



**MINUTES  
VCSDA**  
Tuesday October 6, 2009

The Dinner Meeting of the Ventura County Special Districts Association was held at the Oxnard Harbor District, 333 Ponoma Street, Port Hueneme, CA

**Call to Order and Flag Salute**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Judy Cofer. Immediate Past President George Lange led the flag salute.

**Welcome – President Judy Cofer**

Judy Cofer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those present were Ted Grandsen, Alida Inouye, Susan Craig, Renee Sulser, John Bailey, Russ Baggerly, Jim Hensley, George Lange, Kai Luoma, Nancy Acosta, Judy Cofer, Will Berg, Bill Lotts, Howard Smith, Jack Curtis, Kate O'Brien, Elaine Freeman, Larry Peterson, Lee Martin, Bruce Dandy, Mike Solomon, Sandra Bickford, Al Fox and Paul Rockenstein.

**Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2009**

Motion by Elaine Freeman to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2009 meeting as corrected in the report for LAFCo, seconded by Nancy Acosta, motion carried unanimously

**Treasurer's Report – Jack Curtis**

Jack Curtis provided a Treasurer's Report on the Association's funds for the period of 07-01-09 to 08-31-09 (copy is attached).

Motion by Bruce Dandy to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Kate O'Brien, motion carried unanimously.

**Reports & Announcements**

**LAFCo Update-** Kai Luoma reported that the application has changed slightly and if completing one please take note of the changes. The application is available on line.

**Legislative Update** - Elaine Freeman reported SB67 was not approved prior to break in the session. The Legislature reconvenes on October 11, 2009. SB102 is on the Governors desk. This is a bill reducing the retention amount of contracts from 10% to 5%. It's anticipated a Special Session will need to be held before the end of the year regarding budget adjustments. Next CSDA Legislative Committee meeting is 10/9/09

**CSDA Update** - Judy Cofer reported the CSDA Conference was well represented by VCSDA. Almost 400 people in attendance overall. Good motivational speakers. Good break out sessions too. Jack, George and Judy all commented on sessions they attended.

**VCSDA Website Report** - Lee Martin reported on the updated Agenda, Dinner Reservation and Newsletter being placed on the Web site. We could add a password protected page for names and addresses of VCSDA members which would include General Managers and some Board members. Cost would be approximately \$150.00. A second request was made to the County of Ventura to include VCSDA website link on their site. Lee would like to next check out other

special district web sites and compare and get ideas. Currently there is a problem with the CSDA link to us, it is not working in one place. Lastly web site visits total 5,344 to date with 418 for August and 400 in September. Average is 13 visits per day.

**Old Business:**

**Ventura County Fair Feedback-** Will Berg of Oxnard Harbor District reported that the participation in the Ventura County Fair by VCSDA went well. There were many booths in the Ag Building that were not manned. We learned a lot for the first time. We learned the more we engage people in conversation the better it was for promoting the special districts. We confirmed that many people don't understand what special districts are. VCSDA thanked Will for heading up this worthwhile event for VCSDA.

**Prop 1A-Securitization Report-** Elaine Freeman and Susan Craig both spoke regarding the Prop 1A Securitization program. California Communities website [www.cacommunities.org](http://www.cacommunities.org) has very detailed information on the Proposition and also for the Securitization program. It is important to register if you think you may want to participate.

**New Business:**

**PR Committee-** Judy Cofer ask for volunteers to help with a PR Committee. The PR committee would be responsible for putting together a power point presentation on VCSDA for use at local events, service club meetings etc. Lee Martin agreed to serve on the committee as did Jim Hensley. Will Berg will be available for consultation and in put as he is available.

**Annual Dinner Committee-** Susan Craig, Elaine Freeman, Kate O'Brien and Robin Campos all agreed to serve on the Committee to plan the Annual Dinner. It is held in February of each year.

**Speaker:** Darren Kettle, spoke and answered questions on the Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County, VCOG and the Ventura County Transportation Commission.

**Motion to adjourn by Nancy Acosta, Seconded by Jim Hensley.**

President Cofer declared the December 1, 2009 meeting could possibly be changed due to a scheduling conflict. The meeting in December will be held at the Camarillo HealthCare District, 3639 E. Las Posas Rd. #117, Camarillo, Ca

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin Campos*

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Robin Campos, Secretary