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## **Statement of Condolence on the Unexpected Death of AVEK Director Justin Lane**

**Palmdale, CA – January 7, 2021** – Shelley Sorsabal, President of the Antelope-Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) Board of Directors, made the following statement regarding the death of Division 4 Director Justin Lane, who died unexpectedly on January 1, 2021.

“It is with great sadness that AVEK extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of Justin Lane, Division 4 Director of AVEK. His passing represents an enormous loss to every one of us.

A lifelong, 4th generation resident of the Antelope Valley, Justin was elected to AVEK’s Board of Directors in 2016, following a family legacy set forth by his father, George Lane, who served as a Board member for over 30 years. He was devoted to serving his beloved community and advancing the mission of AVEK.

The Lane family has played an indelible role in shaping the Agency and we will remain steadfast in keeping their legacy of loyal service and outstanding stewardship alive. Justin will be greatly missed.”

### **ABOUT AVEK**

**3<sup>rd</sup> largest State Water Contractor in California** - In 1959, AVEK received its charter as a regional water Agency from the State Legislature. In 1962 AVEK’s Board of Directors signed a contract with the state to secure the delivery of water supplies intended to supplement the local groundwater. AVEK became the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest State Water Contractor with an entitlement of 144,844 acre-feet. Through the optimization of water resources and development of groundwater storage, the Agency maintains a reliable, sustainable and affordable water supply. Serving over 20 municipal users along with Edwards Air Force Base, Plant 42 and U.S. Borax within a 2300 mile territory that includes portions Los Angeles, Kern and Ventura Counties, the agency plays a vital role in supporting future regional economic development and national defense programs.

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