

**Ventura County Special  
Districts Association**

**VCSDA  
REVISED AGENDA  
Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**VENTURA COUNTY  
SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

MEMBERS

- Bell Canyon Community Services District
- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Camarillo Health Care District
- Camrosa Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services District
- Conejo Recreation & Park District
- Hidden Valley Municipal Water District
- Ojai Valley Sanitary District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Pleasant Valley County Water District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation & Parks District
- Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District
- Saticoy Sanitary District
- Triunfo Water and Sanitation District
- United Water Conservation District
- Ventura River Water District
- Ventura Port District

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Meeting ID: 828 1572 4536    Passcode: VCSDA

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1. Call to Order by President - (5:30 pm)
2. Flag Salute
3. Welcome and Introductions/Roll Call -
4. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2021 and March 9, 2021
5. Treasurer's Report -
6. Reports and Announcements
  - CSDA Report - Elaine Magner (Coastal Network Board Member)
  - CSDA Update - Charlotte Holifield
  - Legislative Update - Elaine Freeman
  - LAFCo Update - Elaine Freeman
  - County Oversight Update - Mike Mishler
  - Other Announcements
7. Guest Speaker—Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez
8. New Business/ Member Announcements
9. Adjournment to next meeting on June 1, 2021

President—Bruce E. Dandy  
Vice President—Al Fox

Treasurer—Vacant  
Secretary—Kris Sofley



**Ventura County Special  
Districts Association**

**VCSDA  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
Videoconference Via Zoom**

*Approved  
Minutes*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second: \_\_\_\_\_

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- United Water Conservation
- Ventura County Resource Conservation
- Ventura Regional Sanitation
- Ventura River Water
- Ventura Port

The February meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held via videoconference.

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice-President Al Fox, followed by the flag salute.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: Al Fox**

Al Fox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included:

- Dennis Zine, Michael Glassman-Bell Canyon Community Services District*
- Thom Slosson-Past President*
- Andres Santamaria, Scott Quady, Raul Avila, Tony Goff, Kayde Wade, Kara Wade - Calleguas Municipal Water District*
- Rod Brown, Kara Ralston - Camarillo Health Care District*
- Al Fox, Cindy Fox, Ian Prichard - Camrosa Water District*
- George Lange, Chuck Huffer, Jim Friedl - Conejo Recreation & Park District*
- Charlotte Holifield, Vince Ferrante, Mustafa Hessabi, Anthony Tannehill - California Special District Association*
- Jacque McMillan - Metropolitan Water District*
- Mark Malloy, Mary Otten, Elaine Magner, Bev Dransfeldt - Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*
- Mike Mishler-County Oversight*
- Elaine Freeman, Kathleen O'Brien, Dan Paranick (awards presentation-Emma Paranick, Kendall Paranick, Ed Abele, Brian Dennert, Theresa Pennington, Sandee Covone) - Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District*
- Bruce Dandy, Dan Naumann, Mohammed Hasan, Mauricio Guardado – United Water Conservation District*
- Todd Mitchell, Brian Pendleton – Ventura Port District*
- Bruce Kuebler, Bert Rapp– Ventura River Water District*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 1, 2020 and January 12, 2021:**

**Al Fox**

Motion by Elaine Freeman, Seconded by Mark Malloy, to approve the December 1, 2020 and January 12, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Rod Brown**

Beginning Balance as of 02/07/20 was \$14,062.47 Ending Balance as of 12/31/20 was \$16,113.37 NO CHANGE Motion by Brian Pendleton, seconded by George Lange to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

President—vacant  
Vice President—Al Fox

Treasurer—Rodger Brown  
Secretary to the Board—Kara Wade

**Vice-President Al Fox said that item 9 on the Agenda would be heard at this time**

**PRESENTATION:** Mustafa Hessabi, CSDA Deputy General Counsel and Anthony Tannehill, CSDA Legislative Representative talked about what is happening on the Special Districts legislative front.

