



# Ventura County Special Districts

## Funding an \$18.6 Million Project

Ed Hayduk, Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District's Administrative and Facilities Manager, spoke about the redevelopment of the Sinaloa Golf Course. The current 9-hole golf course will remain (with some improvements), the driving range will be eliminated and a new golf practice area will be added. Other amenities will include three 18-hole miniature golf courses, a new clubhouse, a new community room with an outdoor Plaza Square, along with a new park area with reservable picnic pavilions, children's playground and a sand volleyball court. The District will be paying for the development of

Sinaloa Park using net revenues from its Golf Course Enterprise Fund. Phase I (of three) will begin in June 2012. For more information, and to watch the progress of this new family-oriented recreational area, go to their website at [www.rsrpd.com](http://www.rsrpd.com).



*The holiday season is upon us.*

## CSDA Finance Corporation



- VCSDA President Susan Craig was recently elected as Treasurer of the CSDA Finance Corporation. At our meeting, Susan encouraged Special Districts to look to this organization as a viable source for their funding needs. CSDAFC has expertise in working with Special Districts.

Pictured below—Elaine Freeman, George Lange, Dee Dee Cavanaugh & Robin Walker of Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District enjoy conversation at the November meeting.



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# SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

## **VCSDA's Annual Dinner Meeting**

To be held at the Las Posas Country Club, Camarillo  
Make sure to send in your award nominations to  
Bruce Dandy at [bruce.dandy@ci.oxnard.ca.us](mailto:bruce.dandy@ci.oxnard.ca.us)  
by Friday, January 6, 2012.

Nominations accepted for:

- 2011 Director of the Year
- 2011 General Manager of the Year
- 2011 Shirley Turner Award.

Thank you for your notes of encouragement! Here are a few:

"Thanks, Susan, I think quarterly meetings are a good idea"

"Thank you for the extra effort you put in for these meetings. Seeing you clean up made me fully realize how much time it takes. I want you to know I appreciate the effort."

"I enjoyed the meeting...I think you ... all do a great job, especially in today's times where there is no extra time. "

We're thinking of you this time of  
year,  
Wishing you happiness, joy & cheer.  
May all your days be warm & bright,  
And your night enhanced by holiday  
light.  
Enjoy your delectable holiday foods,  
As parties & gifts create holiday  
moods.

Favorite people play a meaningful  
part,

While treasured rituals  
warm your heart.

You are special to us in  
many ways,

So we wish you Happy Holidays!

### Holiday Time



*It's the most wonderful time of  
the year!*



Pictured above: Jim Estemo, Channel Islands Beach CSD  
and Nancy Acosta, Montalvo Municipal Improvements.

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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Provided by Elaine Freeman

CSDA arranged for various conference calls for a briefing on California Forward Policy. I participated on the briefing on Monday morning November 28. California Forward Executive Director Jim Mayer presented an overview of what is being proposed and then there was time allowed for questions. Their initiative has been submitted to the Attorney General for action in 2012 and is identified as The Government Performance and Accountability Act.

The focus is to achieve three objectives at the State and local level. These include performance, fiscal problem solving and awareness of specific outcomes. These include creating a new State budget process that extends down to the local level and local government working together for better outcomes.

The State would be required to prepare a two year budget with explicit goals and outcomes. It would be placed within the constitution requiring review of the goals and outcomes to see if they are being met. It would also require the budget to be posted 72 hours for public review and comment.

On the local level, all local government should set goals, get public input and plans should be based on spending availability. The goal would be to create strategic plans between cities/ counties/school district and special districts. As set this would be voluntary for local government, however, there would be a revenue pool from sales tax that would allow for grants to assist in the preparation of the strategic plans. These strategic action plans will allow local governments to achieve local priorities in a collaborative, inclusive and cost-effective way while permitting significantly greater flexibility in how participating local jurisdictions allocate resources and meet state-wide requirements. As proposed, there is no plan proposed for redistribution of local revenues. The interesting part is that special districts are not specifically identified but Mr. Mayer said special districts were included in the term “local government” even though cities, counties and school districts were.

If you have specific questions, you can e-mail [questions@cafwd.org](mailto:questions@cafwd.org) and they will respond.