

# The Joshua Tree

January 9, 2024

## AS THE SNOW MELTS AWAY...

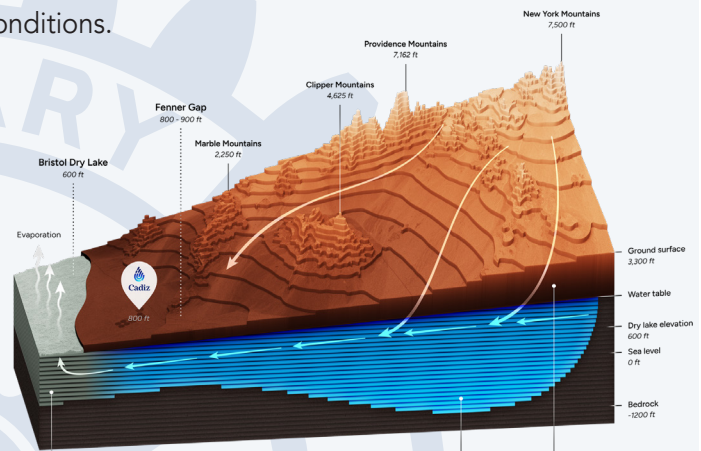


In the arid landscapes of California, water scarcity has become a pressing issue, exacerbated by prolonged droughts and increasing demands from a growing population. One innovative solution that has garnered attention is the Cadiz Water Project, as shared by CEO **Susan Kennedy**,

who spoke at the first meeting of 2024. Situated in the Mojave Desert, this ambitious initiative aims to provide a reliable and sustainable water source for Southern California, addressing the region's chronic water shortages.

The Cadiz Water Project centers around the extraction of groundwater from an aquifer beneath the Cadiz Valley. The aquifer, estimated to contain billions of gallons of water, has been a focal point for water management discussions for decades. The project proposes to pump a fraction of this water and transport it through a 43-mile pipeline to the Colorado River Aqueduct, which would then distribute the water to water agencies serving Southern California.

California's snowpack is shrinking with more precipitation falling as rain and atmospheric rivers than snow. Our existing reservoirs and groundwater banks have limited ability to capture these storm waters. Cadiz provides the largest new groundwater bank in Southern California with 1 million acre-feet of underground storage capacity, safe from evaporation. Surplus water can be safely stored at Cadiz and withdrawn when needed, without loss to evaporation or risk of curtailment due to drought conditions.



The Cadiz Water Project emphasizes sustainable water management practices. By utilizing only a fraction of the aquifer's recharge rate – the natural replenishment of underground water – the project aims to ensure the long-term viability of the water source.

Proponents of the project argue that it is designed with meticulous consideration for environmental impact. The extraction rate is intended to be well below the aquifer's natural replenishment rate, minimizing adverse effects on the ecosystem and preserving the desert's delicate balance.

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**This Week's Functionaries**

**Invocation:** Bill Edwards

**Flag Salute:** Dr. Ron Boyd

**4-Way Test:** Arsalee Morales

**Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron



## MURRAY'S MINUTE

Thank you to Cadiz  
CEO Susan Kennedy for  
coming out and sharing  
the large amount of

information  
on the Cadiz  
Water Project.  
As seen by  
the immense  
reaction from  
Rotarians, we are looking forward to you  
coming out again and sharing even more  
information on saving California from a  
horrendous water crisis.



We will have a 5th Tuesday meeting on  
January 30th but have decided to make it a  
regular meeting at the Bear Valley Country  
Club and not an evening meeting. We do  
not have a speaker as of yet, but will have  
one soon.

Arsalee Morales and Bryan Gillespie have  
been working hard on setting up two big  
events next month. First will be a Super  
Bowl Party on Sunday, February 11th  
followed by a Valentine's Day Dinner on  
February 14th at the Bear Valley Country  
Club. Fellowship will begin at 5:30pm and  
dinner at 7:00pm. More details are being  
finalized at this time, and we will have more  
information and sign ups starting next  
week.

Join us next week as we will have Allen  
Williams from Sunset Hills. Have a great  
Rotary week!

Steve

## Cadiz...

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The project is expected to generate economic benefits through job creation, infrastructure development, and increased water availability for agricultural activities. The reliable water supply can potentially stimulate economic growth in the region, particularly in areas that have struggled due to water scarcity.

