



**VENTURA COUNTY
SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

- Bell Community Services
- Calleguas Municipal Water
- Camarillo Health Care
- Camrosa Water
- Casitas Municipal Water
- Channel Islands Beach
 Community Services
- Conejo Recreation & Park
- County of Ventura
 Auditor—Controller *
- Hidden Valley Municipal
 Water
- Meiners Oaks County Water
- Montalvo Municipal
 Improvements
- Ojai Valley Sanitary
- Oxnard Harbor
- Pleasant Valley County Water
- Pleasant Valley Recreation &
 Parks
- Rancho Simi Recreation &
 Parks
- Saticoy Sanitary
- Triunfo Sanitation
- United Water Conservation
- Ventura County Resource
 Conservation
- Ventura Port
- Ventura Regional Sanitation *
- Ventura River County Water

VCSDA

MINUTES Tuesday, April 9, 2013 Annual Meeting

*Unapproved
Minutes*

Approved: _____
Date: _____
Motion: _____
Second: _____

The meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held at Calleguas Municipal Water District, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE: Elaine Freeman

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Elaine Freeman. Jack Curtis led the flag salute.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: Elaine Freeman

Elaine Freeman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Districts with representatives present included: Calleguas Municipal Water District: Jose Cobian, Susan Mulligan, Scott Quady, Bill Seaver, Shirley Seaver, Thom Slosson, Kara Wade; Camarillo Health Care District: Rod Brown; Camrosa Water District: Al Fox, Cindy Fox, Tony Stafford; Conejo Recreation and Park District: Jim Friedl, Ed Jones, George Lange; Montalvo Community Service District: Nancy Acosta; Oxnard Harbor District/Port of Hueneme: Mary Anne Rooney; Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District: Elaine Magner, Mark Malloy; Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District: Elaine Freeman, Colleen Janssen, Lee Martin, Kate O'Brien; Triunfo Sanitation District: Janna Orkney, Michael Paule; United Water Conservation District: Bruce Dandy; and Ventura River County Water District: Jack Curtis, Marvin Hanson, Bert Rapp. Guests included representatives from the Ventura County Leadership and Partnership For A Healthy Ventura County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013: Elaine Freeman MSA: Nancy Acosta / Al Fox

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michael Paule

\$10,856.07 Balance forward

\$ 11,080.48 Ending balance

Members asked a few questions regarding the expenses listed and requested that more detail be provided with future reports. See attached Treasurer's Report. MSA: George Lange / Nancy Acosta

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elaine Freeman

A. Legislative Update - Elaine Freeman reviewed upcoming legislative items. See attached update.

President—Elaine Freeman
Vice President—Mary Anne Rooney

Treasurer—Mike Paule
Secretary—Colleen Janssen

B. Mary Anne Rooney explained about AB628 and its impact on Oxnard Harbor District/Port of Hueneme. The bill will also affect Stockton. If it passes, it will require the agencies to implement energy efficiency programs in conjunction with local utility companies. Eventually, it may affect all ports, and, potentially, all special districts. Already, the Gas Company wants a letter of support from Oxnard Harbor District. The District removed the item from their agenda for further study. Rooney asked that a letter from VCSDA go to Assemblyman Jeff Gorell's office. Al Fox suggested having someone call Assemblyman Gorell's office. Elaine Freeman indicated she would make a call.

C. CSDA Affiliation: Elaine Freeman is waiting to allow sufficient time for all VCSDA members to weigh in on the potential affiliation with CSDA (California Special Districts Association). She anticipates that the voting should be completed by the June 4 VCSDA meeting.

D. Website Update: Lee Martin offered an update on the VCSDA website including some stats on those who have visited the site over the past month. There were 226 unique "hits" on the site. The most frequented pages include, in descending order:

1. Home page
2. Calendar page
3. Contacts
4. Board of Directors
5. What is a Special District?
6. Water Districts
7. President's Page Newsletter
8. About VCSDA

He shared that there have been many updates lately due to changing the board of directors list and photos, new contact person, new verbiage and links.

Lee took a hand vote on two items:

- 1) How many agencies would like to have online registration for VCSDA meetings? 13 hands raised
- 2) How many agencies would like to have online payment for VCSDA meetings? 13 hands raised

The cost of each was estimated at: Registration form: \$250 Online payment: \$100-\$300, depending on who creates and oversees the Paypal account.

