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Lazy Days of Summer



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Summer is Coming

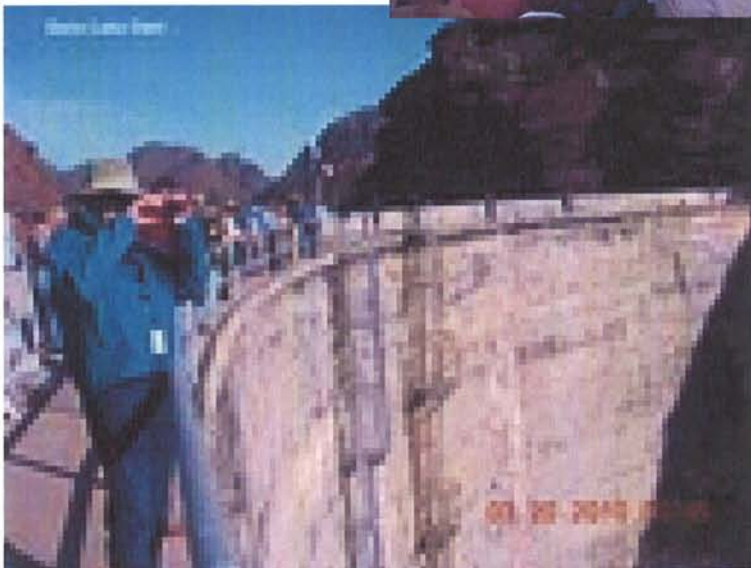
Summer is coming the
 soft breezes whisper—
 Summer is coming the
 glad birdies sing.
 Summer is coming I
 hear her quick foot-
 steps

Take your last look at
 the beautiful spring!

Sorrowful Spring leaves
 the beautiful woodlands,
 bright happy Summer be-
 gins her sweet reign.



ROAD TRIP



Inspection Trip of the Colorado River Aqueduct.

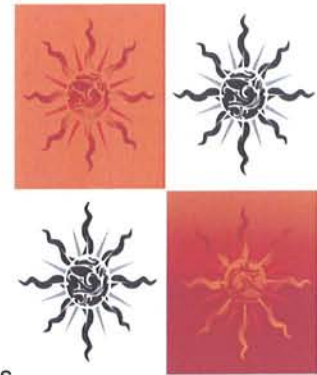
What a fantastic educational tour! About 35 of us began our adventure at 7 a.m. on a cool, almost chilly Friday morning in March at the Calleguas Municipal Water District, only a few scant miles north of Simi Valley and close by the Ronald Reagan Library. We enjoyed a tasty continental breakfast snack and were briefed by Director Ted Grandsen and the knowledge tour guide Patricia Chandler, we loaded into a comfortable coach and headed south for La Verne, California.

We arrived at the Weymouth Water Quality and Treatment Plant a few minutes after nine a.m. where experts gave us a detailed hour tour of the Lab, and then we marched to the Weymouth Maintenance Support Shops. It is a uniquely large 3 or 4 story facility with some of the larger lathes and milling machines in the world which are used to support the aqueduct. If you've watch some Steven Seagal Martial Arts movies you've probably seen the inside of the shop.

Then we loaded back on the coach and headed for the desert and to Lake Havasu. The driver skillfully brought us to Gene Village, the Metropolitan Water District [MWD] Desert Field Headquarters, where we were assigned our rooms. After squaring away our gear, we meet in the Club house for socializing and beverages. This gave us time to shower, stretch our legs and get to know each other a little more. Around 7, 7:30 we walked over to the Gene Mess Hall. My one concern, the food was absolutely delicious; they feed us to the brim. The staff was fabulous and we couldn't have asked for more.



The next morning we had roll call and breakfast in the Gene Mess Hall, again more food than we could handle. After breakfast we loaded into the bus and departed for Copper Basin Reservoir where we loaded into a large pontoon boat and took a tour of the lake and the main damn. We were allowed to stop at the damn and walk along the top and Tour Guide Pat gave us an interesting and detailed history of the damn and how the lake is used as a pumping reservoir for the lifting the water to the next pumping station to the Aqueduct. Later in the morning we toured the William P. Whittsett Pumping plant on Lake Havasu, which was another spotless and amazing facility to behold. Back to the Gene Mess Hall for a huge lunch and a presentation by Don Kendall, CMWD General Manager then a tour through the Allan Preston Museum.



After that we enjoyed another afternoon a social hour, with plenty of snacks and beverages, then another sumptuous dinner at the Gene Mess Hall. Pat our tour guide filled us in on the history of the area, the major project of building the damn and the aqueduct starting back in the late 1920's, the lady is an amazing fountain of knowledge and her delivery is always catching and interesting..

Stuffed to the gills, we had no difficulty in falling asleep. The next morning a lighter breakfast at the Mess Hall and we headed out on a tour following the route of the aqueduct.

I'm running out space here with a lot more information, so if others are interested I'll write more next month. Thank you MWD, Calleguas Water District and Director Ted Grandsen.

Cordially submitted. Jim Hensley

What You Missed! April 4, 2010



Left—Kim Uhlich with LAFCo talks to Board member from Meiners Oaks County Water District, who came to see what the VCSDA is all about.

Right—George Lange and Marvin Hansen enjoy conversation over dinner



Left—Sandy Warren with Ventura Regional Sanitation District, presents the Award Winning Biosolids Drying and Renewable Power Generation Facility . Tours are still available if requested



Don't miss the June 1, 2010 Bi-Monthly Dinner Meeting Candidates Forum

Candidates are:

Regular Member:

Elaine Freeman—Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District

Manuel Lopez—Oxnard Harbor District

Alternate Member:

Bruce E. Dandy—United Water Conservation District

Al E. Fox—Camrosa Water District

George Galgas—Ojai Valley Sanitary District

Susan Paxton Koesterer—Channel Islands Beach Community Services District

George Lange—Conejo Recreation and Park District



KUDOS & CONGRATS

To Montalvo Municipal Improvement District on their first ever facilities tour and barbeque—A good time was had by all!

Ventura County Fair

Will Berg of Oxnard Harbor District, has submitted our application for participation again this year at the Ventura County Fair. Fair dates are August 4th thru August 15, 2010

We received a lot of positive feedback from members who thought we should participate again this year.

Mark your calendars early so we can have even greater presence at this years event than last.

Let's strive for 100% participation from every District.