Anthony said that there are over 1000 Bills this past year. He said that the legislature is focused on COVID Bills as they relate to: impact fees, capacity fees, housing, homelessness, affordable housing and development impact fees. Governor Newsome made a blanket property tax deferral. CSDA has been collaborating with other Special Districts in other States regarding Federal law. They have been meeting with the Federal Administration regarding federal funds. Also regarding, PSPS, Climate resiliency & adaptation, wildfires, back rent and utilities and Prop 218 & 286. He said that in the first round of relief funds, Special Districts were not included. Call to action for support so that in the next round Special Districts will be recognized and make sure that they receive relief funds. CSDA is watching carefully any bills in the best interest of Special Districts. Examples include AB 339-Brown Act Requirements, AB 861-Flexibility for Remote Meetings and AB 361-Medi-cal (sponsored by CSDA).

Mustafa said that AB 1486 that was brought before the Assembly in 2019 stated that local agencies must comply with the Surplus Land Act as of 1/1/21, as of 2/2/21 local agencies are still awaiting the final regulations from the Department of Housing and Community Development. There is anticipation that a re-introduced bill regarding surplus land and disposal of surplus land will come before the assembly in 2021. In 2019, CSDA was instrumental in requiring that AB 1486 had a specific exempt surplus land classification for Special Districts. Another legislative act to be aware of is the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) as it is relevant to Special Districts that are still in an at large election system. Since the Act was created in 2003, there has been a wave of litigation towards cities and Special Districts where the plaintiffs have prevailed. Plaintiffs that are suing only had to prove one element as to why there has been a violation and that voting should be by Districts. They just need to prove racial polarized voting. If a local agency receives a letter alleging a violation of the CVRA, they can seek to cap the costs incurred by agreeing to switch from an at large election to a by District election. In some cases it is beneficial to have an at large election. CSDA filed an Amicus Brief regarding Pico Neighborhood Association vs City of Santa Monica. The brief states that jurisdictions should have the control and authority to decide if they want an at large or by district election. The City of Santa Monica said that minorities and under represented groups have had opportunities to run in their at large elections. He said that due to the Governor Newsom's COVID 19 Emergency Order, the 2020 census data has not yet been released. Therefore, there will be a reprieve for re-districting purposes from February 2020 to when the Census data is released. Districts will not need to use 2010 Census data and then re-do their redistricting once the 2020 Census data is available.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CSDA Report and Legislative Update :** Elaine Magner (Coastal Network Board Member) mentioned that she is up for re-election to the CSDA Board. She then requested Charlotte Holifield, CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator, Central Coast to give the CSDA update. Charlotte said that the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act Bill will assure that any State or Federal Relief funds of 5% allocation will go to Special Districts within 60 days of receiving the money from the U.S. Treasury Department. Special Districts would need to apply for the funds based on need. There is a call to action to support this bill. She mentioned that there is a 2021 Transparency Challenge and encouraged Special Districts to acquire a Transparency Certificate of Excellence. There are a few upcoming events, Crisis Communications Workshop, Emergency Preparedness Summit in conjunction with USC and Legislative Days.

**Legislative Update:** Elaine Freeman, Ventura LAFCo Board Member, said that the current legislative update was covered by the presenters and Charlotte Holifield.

**Ventura LAFCo Update:** Elaine Freeman, Ventura LAFCo Board Member, said that LAFCo’s meeting was held November 18, 2020. She said that the next LAFCo meeting is scheduled for March 2021. LAFCo will vote on a Board Chair at that time.

**County Oversight Board Update:** Mike Mishler presented his report on the Ventura County Consolidated Oversight Board (VCCOB) meeting that was held January 27, 2021. The VCCOB reduced FY 2020-21 total administrative costs by approximately \$350,000 and reduced FY 2021-22 total administrative costs by approximately \$308,000. He said that County staff is compiling the remaining bond detail breakdown list which should be completed by April 2021. He provided an overview of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as follows:

City	Total ROPS	included Admin cost	Last bond termination year
Camarillo	\$3,875,646	\$ 55,500	2041
Fillmore	\$3,864,031	\$218,281	2031
Moorpark	\$2,785,428	\$125,000	2039
Oxnard	\$9,976,894	\$175,000	2038
Port Hueneme	\$2,539,806	\$176,000	2023
Ventura	\$1,423,710	\$115,181	2038
Simi Valley	\$2,787,606	\$ 54,502	2033
Thousand Oaks	\$3,655,429	\$101,131	2032

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dan Paranick, General Manager, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, gave an update on COVID relief funds from the County of Ventura to Special Districts.