D. Nancy Acosta suggested that recognition should be provided to Christine Cohen, outgoing County of Ventura- Auditor Controller. Jack Curtis agreed. President Elaine Freeman suggested the recognition be at the next VCSDA meeting in June.

E. Bruce Dandy presented a LAFCo report provide by Kim Uhlich who was unable to attend. It is expected that revenue collected from special districts and others will increase largely due to application fees being well below historic levels. An alternative is to use reserve monies. A copy of the report is attached.

CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT: Susan Mulligan, General Manager
"Salinity Management Pipeline" SMP (formerly called the Brine Line).

The name was changed to reduce confusion. The line contains 10% of the salt levels of ocean waters. There is a need to improve water reliability. There are three sources of water: the L.A. Aqueduct (Los Angeles use only), the Colorado River, and the State Water Project (which is the only source of the three for Calleguas).

Calleguas is a member of the Metropolitan Water District, which covers an area from Oxnard to the border of Mexico. Calleguas (CMWD), serves 620,000 people and receives its water through a tunnel through the Santa Susana Pass. Governor Brown is pushing for more tunnels under the Sacramento Bay Delta to provide a more reliable supply of State Project water throughout California. There are risks to the Delta water supply including: a) fishery declines, b) land subsidence, c) earthquakes, and d) sea level rise.

Until ten years ago, Nevada and Arizona were not taking their full share of water, but due to increasing population levels in those states, there is less water now for California.

Local salinity challenges include: a) salt loading of groundwater basins, b) groundwater and recycled water is not suitable for irrigation, c) discharges violating regulations, d) local supplies not being used due to high salt, and e) no storm water recharge.

There is a need to provide transport for salty water to the ocean. The SMP is the answer. It will increase water supply and reduce salinity of local supplies.

The discharge to the SMP will come from brine from treatment of groundwater, drinking water, and tertiary treated wastewater.

Water from desalters is cheaper than imported water and provides diverse supplies. It will be more expensive for agriculture than what they are using now, but less water will be needed since extra water won't be used to push salt down into the soil.

Brine from the SMP will be put to beneficial use where possible: wetlands, sod farms, and game preserves.

The SMP is already built from the ocean up through much of Lewis Road and along Hueneme Road with either 48" or 30" pipe. There is another section to finish along Lewis Road, then the line will be looking to run to Simi Valley. There are two alternatives. Alternative A runs through Moorpark, while Alternative B is through the Santa Rosa Valley.

There is an estimated 40,000 acre feet of annual desalter production.

Calleguas issued bonds to fund the project and has obtained \$30 million in grant funding.

PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHY VENTURA COUNTY: Nancy Maxon

Formerly a health and physical education teacher and a high school administrator, Nancy Maxon is currently the Coordinator for Health Services Programs for Ventura County School District. She oversees all of the health services for the 26 schools in the district as well as serving as the grant project director for the federal and state health and prevention grants she has successfully written over the past seven years.

Nancy is active in the county public health arena through her involvement with school-age children and currently serves as the co-chair of the Partnership for a Healthy Ventura County. She has been an active member of this group for more than seven years and serves as a partner for the Kaiser Permanente HEAL Zone Initiative for West Ventura and the Transforming Ventura County Communities - Community Transformation grant for Ventura County Public Health. Nancy believes that Ventura County is the best place in the world to live and devotes her work life to making Ventura County the healthiest county in the state.

The Partnership: www.healthventuracounty.org, is a collaborative working to help Ventura County residents make healthier choices the default choices.

In Ventura County, 56% of adults are overweight or obese. In a study of Ventura County 5th graders, 46% were determined to be overweight or obese. This is a nationwide problem. The annual nationwide cost is estimated at \$109.2 billion. If everyone in California lost five pounds, it could save the state \$82 million. If the problem is not solved, one third of all children born in the year 2000 will become diabetic.

She asked special districts to look at what they do through the lens of health. Look at ways to make employees healthier, create more open space, create policies for healthy foods in vending machines and keep public health at the forefront.

The group meets once each month, the first Thursday of the month in Saticoy. She provided copies of the book "A Year of Being Well. She can be reached at (805) 641-5000 ext 1135.

