

VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

3745 Constellation Road • Vandenberg Village • Lompoc, CA 93436
Telephone: (805) 733-2475 • Fax: (805) 733-2109



"Pride in Community Service"

<http://vvcasd.org>

info@vvcasd.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

New Vandenberg Village CSD General Manager

Vandenberg Village, CA, Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) is proud to announce that at their December 5 regular board meeting Cynthia Allen was appointed as their new General Manager effective December 31, 2023 succeeding Joe Barget who has held the position since 2004. Joe was honored at the same meeting with a resolution detailing his faithful service to the community of Vandenberg Village.

Cynthia has been employed by VVCSD since 1993 and has worked her way up from Customer Service Representative to Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk to Administrative Services Manager and, now, General Manager. While working for the District, Cynthia received four Associates degrees from Allan Hancock College, her Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), her Master's degree in Public Policy from Cal Poly, and, in 2014, she completed her Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University. Her dissertation is entitled "A Quantitative Analysis of the Effect of Cash-4-Grass Programs on Water Consumption." Cynthia obtained her State of California D2 Drinking Water Distribution Operator Certificate in October 2015 and her T1 Drinking Water Treatment Operator Certificate in January 2017.

Cynthia was appointed to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) board in April 2015 and was most recently reelected in November 2022. She has been the board president since March 2016. In May 2019, she was elected as the Alternate Special District Member to the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). She serves as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) committee member for both the Central Management Area (CMA) and the Western Management Area (WMA) for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) efforts in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. She previously served as an alternate committee member for the Eastern Management Area (EMA).

In her free time, Cynthia is on the board of Companion Animal Placement Assistance (CAPA), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the welfare of shelter animals in the Lompoc Valley, and a member of the Rancho Purisima Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

###

Contact: Cynthia Allen, Vandenberg Village Community Services District Δ phone: (805) 733-2475 Δ email: callen@vvcasd.org