behind Oak Park on November 8, crew members from Triunfo Sanitation District swung into action. Technicians began filling all four reservoirs and made control system adjustments to maximize supply and pressure throughout the system. A county fire official interviewed on TV commented that the amount of available water “made the difference” in firefighters’ ability to minimize property damage. Water quality was never compromised.

On the wastewater side, staff were dispatched to key sites including sewer lift stations to ensure that systems were operating and that backup generators were fueled and ready to run when the power failed.

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Leon Shapiro Appointed To Triunfo Sanitation District Board

Leon Shapiro, a consultant in the water and wastewater treatment industry, was appointed to the Triunfo Sanitation District Board on October 25, 2018, filling the vacancy created by Michael Paule's resignation on August 31.



Commenting on his appointment, Director Shapiro said, "I look forward to bringing my years of experience in the water and wastewater treatment industry, along with my passion for the environment, to assist the District as it moves into the future as an effective steward of our water resources."

Three Directors Reappointed



Triunfo Board members (from left) Janna Orkney, Susan Pan, and Ray Tjulander ran unopposed in the November 2018 election and therefore were appointed by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to new four-year terms to December 2022.

Woolsey Fire Response, cont.

Unusually large amounts of water were used by many TSD customers to protect their homes during the emergency. At a special meeting held on November 14, the TSD Board of Directors authorized the District's General Manager to provide financial relief to customers affected by the fire.

All customers of Oak Park Water Service (TSD's water utility) received a credit on their November bills for the amount of water they used from November 8-12. For customers whose homes were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the fire, the District will issue refund checks for sewer service from November 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

TSD Board Meeting Videos Available for Viewing Online

As part of its commitment to transparency and open communication with customers and the general public, Triunfo Sanitation District began videotaping its Board meetings in March 2018. The recordings are available for viewing on TSD's website:

triunfosanitation.com.

Janna Orkney, current Chair of the TSD Board said, "Our Board voted unanimously to initiate the videotaping as a means of enhancing the District's public transparency. Members of the public are always welcome to attend our Board meetings, but this action will provide a convenient option for viewing the meetings for people who may not be able to attend in person."

The TSD Board typically meets at 5:15 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Oak Park Library, 899 Kanan Road. In addition to Chair Orkney, the Board includes Vice Chair Susan Pan and members Leon Shapiro, Raymond Tjulander, and James Wall.

TSD Offers Educational Classes and Rebates for Water Customers

The Board of Directors of Triunfo Sanitation District has long recognized the need to promote the wise use of water among its Oak Park Water Service customer base, and 2018 was no different. We continued to offer rebates for a wide variety of appliances and devices, including water-saving clothes washers, high efficiency toilets, smart irrigation controllers, and other items. For details, visit **socialwatersmart.com**.

Rebates are also available for replacement of thirsty lawns with approved water-efficient gardens. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is currently offering a rebate of \$1 per square foot for approved projects.

On **March 30, 2019**, we'll be hosting a Turf Removal Workshop in Oak Park to provide specific information for customers interested in drought-proofing their landscape.

Mark your calendar - information to come!