She finished her presentation by saying, "Eat smart, move more, and live well."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Anne Rooney announced that CEO of Oxnard Harbor District/Port of Hueneme, Kristin Decas, was appointed to the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

Upcoming VCSDA Meetings:

June 4: Strathearn Historical Park & Museum, Simi Valley
August 6: McCrea Ranch, Thousand Oaks
October 1: Oak Park Community Center & Gardens, Oak Park

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Janssen, Secretary to VCSDA

LEGISLATIVE REPORT from Elaine Freeman

REPORT FOR VCSDA

DISTRICT RESERVE GUIDELINES - Announce availability of booklet and reason – Little Hoover Committee Report

RDA – With the removal of redevelopment agencies, local districts are receiving monies from these funds. There are some legislators who didn't realize the impact to cities and others who now look at the reimbursements as windfalls even though it was reimbursable monies as a result of tax increment financing. The bottom line is they think it is not right that this money is coming back to special districts. CSDA has formed a committee to help special districts respond to the perception being created by cities that special districts are receiving a windfall with the elimination of redevelopment agencies. The group is currently creating a survey that will be distributed to special districts to determine how they are spending this money. Our general manager will be part of this committee. The advice is to use this money wisely for one-time investments that can be pointed to and not for salaries and benefits.

STATE BUDGET – Per the Legislative Analyst office there has been revised up by 4 billion. They believe this is a result of Prop 30 which was retroactive to 1/1/12 and caught many by surprise. They are going to watch closely March to see if this trend continues. Also the LAO and legislature are looking at the state mandated reimbursements to local government for elimination.

LEGISLATION - I have with me the full packet of bills and their status for anyone interested. Here are new bills that I want to mention:

AB 5 Homeless bill

AB-583 Local government fines and penalties: assessments

AB-850 Public capital facilities: water quality

AB 543 Calif. Environmental Quality Act

AB 729 Evidentiary privileges: union agent represented worker privileges

AB 1349 Cal Conserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund

AB 678 Health Care Districts – community health needs assessment

AB 1140 – Public Works prevailing wages

AB 185 Open and public meetings: televised meetings

AB 50 School districts parcel taxes

SB 636 Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund allocations: excess revenue augmentation fund moneys

Other: AB 1172, ASB 417 and AB727

LEGISLATIVE DAYS COMING UP 5/14, 15 – Don't need to be a member to attend.

VCSDA TREASURER'S REPORT

Ventura County Special Districts Association

Statement of Activity

January 1 - March 31, 2013

Beginning Balance Rabobank, 1/1/2013		\$ 10,856.07
	<u>Total</u>	
Receipts		
Annual Awards Meeting Income *	<u>5,115.00</u>	
Total Income	\$ 5,115.00	
Disbursements		
Awards Meeting Costs	5,477.99	
Adjustment for 10/26/12 Deposit for 2013 Awards Meeting	-1,500.00	
Office Expenses	137.95	
Secretarial Services	300.00	
Website Hosting	<u>474.65</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,890.59	
Ending Balance Rabobank Account, 3/31/2013		\$ 11,080.48

* Note: Outstanding Receivables for Annual Awards Meeting Income as of 3/31/13 \$ 550.00

LAFCo REPORT from Kim Uhlich, presented by Bruce Dandy

Summary of LAFCo Recommended Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH) requires each LAFCo to adopt a Proposed Budget by May 1 and a Final Budget by June 15.

The Commission is scheduled to consider the adoption of a recommended Proposed Budget next Wednesday, April 17th.

The recommended Proposed Budget reflects an overall expenditure increase of approximately 2.5% compared to the FY 2012-13 Adopted Final Budget and the total share of revenue to be collected from the County, cities and independent special districts is proposed to increase by approximately 9 % as compared to the current year (\$550,515 to \$599,277). This increase is largely due to the fact that revenue from application fees is still well below historic levels.

The 9% increase refers to the total apportionment amount for the County, the cities and the special districts as a whole. However, the difference in the apportionment amount for each individual city and district from last year to this year will differ for each agency and several will be similar to or less than last year's amount.

In the event that the Commission may wish to reduce the share of revenue to be collected from the LAFCo funding agencies from that reflected in the recommended Proposed Budget, staff will present an alternative option involving the use of a greater portion of reserve monies. Should the Commission elect to adopt this option, the total amount collected from the funding agencies would be the same as last year.