



# **ROSEDALE – RIO BRAVO**

**WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**March 12, 2021**

### **Rosedale – Rio Bravo Water Storage District Announces Change in Leadership**

On March 9, 2021, The Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District announced that its General Manager, Eric Averett, has left the District to pursue another opportunity. Under Mr. Averett's management of 13 years, the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District has made significant headways in sustainable water management by way of various new programs and projects designed as a response to the recent implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). His innovative approach to tackling the various obstacles of an ever-growing water demand have considerably enhanced Rosedale's ability to provide an adequate and reliable water supply to the residents of Rosedale.

The District's Board also announced on March 9, 2021 that Dan Bartel will be Rosedale's new General Manager. For the past 8 years, Mr. Bartel has served the District as Assistant General Manager-Engineer, providing his expertise in land use management, business development, administration, project planning, litigation support, and environmental compliance. With 28 years of experience as a civil engineer in public water resource engineering and management, Mr. Bartel has helped Rosedale advance many of its water management programs. His vast knowledge of the water industry and comradeship amongst the District's staff, Board, and colleagues will be a great asset to the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District.

Roy Pierucci, Board President, stated, "It was an easy and logical choice for the Board to appoint Mr. Bartel to the position of General Manager. Dan's past experience as a General Manager, being the engineer in developing all our current projects, his community relationships throughout Kern County in both water and community events, and his integrity made him the natural choice to replace Eric."