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HDWD Employee Celebrates 30 Year Anniversary

Yucca Valley, August 5, 2009 – Hi-Desert Water District is celebrating the 30 year anniversary of one of our own. Kari Bagshaw began her time with the Water District just two months out of high school, as a summer job. Over the years she has worked in inventory, accounts payable and receivables, payroll, customer service and is currently in the billing department. She has worked under eight different General Managers and dozens of board members.

“I have seen many changes over the years and worked with many great people that seemed more like family than co-workers. The friendships with fellow employees and customers that I’ve developed are my favorite part of the job. I planned to work toward the 40 year mark, with a goal to retire around 55,” says Kari. “If I could offer any advice to young people, it would be to get their college education, as it will help them go farther in their long term goals.”

Kari was the first person to open the office after the 1992 earthquake. She rode out the aftershocks at the Old Woman Springs Road office and worked round the clock as necessary to assist with emergency calls. She has many interesting stories to share. Listening to Kari tell stories from the past adds an element of history and warmth to the District. She holds the record as the longest-employed employee at the District -one she is justifiably proud of.

Customers can attest to Kari’s caring approach to customer service, her good listening skills and willingness to solve problems. General Manager Ed Muzik says, “It is employees like Kari that make Hi-Desert Water District a great organization. She cares a great deal for the District and it shows in her attention to customer service and billing.”

Congratulations are truly in order for Kari on a successful 30 years and we wish her the best of many more to come, serving the customers of the Hi-Desert Water District.

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