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## Purebred and Home Grown VCSDA Reaches Estimated 50,000 at the Ventura County Fair



Our Special Districts Association participated this year in the Ventura County Fair. We shared a booth in the Agricultural Hall and from all accounts it was a very successful experience. Those members participating included Conejo Recreation & Park District, Ojai Valley Sanitary District, Camrosa Water District, Ventura Port District, Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District, Camarillo Health Care District, Channels Islands Beach Community District and the Oxnard Harbor District.

The Booth was 10' x 10' with a long table and three chairs. We had a poster sign made showing all members names as well as a VCSDA Banner with our logo to hang above our booth. Jack Curtis of Ojai Valley Sanitary District made a frame for our banner which can be used again for future events. Thank You Jack!

Participants handed out generic Special District information and each participating Special District was able to personalize the booth on the particular days they were assigned. Contributed by Will Berg

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*Bye Bye Summer*



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

VENTURA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS - August 24, 2009

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS– Provided by Elaine Freeman

Of utmost importance to special districts are the options for implementation of Prop. 1A. Each jurisdiction affected by the 8% property tax shift to the State of California has some options that may make the shift less painful. Jurisdictions have three options:

1. Let the County shift the 8% property tax amount to the State of California and wait for the State to repay the amount along with interest. At this time it is not known when the money will be repaid or what the interest rate will be.
2. Participate in the California Communities plan. They will be selling bonds reflecting the amount of the tax shift for those participating in the plan. Under this program, any local entity affected by the suspension of Prop 1A may sell their Prop 1A receivables to CA Communities. CA Communities in turn will issue bonds and remit the cash proceeds to the participating local entities. The State has agreed to pay the cost of the Prop 1A loan securitization program along with the interest to bondholders so there should be no cost to districts who want to participate in the program.
3. For the jurisdiction to get a private loan and pay interest on that loan.

The application for participation in CA Communities ends November 6, 2009. For more information, visit CA Communities web site.

ACA 84 has been put on hold. Instead, there is a two house strategy coming forward to deal with the contents on a bill by bill basis. California Forward may go forward with a ballot measure next year calling for a constitutional convention.

The Steinberg lawsuit is moving forward. You may know that the suit involves the Governor red-lining several budget expenditures. The issue is whether the Governor has the right to do that. Also, Senator Steinberg thought they had a deal on the budget and was angry when the red-lining occurred.

Also of importance is the ongoing water issues. On Tuesday, August 25 there is a joint Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife and Senate Natural Resources and Water Committees hearing. Bills to be reviewed include AB 39 (Huffman), SB 12 (Simitian) and SB 458 (Wolk) . These are all delta bills. More information will be forthcoming.

Please research further for your agency on the Prop 1A options so a decision can be made on what is the best route for your agency.



It was great to see the following VCSDA members represented at the August meeting. Thank you for attending!



- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Camarillo HealthCare District
- Camrosa Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Service District
- Conejo Recreation & Park District
- LAFCo
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District
- Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District
- Saticoy Sanitary District



You don't want to miss the October 6th meeting with special guest Darren Kettle of Compact for A Sustainable Ventura County. Not to mention great food, prize drawings and a bounty of shared information.



# VCSDA NEEDS YOU

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Please begin thinking about where you would like to volunteer.

The following events need some of your valuable time.



**PR COMMITTEE**

**VCSDA ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**

**REPRESENTATIVE FOR:**

**COMPACT FOR A SUSTAINABLE VENTURA COUNTY**



**Remember we are stronger with many hands working together!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

VCSDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE—INDIAN WELLS PALM SPRINGS  
SEPTEMBER 21—23, 2009

DINNER RESERVATION FOR OCTOBER VCSDA MEETING DUE  
OCTOBER 2, 2009

VCSDA BI-MONTHLY DINNER MEETING—SPEAKER—DARREN KETTLE  
COMPACT FOR A SUSTAINABLE VENTURA COUNTY  
OCTOBER 6, 2009 5:30 DINNER 6:00 MEETING