The committee submitted a letter to Mike Powers, County Executive Officer, to request any un-allocated funds from the first round of Cares Act Relief Funds to Ventura County Special Districts and requested to be included in the second round of Cares Act Relief Funds. The following were instrumental in this effort.

- Jim Friedl-Conejo Recreation and Park District
- Dan Paranick-Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
- Elaine Freeman-Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
- Mary Otten-Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
- Elaine Magner-Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
- Kara Ralston-Camarillo Healthcare District
- Brian Pendleton-Ventura Port District

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Elaine Magner presented Thom Slosson, VCSDA Past President, with an Appreciation of Service Plaque. Elaine Freeman presented Bruce Kuebler, Ventura River Water District, with the VCSDA Director of the Year Award. George Lange presented Dan Paranick, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, with the VCSDA General Manager of the Year Award.

**ELECTIONS OF NEW VCSDA OFFICERS:**

Kara Ralston, Camarillo Health Care District, said that she has been unable to get a commitment from anyone at this time. She asked the members if anyone would be interested. Bruce Dandy from United Water Conservation District said that he will speak to Mauricio Guardado, United's General Manager, and will get back to Kara.

**NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bruce Dandy, United Water Conservation District, announced that United Water Conservation District, City of Ventura and Casitas Municipal Water District have joined together to utilize and receive all of the state water allocations of 20,000 AF. He asked Mauricio Guardado, United's General Manager, to say a few words regarding this historic agreement. Mauricio said that this three party agreement has been for 40+ years. For the first time, United will purchase excess state allocations from the City of Ventura and Casitas MWD to keep the water local. He said this is a good collaboration among Special Districts.

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be on April 6, 2021. Special Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, *Kara L. Wade*

Kara Wade, Secretary to VCSDA



# Ventura County Special Districts Association

*Approved  
Minutes*

## VCSDA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Special March meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held via videoconference.

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice-President Al Fox, followed by George Lange leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: Al Fox**

Al Fox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included:

*Andres Santamaria, Scott Quady, and Kara Wade - Calleguas Municipal Water District*  
*Rod Brown, Kara Ralston - Camarillo Health Care District*  
*Al Fox, Cindy Fox - Camrosa Water District*  
*George Lange, - Conejo Recreation & Park District*  
*Charlotte Holifield - California Special District Association*  
*Mark Malloy, Elaine Magner, and Bev Dransfeldt - Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*  
*Elaine Freeman and Kathleen O'Brien - Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District*  
*Bruce Dandy and Kris Sofley – United Water Conservation District*  
*Bruce Kuebler, Bert Rapp– Ventura River Water District*

#### **ELECTIONS OF NEW VCSDA OFFICERS: Al Fox**

Mr. Fox explained that he would ask for one motion nominating individuals for the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer. Mr. Fox nominated Bruce Dandy for President, then asked for a nomination for Vice President. Nomination of Al Fox for Vice President was made by Elain Freeman. Kara Ralston reported that there was no nomination for Treasurer at this time.

After several people were suggested and passed, Kate O'Brien suggested paying someone to do the bookkeeping and Kara Ralston said that was a good idea but there would have to be a review of the scope of work and the costs and volunteered to research that as a possibility.

Rod Brown said that there haven't been any transactions or bills to pay, so it was not an urgent matter. He did say that the signatures on the Wells Fargo account would have to be updated, removing Kara Wade and Rod Brown while adding Bruce Dandy and Al Fox, until a Treasurer is elected.

