



IRVING FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT SECTION III ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER, MOVES FORWARD WITH EMERGENCY POWER PROGRAM

Irving, TEXAS (May 20, 2014) – At the regular, scheduled meeting of the Irving Flood Control District Section III (IFCD 3) on May 19, a new board member was seated and approval was given to move into the engineering phase of the previously announced plan to add emergency back-up power capabilities to the District’s pump station.

Neha Kunte Sworn-in to Serve on the IFCD 3 Board

A resident of Valley Ranch, Ms. Kunte was appointed to the IFCD 3 board by the Irving City Council. The unanimous appointment was made at the council’s Thursday, May 8, session, and her board service commenced the District’s May 19 session.

Kunte is owner and CEO of MNK InfoTech, an international IT management and consulting firm based in Irving. With more than 15 years of experience, Kunte and her firm specialize in IT staffing and software development that supports government agencies. She is active in Valley Ranch, serving in a number of volunteer and leadership roles throughout the community. Kunte also has worked closely with the Japan America Society and is viewed as a role model by members of the Indian community.

“Neha has been an active part of the Valley Ranch community for many years and will bring tremendous value to IFCD 3,” said Kim Andres, IFCD 3 president. “We look forward to her involvement on the board and believe that her professional knowledge, experience and close ties to the community align well with the District’s mission and focus of providing flood control facilities and services to Valley Ranch.”

In addition to this appointment to the IFCD 3 board of directors, Kunte is a member of the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, the Irving International Women’s Consortium and the Indian Association of North Texas. In 2010, she also was presented the “Asian Women Business Owner of the Year” award by Governor Rick Perry.

Kunte was appointed to fill the unexpired term of board member Chris E. Wallace, IOM, CCE, who resigned effective May 1 and has relocated to Austin to serve as president and chief operating officer of the Texas Association of Business.

Phase II Electrical Improvements to Pump Station Approved

At the same meeting, IFCD 3 board members approved moving forward with the engineering for the pump station’s electrical system and will consider an award of the improvements after the bidding process has ended. These improvements mark the final phase of planned electrical upgrades and are focused on installation of two permanent 2000kW back-up generators. These generators will provide redundancy power and are capable of powering the pump station at full operating capacity in the event that an electrical outage occurs. Additionally, new 480V switchgear and motor control centers will be installed to finish out all updates to the IFCD 3 pump station.

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These improvements were initially planned as part of a 2011 long-range review, in which it was deemed necessary to make a number of updates to the original pump station, which had provided more than 30 years of dependable service to the District. Recognizing that electrical updates would be essential to continue the facility's adherence to proper maintenance and safety standards, the IFCD 3 board of directors approved the Phase I improvements to the pump station that were completed in 2012. Addition of power source redundancy was the final aspect of these electrical system upgrades, and were approved after additional discussion of need and consideration of options.

The addition of this on-site backup generation capability will progress through engineering, procurement and installation phase, with an anticipated project completion of 2015.

About Irving Flood Control District Section III

Irving Flood Control District Section III (IFCD 3) is responsible for providing flood control facilities and operations and preserving the high quality of life provided in Valley Ranch. The District safeguards people and enhances the economic value of property by constructing and maintaining canals, ponds and other natural water management facilities throughout the community. A publicly funded organization, IFCD 3 is led by a five-member board appointed by the Irving City Council. District board members are committed to serving their fellow residents of Valley Ranch in an efficient, effective and transparent manner. For more information about IFCD 3 and its facilities and activities, please visit www.ifcd3.org.

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