The Cadiz Water Project stands at the intersection of addressing California's water challenges and the need for sustainable water management. As the state grapples with the impacts of climate change and population growth, innovative solutions like the Cadiz Water Project become increasingly important. However, the project's fate hinges on striking a delicate balance between meeting water demands and ensuring the preservation of vital ecosystems in the Mojave Desert. Only through transparent and thorough assessments, collaboration among stakeholders, and adherence to environmental best practices can the Cadiz Water Project hope to provide a viable and sustainable solution to California's water needs.

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## Big Blue Poker Chip



*Bryan Gillespie had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, but picked green and saved the chance for another next week. The pot will continue to grow with 5 chips and \$425 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Poker Chip.*

## Raffle

**Bo Goulet** started our raffle off this week by taking home a bottle of wine from **David North**, followed by a Cinnabon goodie bag from **Bill Edwards**. **Jim Murray** and **Rob Kilpatrick** won goodie bags from Bill. Rob also received a calendar from the Orphanage in Enseñada, but gave it to **Steve Murray**, as he REALLY wanted it.



**Chris Ackerman** donated a couple of Victor Valley Transit bean bag phone holders that will be used by **Brian Gillespie** and **Stew Anderson**. Chris left the meeting with a set of leather Rotary coasters from **Russ Stringham** and a Bob's Tire tumbler from the Murray's.

## Spoon of Exemption



**Jon Hove** had his first time with the Spoon and shared with the group that Robar Enterprises has passed the 300 threshold and as of this week now employees 311 men and women in his companies. Jon concluded by sharing there are a lot of great new projects they are involved with are coming to the High Desert this year.

## Fine Session



**Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master this week and asked Rotarians what their 2024 New Year's Resolutions were.

**Jon Hove** began by sharing that in 2024 he wants to learn AI and put it to use in his business and received a \$24 fine, but it

was reversed when he showed Ryan the Spoon!

Others receiving \$24 fines included **Bill Scott**, who resolved to more skiing and eating better, **Don Lager** to travel more and **Bob Basen** to take more time off from commercial real estate.

**Bill Edwards** paid the \$24 fine for spending the new year launching a culinary arts program thanks to a \$25,000 grant and a donation of \$20k to repair their food truck! Paying the same amount was **David North** for growing out his beard and **Mike Page** for having two graduations and one wedding in 2024.

Some Rotarians don't make resolutions but one who still received a \$24 penalty was **Rob Kilpatrick** who wished everyone peace and goodwill, and **Dr. Ron Boyd** shared that canine vaccines will be going up 40%, so he left with a \$40 fine.

The final fine of the day was paid by Ryan himself, as he has resolved to not hit any more golf balls into the yard of **Stew Anderson**.

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Larif Lanrl** from the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority attending with **Darron Poulsen** and **Tisha Lopez** from Victor Valley Transit, attending with **Chris Ackerman**. Joining **Jon Hove** was **Linda Hove** and **Harrison Hove**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$37.00**

*Polio Pig: \$32 + Dice (Bryan Gillespie) \$5 = \$37.00*

**Collected to Date: \$20,215.33**

**Total equals: 101,409 Doses!**

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!**

**\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2023-2024 .....	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025 .....	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027 .....	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028 .....	<b>Please be Interviewed</b>
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
Treasurer/Scholarships .....	David North
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service/Membership .....	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests .....	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service .....	Bill Edwards

**Members-at-Large:** Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Pam Murray
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts .....	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Joshua Tree Editor .....	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Bryan Gillespie
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Safety.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship  
at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley  
Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville

### Make-up Days and Locations

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- Jan 22:** **Past Presidents' Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship  
5:30 pm Meeting  
Location: Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- Feb 11:** **Super Bowl Party**  
TBA
- Feb 12:** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
Location: Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- Feb 14:** **Valentines Dinner**  
Bear Valley Country Club  
13229 Spring Valley Pkwy, Victorville, CA  
5:30pm Fellowship  
7:00 pm Dinner

## Upcoming Programs

- Jan 16:** Allen Williams, General manager,  
Sunset Hills Memorial Park and Funeral  
Home **TOPIC: Consolidation of the  
Death Care Industry** (Page)
- Jan 23:** **High School 4-Way Speech Contest**  
(Johnson)
- Jan 30:** **OPEN**
- Feb 6:** **HSD S.T.A.R. students**

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