It was agreed by everyone that the new Officers and the retiring officers would all meet at the bank on Thursday, March 11, at 2:30p.m. to remove old officers and add new officers.

President—Bruce Dandy  
Vice President—Al Fox

Treasurer—  
Secretary to the Board—Kris Sofley

Motion to remove Rod Brown and Kara Wade from the Wells Fargo account, and add Bruce Dandy and Al Fox to the Wells Fargo account, Kara Ralston; Second, George Lange. Motion carried.

Motion to nominate Bruce Dandy for President and Al Fox as Vice president, George Lange; Second, Kara Ralston. Motion carried.

Al Fox adjourned the meeting at 5:44p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be on April 6, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted, *Kris Sofley*

Kris Sofley, Secretary to VCSDA

# Initiate Business Checking<sup>SM</sup>

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Overdraft Protection



## Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 1/1	\$16,113.37
Deposits/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 64.95
<b>Ending balance on 1/31</b>	<b>\$16,048.42</b>

## Overdraft Protection

This account is not currently covered by Overdraft Protection. If you would like more information regarding Overdraft Protection and eligibility requirements please call the number listed on your statement or visit your Wells Fargo branch.





**Transaction history**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Check Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Deposits/ Credits</i>	<i>Withdrawals/ Debits</i>	<i>Ending daily balance</i>
1/20	1040	Check		64.95	16,048.42
<b>Ending balance on 1/31</b>					<b>16,048.42</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$64.95</b>	

The Ending Daily Balance does not reflect any pending withdrawals or holds on deposited funds that may have been outstanding on your account when your transactions posted. If you had insufficient available funds when a transaction posted, fees may have been assessed.

**Summary of checks written** (checks listed are also displayed in the preceding Transaction history)

<i>Number</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1040	1/20	64.95

**Monthly service fee summary**

For a complete list of fees and detailed account information, see the disclosures applicable to your account or talk to a banker. Go to [wellsfargo.com/feefaq](https://wellsfargo.com/feefaq) for a link to these documents, and answers to common monthly service fee questions.

Fee period 01/01/2021 - 01/31/2021	Standard monthly service fee \$10.00	You paid \$0.00
<b>How to avoid the monthly service fee</b>	Minimum required	This fee period
Have any ONE of the following account requirements		
· Average ledger balance	\$1,000.00	\$16,088.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
· Minimum daily balance	\$500.00	\$16,048.42 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The Monthly service fee summary fee period ending date shown above includes a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday which are non-business days. Transactions occurring after the last business day of the month will be included in your next fee period.  
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**Account transaction fees summary**

<i>Service charge description</i>	<i>Units used</i>	<i>Units included</i>	<i>Excess units</i>	<i>Service charge per excess units (\$)</i>	<i>Total service charge (\$)</i>
Cash Deposited (\$)	0	5,000	0	0.0030	0.00
Transactions	1	100	0	0.50	0.00
<b>Total service charges</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

**Other Wells Fargo Benefits**

Our National Business Banking Center customer service number 1-800-CALL-WELLS (1-800-225-5935) hours of operation have temporarily changed to 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Access to our automated banking system, the ability to report a fraud claim on your business credit or debit card, and access to report a lost or stolen business card will continue to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Thank you for banking with Wells Fargo. We appreciate your business.



