



Ventura County Special Districts Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Mike Paule

Greetings VCSDA members. On February 3rd, we held our Annual dinner meeting at Los Posas Country Club in Camarillo. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful dinner followed by our annual awards ceremony.

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's awards – Board Member of the Year – Elaine Magner from Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks District, General Manager of the Year – Susan Mulligan from Calleguas Municipal Water District and Shirley Turner Award - Elaine Freeman – Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

We also had the pleasure of acknowledging the wonderful job that outgoing President, Elaine Freeman did during her two-year term. We all appreciate the work she does for VCSDA, RSRPD and the community. Elaine will stay active in VCSDA and will continue to provide legislative updates to our members.

Another special thank you as well for the great job that Karen Garber, Theresa Pennington and Lee Martin did to support VCSDA in their respective roles.

As our featured speaker for the annual dinner, Mike Powers (CEO of Ventura County) delivered a wonderfully informative update on all the terrific things happening within the County of Ventura.

Port of Hueneme Director – Mary Anne Rooney arranged for this month's meeting at The Port and we are looking forward to hearing from Kristin Decas on all the happenings at the Port and where the future opportunities may lie.

Finally, I want to thank our new VCSDA leadership team for helping during this transition. Mike Mishler (Vice President), Michelle Kinnun (Secretary) and Kate O'Brien (Treasurer). I look forward to serving with you the next two years.

VCSDA MEETING
April 7, 2015
at The Port of Hueneme
5:30 PM Registration and Dinner
6:15 PM Port Tour
7:00 PM Meeting

More details with the RSVP form

RSVP before deadline with enclosed form

Guest Speaker:
Kristin Decas—CEO & Port Director

Kristin Decas



Ms. Decas will be providing an update on current issues, future opportunities and security for The Port of Hueneme

Kristin Decas was appointed CEO and Director for the Port of Hueneme in 2007, and from 2008 and every year after she led a complete fiscal turnaround in spite of inheriting a \$200,000 deficit. Through a sustained vision, sound strategies, open and collaborative processes she overhauled the financial and physical landscape. She came to the port with impressive credentials having served as CEO and Port Director for the Port of New Bedford, MA, the nation's number one value fishing port.

Under her leadership the Port has surpassed several milestones: total tonnage for FY 2013 jumped to over 1.4 million metric tons marking the Port's most active trade year since its inception in 1937; FY 2013 it achieved its strongest fiscal numbers in history at over \$13million in gross operating revenue. She played a vital role in expansion and growth with the construction of a new terminal to support the nation's first offshore wind energy project. During her tenure the Port also realized significant growth in cruise and recreational boating activity.

She was instrumental in implementing a Strategic Action Plan and re-branding campaign to increase the Port's competitiveness in the maritime market and awareness in the community. To foster community engagement and outreach she championed the first annual Port Banana Festival, drawing over 10,000 visitors to the Port. Port of Hueneme related activities generate \$1 billion in annual economic impact and create more than 10,200 direct, indirect, induced and influenced jobs.

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Legislative Update



LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Ventura County Special Districts Assoc.

February 27 was the last day for legislators to submit bills and not all of them are in print yet. CSDA held their first Legislative Committee on Friday March 6 and there will be a second meeting on March 27. Here are the bills we reviewed to date.

AB 237 (Daly) Local governments: parcel taxes: notice would require before the adoption of any new parcel tax, the legislative body of a local agency, to provide at least 90 days' notice of the vote to enact the proposed parcel tax to the owner of each parcel affected by the tax. The bill would require the notice to include specified information and to be provided to the property owner in a specified manner. OPPOSE 3 because of the specific detailed requirements.

AB 291 (Medina) CEQA: local agencies: notice of determination: water – Would authorize a local agency, for certain water projects, to file the notice with the county clerk of the county in which the local agency's principal office is located in lieu of the county clerk of each county in which the project is located and would if the local agency exercises this authorization, require the local agency to file the notice with the Office of Planning and Research. Support 3AB 311

AB 311 (Gallagher) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 would require the public agency, in certify the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for specified water storage projects funded, in whole or in part by Prop 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice to comply with specified procedures. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Oppose 3 Same as SB 127

AB 254 (Hernandez, Roger) Election dates – Current law requires all state, county, municipal, district and school district elections to be held on an established election date, except for a special election called by the Governor, an election held in a chartered city or chartered county, certain school district elections, a local measure or local recall election, and an all-mailed ballot election. This bill would eliminate the established election dates in March and April.
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Legislative Update



AB 259 (Dababneh) Personal information: privacy Current law requires an agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information, as defined, to provide notification of any breach in the security of that data to any California resident whose personal information may have been compromised by the breach, as specified. This bill would additionally require an agency, if the agency was the source of the breach and the breach compromised a person's social security number, driver's license number or California ID card, to offer to provide the person with identity theft prevention and mitigations services at no cost for not less than 12 months. OPPOSE 3

SB 272 (Hertzberg) The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory would require each local agency, in implementing the California Public Records Act, to conduct an inventory of data gathered by the agency that discloses what data is maintained by the agency, by whom, and with what frequency it is collected. The bill would require the inventory to be available to the public. Because this will would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program but not eligible for reimbursement. OPPOSE 2

AB 219 (Daly) Public Works: concrete delivery This bill would add into the definition of "public works" the delivery of ready-mixed concrete and requiring prevailing wages be paid where the ready-mixed concrete is delivered by an independent trucking company hired by the manufacturer or the contractor to deliver the product; or where the concrete is manufactured at a dedicated plant. Exempted from prevailing wage are deliveries by drivers employed directly by the manufacturer, operating trucks owned by the manufacturer. OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED 3

So these are just a few coming in that place additional requirements on public agencies

Photos from the February 3, 2015
Meeting at the Los Posas Country Club

Thank you Lee Martin, for taking the photos.



Elaine receives the Shirley Turner Award

Susan is Mgr of the Year!



Elaine is Director of the Year



Speaker: Michael Powers



Mike is the new President

