

# VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## Vandenberg Village CSD Honors Two Former Directors

Vandenberg Village, CA, April 18, 2013. The Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) recently paid tribute to two members of its first board of directors: Howard E. Grantz and the late John ("Jock") W. Sutherland.

The board called a special meeting on April 12, adopting a resolution honoring the men and dedicating a new memorial bench next to the entrance of the district office to their service.

Grantz and Sutherland served on the board from 1983-1990 and are largely credited with laying a solid foundation for the local governance of the community's water and wastewater services. They persuaded the voters to overwhelmingly pass a \$4 million bond measure in 1985 and a \$1.4 million bond measure in 1988, leading to the purchase of water and wastewater infrastructure from Park Water Company for \$3,985,755 on December 1, 1988. The District retired these revenue bonds in 2005 and has grown to \$32 million in assets.

Sutherland served as the first board president and Grantz served as the second.

Grantz and Sutherland's widow, Lisa, attended the ceremony to dedicate the bench. Grantz spoke of working with Sutherland to design a water distribution network that could supply water for fighting fires and defeat the measure that would have purchased State Water for Vandenberg Village.

Current board president Bob Wyckoff summed up their accomplishments by saying, "It took lots of guts and savvy to form this district and we have a good one today because of their hard work."

Since the district's formation in 1983, a total of 29 men and women have served on the board.

VVCSD is an independent special district that provides water and wastewater services to a community of 6,500 people in northern Santa Barbara County. It is governed by a five-member, elected board of directors.

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