Ventura County Special District Association

2/5/2021 2:53 PM

Register: Checking at Wells Fargo Bank

From 01/01/2020 through 02/05/2021

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
02/07/2020	1033		Void					14,062.47
02/07/2020	1034	Calleguas Municipal ...	Annual Dinner		1,603.32			12,459.15
02/07/2020	1035		Void					12,459.15
02/07/2020	1036		Void					12,459.15
02/24/2020		William McMillan	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	12,514.15
02/24/2020		United Water	Annual Dinner	Deposit			165.00	12,679.15
02/24/2020		Pleasant Valley Rec-...	Annual Dinner	Deposit			330.00	13,009.15
02/24/2020		Acosta Business Serv...	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	13,064.15
02/24/2020		Mark Malloy	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	13,119.15
02/24/2020		Dennis Zine	Annual Dinner	Deposit			110.00	13,229.15
02/24/2020		Chris Palmer	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	13,284.15
02/24/2020		Montalvo Communit...	Annual Dinner	Deposit			165.00	13,449.15
02/24/2020		Calleguas Municipal ...	Annual Dinner	Deposit			330.00	13,779.15
02/24/2020		Ventura River Wtr. ...	Annual Dinner	Deposit			165.00	13,944.15
02/24/2020		California Consulting	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	13,999.15
02/24/2020		Rod Brown	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	14,054.15
02/24/2020		Marcy Nunn	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	14,109.15
02/24/2020		Camarillo Health Car...	Annual Dinner	Deposit			55.00	14,164.15
02/24/2020		Rancho Simi Rec and...	Annual Dinner	Deposit			385.00	14,549.15
02/24/2020		Conejo Rec and Park	Annual Dinner	Deposit			550.00	15,099.15

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02/24/2020		Ojai Valley Sanitary ...	Annual Dinner	Deposit		110.00	15,209.15
02/26/2020	1032	Elaine Magner	Placques		85.78		15,123.37
03/19/2020		Channel Islands Beac...	Annual Dinner	Deposit		55.00	15,178.37
03/19/2020		Camrosa Water District	Annual Dinner	Deposit		55.00	15,233.37
03/19/2020		Saticoy Sanitary Dist...	Annual Dinner	Deposit		55.00	15,288.37
03/19/2020	1037	Special District Lead...	Contribution		2,000.00		13,288.37
04/27/2020		Ventura Port District	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	13,438.37
04/27/2020	1038		Void				13,438.37
06/23/2020	1039	Conejo Rec and Park	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	13,588.37
06/23/2020	1634	Ventura River Wtr. ...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	13,738.37
06/23/2020	9684	Triunfo Water and Sa...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	13,888.37
06/23/2020	11129	Saticoy Sanitary Dist...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	14,038.37
06/23/2020	51901	Ventura Port District	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	14,188.37
06/23/2020	64670	Ojai Valley Sanitary ...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	14,338.37
06/23/2020	10391406	Calleguas Municipal ...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	14,488.37
07/06/2020	2395	Hidden Vally MWD	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	14,638.37
07/06/2020	055611	Camrosa Water District	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	14,788.37
07/06/2020	68268	Camarillo Health Car...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	14,938.37
07/06/2020	94932	Rancho Simi Rec and...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	15,088.37
07/07/2020	1039	Calleguas Municipal ...	Secretary of State Filing		25.00		15,063.37

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07/20/2020	123673	Pleasant Valley Rec-...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	15,213.37
07/27/2020	1842	Bell Canyon Commu...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	15,363.37
07/27/2020	39518	Casitas Municipal W...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	15,513.37
08/05/2020	205878	United Water	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	15,663.37
08/10/2020	48893	Oxnard Harbor Distri...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	15,813.37
08/18/2020	6424	Channel Islands Beac...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	15,963.37
08/24/2020	8376	Pleasant Valley Coun...	Annual Dues	Deposit		150.00	16,113.37
02/05/2021	1040	Calleguas Municipal ...	Computer and Internet ...		64.95		16,048.42

# Ventura County Special Districts Association

March/April 2021

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

## President's Message by Bruce Dandy



Hello:  
This is my first newsletter  
as the VCSDA President.

First, thank you for considering me worthy of leading such an outstanding organization. While it was never on my agenda, I am honored that Al Fox pushed me into this. Arm twisting and all. Thanks Al! You too, Kara.

I have long believed that VCSDA was an important organization to participate in and, as a Board Member with United Water, I have continued to enjoy VCSDA meetings. My major highlight was to be elected by VCSDA to serve on LAFCo. I found it exciting to be a Commissioner and I stuck to my belief that six years was great for me and the organization. Not being a land use planner, I appreciated staff and fellow Commissioners as I evaluated the future of Ventura County.

