

# Ventura County Special Districts Association

September/October 2020

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

## President's Message by Thom Slosson



Greetings VCSDA members!

Recently, our state legislators concluded the 2019-2020 Legislative Session. It has been one for the history books. Facing a pandemic and catastrophic wildfires, state legislators were left to navigate uncharted waters.

Despite challenges, the Legislature endured and passed a number of significant bills that will impact special districts, their employees, and the communities they serve. I encourage our members to review the CSDA-prepared September *Take Action Brief* provided here: <https://bit.ly/3bOSxhN>. A comprehensive report on legislation will be provided to CSDA members in October.

This month we are pleased to spotlight the Oxnard Harbor District and its management of the Port of Hueneme. The Port of Hueneme is a major contributor to the economic health of Ventura County and Southern California. We will hear from Mary Anne Rooney, a Board of Harbor Commissioner for the Port of Hueneme, with updates on recent activities of the Port.

Please join me via Zoom for the October 6, 2020 meeting.

**When:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020  
Meeting will begin at 6:15 pm (Zoom open at 6:00 pm)

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GUEST SPEAKER:

## Mary Anne Rooney, Port Hueneme Commissioner

### "Delivering Cargo in the Year of the Crisis"

Mary Anne Rooney was elected to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Port of Hueneme in 2010, the first woman in the 83-year history of the Port. Her service and leadership roles in the global arena include: Past President of the Association of Pacific Ports (APP); Economic Development Committee Member for the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA); Former Executive Director of the World Affairs Council, California Central Coast Chapter; Delegate on a Leadership Mission to Taiwan in 2013, Past Secretary of the Ventura County Special District Association, and Past President of the Oxnard/Ocotlán Sister City Committee.

In addition to her other roles, Ms. Rooney is an independent strategic business consultant, working with local non-profits and private clients. She is the co-founder of Nyeland Promise, a non-profit designed to transform Nyeland Acres and fill it with hope and pride.

Ms. Rooney earned a B.A. from UC Santa Barbara and M.A. from Azusa Pacific University. She holds a Certificate in Mediation and Negotiation and is a Certified Global Business Professional.

## Scenes from VCSDA's August 4 Meeting Via ZOOM



### Zoom meeting schedule:

- 1-1:05— Waiting for the host to start the meeting
- 1:06— The group discovers virtual backgrounds
- 1:07— Someone really struggling with audio
- 1:09— "Let me try headphones"
- 1:10— Everyone holds up their cats
- 1:15-1:25— Actual meeting time
- 1:30— "Stay safe!"

**A little something to make you smile**



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