

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION  
FOR APRIL AND MAY 2025**

**ANNIVERSARY**

**Jesus Fernandez, Electrician II, 25 Years**

**Jesus Fernandez has been a dedicated member of CVWD for 25 years, contributing significantly to the region's water management and infrastructure. He began his career as a Zanjero, where for six years, he played a crucial role in delivering irrigation water to local farmers, ensuring the vitality of Coachella Valley's agricultural industry.**

**Following his tenure as a Zanjero, he spent a year in the mechanical shop, maintaining essential pumps for domestic, sanitation, and irrigation services. His commitment to operational excellence led him to the electrical shop, where he has since been instrumental in maintaining a wide array of electrical equipment, including lift stations, wells, recharge facilities, and office infrastructures.**

**Known for his proactive approach, he consistently seeks improvements in processes within the electrical shop, emphasizing safety and efficiency. His leadership during safety tailgate meetings often sparks in-depth discussions and the implementation of enhanced safety measures, reflecting his dedication to the well-being of his team and the evolving demands of electrical maintenance.**

Beyond his professional achievements, he often speaks fondly of his deep love for his family. As he approaches retirement, he looks forward to traveling and spending quality time with his loving wife, visiting family, and embracing the next chapter of life together.

His unwavering dedication, continuous pursuit of excellence, and heartfelt commitment to both his work and loved ones have left an indelible mark on all who have had the pleasure of working alongside him. We celebrate his remarkable journey and the legacy he leaves behind.

## **RETIREMENTS**

Barbara Thompson, Administrative Assistant, 11 Years (**not attending**)

Arthur Acuña, Operations Crew Chief, Domestic, 20 Years (**not attending**)

Chris Thomas, Conservation Program Specialist I, 21 Years (**not attending**)

Tommy Fowlkes, Engineering Technical Services Supervisor, 31 Years (**not attending**)

Omar Ceballos, Engineering Aide II, 35 Years (**not attending**)