



Ventura County Special Districts Association

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Offering Quality of Life Services Through Direct Representation



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by **Elaine Freeman**

First, I want to thank George Lange for arranging for our meeting in October at the Chumash Indian Museum. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere special. Good food too.

It is that time again. Elaine Magner (elmagner@aol.com) and Bruce Dandy (dandybrsu@yahoo.com) are serving on the Nominating Committee for new officers for VCSDA. It's a great organization and if you have an interest in serving, please contact them.

Congratulations again to Vice President Mary Anne Rooney Harbor District, for being honored by The Star for the 25 Over 50. In addition, Al Fox Camrosa, was given the Leadership Award by AWA for his many years of hard work and dedication to water issues. And, Jim Acosta of Saticoy Sanitary District was given the highest honor by CSDA, the William Hollingsworth Award of Excellence. Jim is Past President of CSDA and has served on the Saticoy Sanitary District Board for 36 years. Congratulations to all of you and it just shows how great the people are that serve special districts in Ventura County.

I need to congratulate Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District for their honor at the CSDA annual conference. The Certificate of Excellence for meeting all the criteria for the District's transparency policies.

Four members of VCSDA are to be voted on to serve as Alternate to LAFCo. They are Russ Baggerly, Casitas Municipal Water District & Ojai Valley Sanitary District; Ed Jones, Conejo Valley Recreation & Park District; Mike Mishler, Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District and Mary Anne Rooney, Harbor District. Ventura County was one of the first LAFCo's to have special district representatives. There are still Commissions in the State that do not allow special districts to serve. Efforts are on-going in those counties to show that special districts are an important part of local government.

Much to my embarrassment, I re-read the by-laws and there is already a provision for Associate Members. The Board simply needs to set a membership fee and we all can pursue new members. My apologies for not checking sooner.

The CSDA conference was one of the best I have attended. Breakout sessions included everything from public contracts, social media, CalPERS, ethics training, Walking the political tightrope between employee's rights and public demands, Ten attributes of best boards and many more. If you ever have the opportunity I would recommend you consider attending because they trying very hard to respect your time and money to provide good educational information.

Thank you to Camarillo Health Care District for allowing us the use of their facilities for the December 2 meeting. Thanks for making the trek to the east county but this meeting will give you all a break. Our speaker will give us a wrap up of this legislative year. Christine Lokke has been intimately involved in the legislative issues this year and her report should be very interesting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

VCSDA MEETING

December 2, 2014

**LOCATION: Camarillo Health Care District,
3639 E. Las Posas Rd, Suite 117, Camarillo**

Guest Speaker:

**Christina Lokke,
Legislative Rep
CSDA**



Dinner: 5:30 PM

Meeting: 6:00 PM

RSVP before deadline

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Legislative Update



LEGISLATIVE REPORT, November 2014

I will keep this short this month since you all received the final summary of all bills reviewed by CSDA. The summary included those that died, vetoed and signed. Also, I hope the analysis of SB -858 was helpful dealing with notification and registration requirements for the Department of Industrial Relations. This bill was actually part of the Governor's budget which means it didn't get the same level of review.

Christine Lokke will be at the December 2 meeting to review legislative issues and perhaps, give us some idea of what may be on the horizon. I will have a meeting at CSDA legislative committee on November 7 so will have other information available.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Relax and enjoy family and friends

Photos from the October 7, 2014 Meeting at the Chumash Indian Museum

Thank you Theresa Pennington, for taking the photos.



Mark, Janna
Mike and Elaine



Meeting in Museum



Graywolf tells about Museum



Mary Anne Rooney



LAFCo Candidates Speak

Mike Mishler