



Ventura County Special Districts Association

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Offering Quality of Life Services Through Direct Representation



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Elaine Freeman

Thank you all for attending and hearing about Las Virgenes Municipal Water District/Triunfo and the struggles with EPA's TMDLs for the Malibu Creek watershed. Many other agencies are also challenged by new regulations that don't seem well thought out or financially sound.

Be on the lookout for a questionnaire that will be sent out in late October requesting your ideas on programs for next year. Also going out will be applications for Manager of the Year, Director of the Year and the Shirley Turner Award. This timing will allow some time to have them back in January for the February annual meeting. Please give these nominees some thought. There are many outstanding people in our special district family.

At the annual meeting of CSDA, the following were elected officers for 2014: President, Pete Kampa, Tuolumne Utilities District; Vice President, Noelle Mattock, El Dorado Hills Community Services District; Secretary, Steve Perez, Rosamond Community Services District and Treasurer, Bill Nelson, Orange County Cemetery District. This is a great group of people intent on special districts being recognized for the important role they play in local government.

See page 2 for a legislative report update.

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VCSDA MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

5:30 PM Dinner

6:00 PM Meeting begins

RSVP before deadline with enclosed form.



Christina Lokke, Legislative Representative from CSDA, will be our speaker. You do not want to miss this program!

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Legislative Update



An update on bills reported on last month is as follows:

SB 556 (Corbett) – Contracted Services Placed into the inactive file.

AB 115 (Perea) Local Water Flexibility – On Governor's desk

AB 218 (Dickinson) Hiring Practices for Public Agencies – On Governor's desk

SB 1 (Steinberg) Sustainable Communities Investment Authorities Put into the inactive file.

SCA 3 (Leno) Public Information – Signed by the Governor and put into law for a vote next November.

On the horizon, a group of cities is proposing a ballot measure for next year called Redevelop California. This measure coming out of Orange County would revive redevelopment (RDA), and wit it reinstitute the diversion of property taxes away from the core local services provided by special districts and other local agencies. CSDA is very aware of this proposal and has already taken steps as follows: Established and implemented a plan to research and vet the redevelopment proposal as the individuals and organizations developing it; Fully briefed the CSDA Board of Directors and the RDA Working Group; contacted the proposal's proponents on multiple occasions to request a meeting, so far no response and began meeting with potential allies and coalition partners and carefully developing a strategy. It will be discussed further at the November 15 Legislative Committee.

Will keep you all informed. Elaine Freeman



Upcoming VCSDA Meetings



February 4, 2014
Las Posas Country Club
Camarillo

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Photos from the October 1, 2013 meeting at Ventura County Credit Union

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