As background related to CSDA, United Water Conservation District has "property and liability" insurance programs with CSDA as well as "Workers Compensation." For that reason alone we have been interested in how the organization works and benefits member agencies. We also received help from CSDA on legislative issues of concern to water agencies (in addition to ACWA).

Another example, United Director Daniel Naumann and I recently participated in CSDA's SDRMA Special Education Day, which benefits our agency with a rebate or reduction in our insurance premiums. Now we all can appreciate savings!

I also want to "shout out" to our regional representative Charlotte Holifield. I was unaware that she was formerly with Camrosa Water District, and as such, knows and represents Ventura County Special Districts well. I have appreciated her regular participation since she joined the staff at CSDA. Her participation brings added value and knowledge to VCSDA.

Also, "thank you" to our two Elaines who represent us well at CSDA and on legislative issues in California. They have both made a major mark for Ventura County Special Districts. Thank you for your continued hard work for VCSDA's benefit.

One last thing. Thank you to newly elected County Supervisor Carmen Ramírez for being our guest speaker at this upcoming VCSDA meeting. I have known Carmen for many years and appreciate her work as an Oxnard Council member and as a representative of my Oxnard community. I have also warned Carmen that COVID relief is a "BIG" deal for Special Districts. However we recognize that like us, the County has many issues on their plate and in understanding that, I am glad that Carmen is "involved."

Sincerely,

Bruce Dandy  
"Arm Twisted President"  
Proud to be

**Please join me via Zoom for the  
VCSDA April 6, 2021 meeting**

**when we will welcome our Guest Speaker**

**The Honorable Carmen Ramírez  
Ventura County Board of Supervisors - District 5**



## Meet VSCDA Guest Speaker Supervisor Carmen Ramírez

Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramírez is dedicated to improving greater Oxnard, Ventura County and the region now and for future generations. She has worked in Oxnard since 1978, serving the community as a public interest lawyer for people without the means to hire private counsel. In November 2020, she was elected to serve a four-year term as Ventura County Supervisor for District 5, which includes greater Oxnard, including much of the city, and unincorporated areas of the coast, including Hollywood Beach, SilverStrand as well as El Rio, Nyeland and Strickland. Previously, she was elected to the Oxnard City Council in 2010 and was elected for three terms. Ms. Ramírez was named Mayor Pro Tem in December 2012. During 10 years of service, she never missed a council meeting.

Graduating from Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles in 1974, she was admitted to the California State Bar that same year. For 16 years she was the Executive Director of Channel Counties Legal Services Association, which served the legal needs of the poor in Ventura and Santa Barbara County. For nine years thereafter, she was the coordinator of the Ventura Superior Court's Self Help Legal Center in the Colonia neighborhood of Oxnard, serving the Spanish Speaking community. From 2009, she maintained a private legal practice focusing on Social Security Disability and consumer law matters, as well as Pro Bono assistance.

In her service for the County of Ventura she serves on numerous committees, including the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, is Chair (in 2021) for the Ventura County Animal Services Commission, and Ventura County's Local Agency Formation Commission, is a member of the Beach Erosion and Nourishment Commission (BEACON), Ventura County Transportation Commission, CALCOG, the Gold Coast Health Plan Commission, the Camarillo and Oxnard Airport Authorities, and the Fox Canyon Ground Water Management Agency. Currently she represents Ventura County on the Southern California Association of Governments.

In 1998, she was president of the Ventura County Bar Association and remains active in bar activities. From 2005 to 2008, she was an elected member of the State Bar Board of Governors, overseeing the practice of the legal profession in California. Additionally, she has been active in many community organizations in Ventura County, including Ventura County Community Foundation, El Concilio Del Condado de Ventura, Teatro de Las Americas and is a long standing Board Member for the Center for Civic Education, a national non-profit organization promoting the study and practice of Democracy in the United States and throughout the world.

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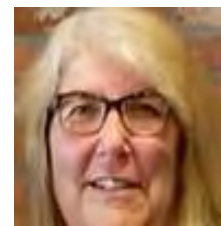
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