

Ventura County Special Districts Association

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Offering Quality of Life Services Through Direct Representation



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Elaine Freeman

Hello everyone, I hope you are having a wonderful and restful summer. Our next meeting will be held at a great location thanks to Conejo Recreation & Park District, the McCrea Ranch. We will have the privilege of having the grandson of Joel McCrea there to provide a true picture of what life was like on the ranch and growing up with his grandfather. Come early to enjoy the tour.

On the State level, as we all know, the budget was passed as balanced. There were 36 trailer bills for implementation of the budget. These included bills on Human Services, Alcohol & Drug Treatments, Government Mandates & Safety, Public Resources, Prop 39, Corrections, Courts and Public Safety, Health, 3 bills on medical, k-12 funding, Mental Wellness, Public Resources, Transportation, Economic Development, Seismic Safety and Realignment. At the meeting on 8/6 I will have specific information on various bills.

As you all know, there has been a great deal of discussion and concern at the State level on transparency. There were two bills SCA 10 (Wolk) and ACA 4 (Olson) which would have required the State Legislature to post a bill a minimum of 72 hours for full bill language to be in print and publicly available before a final vote is taken by either the Senate or the Assembly. Both bills would have allowed exemptions if the Governor should declare an official State of Emergency. These bills would have to be voted on in November, 2014 because the constitution would need to be amended. Unfortunately, these bills seem to be getting little or no movement.

ACA 8 will be held over to the next session. This bill would change the threshold vote to 55% for local bonds and assessments. The plan is to have this on the 2014 ballot.

Another interesting bill, SB 751 (Yee) would require every vote taken by a locally elected board to be a roll-call vote, not just for resolutions. This bill will be brought up again when the Legislature is back in session. The reason being that the public would be able to easily see who voted and how.

I will have all the bills of interest to special districts at the meeting on the 6th for review. Let me know if you have any specific concerns.

**COMING SOON! Register for
VCSDA meetings ONLINE
at www.vcsda.org**

VCSDA MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2013 - 6:30 PM

Special guided tours from 5:00 - 6:30 pm

RSVP before deadline with enclosed form.

McCrea Ranch

Enjoy a tour of the McCrea home and hear about Joel and Frances McCrea, old time movie history, and more. You will be able to tour the home, barn, bunkhouse, milk house and enjoy the museum room at the visitor's center.

After you park, walk a short distance to the visitor's center to check in. Then, a bus will travel back and forth to and from the McCrea home, allowing time for you to take a tour of the house.

When you get back, you may tour the bunkhouse, barn, and milk house before the VCSDA meeting begins.

PARKING will be in the lot on the enclosed map. There are two handicapped parking spaces near the visitor's center. If those spaces are full, you may exit your car at the center and have your driver move the car to the parking lot.



Please update your records:

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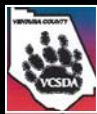
PAST PRESIDENT
Susan Craig



Legislative Update



A legislative update will be presented at the August 6 meeting. In the meantime, you may review page one of this newsletter regarding some important legislative items that Elaine covered in her President's Message.



Upcoming VCSDA Meetings



October 1, 2013
*Oak Park Community
Center & Gardens*
Oak Park

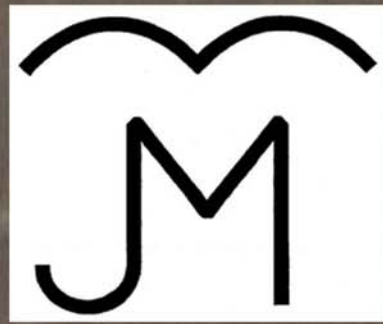


December 3, 2013
TBA



February 4, 2014
Las Posas Country Club
Camarillo

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McCrea Ranch
4500 N. Moorpark Road
Thousand Oaks

**BUS TOUR
TO THE
MCCREA HOME**

**FOREMAN'S
HOUSE**

**VISITORS
CENTER
& VCSDA
MEETING**



**CHECK
IN
HERE**

MILK HOUSE TOUR

**OPEN
BARN
TOUR**

**BUNK
HOUSE
TOUR**

WALK TO ENTRANCE

**PARK
HERE**

**Entrance
Gate**

MOORPARK ROAD

Photos from the June 4, 2013 meeting at Strathearn Historical Park & Museum

Photos courtesy of Lee Martin

