



PRESIDENT'S PAGE



VCSDA WELCOMES NEW BOARD OFFICERS AT IT'S ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

It 's always an exciting time to witness as the baton is passed between great leaders. We were all spell bound on January 20th as the baton was passed from President George W. Bush to President Elect -

Barack Obama. The Nation was all a buzz because of the anticipation of new ideas, and change.

It was that excitement that was felt in the room of the Topa Tower Club on Tuesday February 3rd as the baton was passed from our faithful leader and President George Lange to newly elected President Judy Cofer.

Gail Pringle announced the nominations from the Nominations Committee and hearing no others from the floor, the nominations were closed.

By unanimous vote, Judy Cofer, Oxnard Harbor District was elected President and Susan Craig, Camarillo Health Care District was elected Vice-President. Treasurer Jack Curtis, Ojai Valley Sanitary District

graciously agreed to serve at least one more term!

Robin Campos, Oxnard Harbor District will serve as VCSDA Secretary



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MEMBER



VCSDA

Where Do We Go From Here!!!!

President Judy Cofer

Thank you for electing me as your new President! I am committed to working with you to further Special District interests in Ventura County. I do need to hear from you! How can the Ventura County Special Districts Association make your job easier? Please let me know. You can email me at Jcofer@portofhueneme.org or give me a call at (805) 488-3677. Or better yet, come to the April 7th dinner meeting and participate in the discussion on goals for 2009 - 2011. I have some ideas of my own but I would love to hear yours!

On behalf of the VCSDA, I want to thank Past President George Lange for his leadership and service to the Association! George, I am looking forward to continuing to work with you!

Shirley Ohren...you are the best!!!

A Night to Remember



Neil McCormick Executive Director—CSDA



Center—Ventura County Supervisor Peter Foy (keynote speaker) before addressing the attendees on the challenges facing the state of California and the County of Ventura.



Shirley Ohren (L) all smiles, couldn't be because it's her last official function as Secretary? Naw, she's just happy to see her friends.

Director of the Year
John Bailey
Camarillo Health Care District



General Manager of the Year
Jim Friedl
Conejo Recreation & Park District



Shirley Turner Award
Sheldon Berger
United Water Conservation District Board



Legislative Update



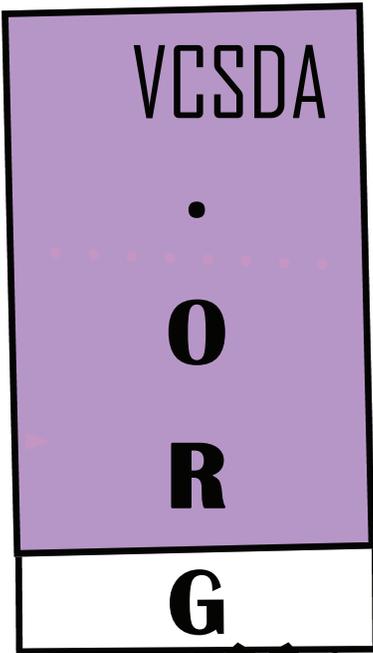
By Elaine Freeman



The CSDA Legislative Committee met on February 13. At that time, the budget had not yet been adopted so there was a great deal of speculation on what the outcome would be. Now we know that it was balanced through tax increases, cuts and borrowing. Prop. 1A was not considered during the discussions, however, since borrowing is still one of the items to balance the budget, there is still a possibility that local government could be affected.

The Committee reviewed many bills. One in particular AB 155 (Mendoza) deals with local government: bankruptcy proceedings. This bill would set up a committee consisting of the Controller, the Treasurer and Director of Finance. This committee would have the authority to approve or disapprove the bankruptcy. What is not clear is what would happen if they determined not to approve a requested bankruptcy. Another bill which the committee took an oppose position on is AB 128 (Coto) Workers' compensation: cancer presumption. This bill would extend the presumption to a member following termination of service for a period of one year for each full year of the requisite service, commencing with the last date actually worked. So the time for filing claims would be greatly extended.

The next meeting will be on March 13 and at that time there will probably be many new bills to review.



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(Ventura County Special Districts Association)

VCSDA PURPOSE:

VCSDA's purpose is to promote the efficient, economical and responsive manner in which public services are provided by the Independent Special Districts of Ventura County.



DON'T MISS THE BOAT !

The next meeting of the VCSDA is April 7th at the Oxnard Harbor District Dinner is 5:30 pm and the meeting begins at 6:00 pm

MR. Will Berg will make a presentation on the Port of Hueneme which includes a tour.

Please submit your reservations to Robin Campos Mailing address 333 Ponomo Street Port Hueneme, CA 93041 or email

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