



## **EMAIL INTERVIEW – Kim Andres and Irving Flood Control District Section 3 (IFCD 3)**

### **Kim Andres, Board President, [IFCD 3](#)**

Kim Andres is the current IFCD 3 president and is an attorney with Citi, where she has worked since 1995. Ms. Andres has resided in Valley Ranch since May of 1994. She has served on the Irving Arts Board and currently is serving as the president of the Irving Symphony League. Ms. Andres has shown her dedication and commitment to the Valley Ranch community through her years of service to these and various other Valley Ranch organizations.



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**IFCD 3:** What is the role of IFCD 3 and why is IFCD 3 important to Valley Ranch residents?

**Kim:** The role of IFCD 3 is to provide storm water drainage services to the residents and businesses in Valley Ranch - a function important to Valley Ranch residents on many levels. Initially when the District was created in the late 1970s, IFCD 3 sold bonds which enabled the construction of the levee, pump station and system of canals which in turn removed the flood plain as a barrier to development in Valley Ranch.

**IFCD 3:** As a leader of IFCD 3 and a long-time member of the Valley Ranch community, what are the biggest challenges in managing the canals, levy and waterways throughout the District?

**Kim:** The biggest challenge is ensuring that tax dollars supporting the District's functions are put to optimal use, consistent with the mission of the District. This includes ensuring that the District budgets appropriately, and contracts with professionals who can deliver the construction, engineering, maintenance and communications services needed to continuously ensure the smooth functioning of the storm drainage system.

**IFCD 3:** Tell us a little bit about how you lead IFCD 3 as the board's president?

**Kim:** First and foremost I serve as the leadership face of IFCD 3. With regards to IFCD 3's meetings, I ensure that public notice of the time and place of IFCD 3's monthly meetings are posted in a timely manner per Texas' open meetings laws. During the meeting I ensure the presence of a quorum amongst the board's directors and announce the various agenda items to be discussed. Additionally, it is my duty as board president to recognize reports from our professional consultants and ask for votes when there are matters requiring action by the board.

**IFCD 3:** Are there any interesting facts or features about IFCD 3 that most members of the community might not know about.

**Kim:** One interesting fact is storm water. Many residents in Valley Ranch probably do not know that the storm water flows from northwest to southeast - hence the location of the pump house in the southeast corner where the rainwater ultimately passes through a sump and the pump house and exits to the river. Due to gravity, most water reaching the pump house flows over the (sluice gates) to enter the river. In the event that we experience severe rainfall, the pumps may be deployed to avoid a build up in the level of water within the canal system. As a precautionary measure, IFCD 3 maintains operations of the flood control system, at a level that keeps the canals at 419 feet above sea level. When water reaches 419.5 feet pumping operations can begin depending on the level of the Elm Fork.

**IFCD 3:** While most of Valley Ranch has been developed, Irving and the surrounding areas still have the opportunity to grow. How might further development near Valley Ranch impact the work of the District and its mission in the future?

**Kim:** Theoretically, additional development in neighboring areas could result in additional storm water flowing to the facilities in the District. IFCD stands ready to work with the City of Irving should the need arise as a result of such new development.