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VCSDA

What you Missed!



Above:
Jack Curtis
presents the VCSDA
Treasurer's Report

Right:
Dinner is served: Line
forms for the deli-
cious dinner ar-
ranged by Camarillo
Health Care District.
Marvin Hanson and
Jack Curtis patiently
wait their turn in line.



President Judy Cofer—
Leading the Bi-Monthly Din-
ner Meeting at Camarillo
Health Care District

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Left:
Elaine Freeman
provides the
Legislative Re-
port!



One of the presenters
featured at right was
Mr. Mohammed
Hassan speaking on

"New Sustainable
Water Supply"



“Western Nights and Carnival Lights”



Our special Districts Association again participated in the annual Ventura County Fair with an informational booth in the Agriculture and Science Hall. This year, five of our members participated including the Ventura Port District, Ojai Valley Sanitary District, Camarillo Health Care District, Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District

and the Oxnard Harbor District. Due the smaller VCSDA turnout, three of our members were able to man the booth on more than one day. VCSDA received good exposure throughout the 12 days of the Fair. This year's Fair attendance totaled more than 328,520 people, up 7 percent over 2009's 306,696

visitors.



Peter Sandstrum one of our wonderful volunteers! Camarillo Health Care District.

Special districts respond quickly to the needs of local residents through direct accessibility.

NINETY NINE .NINE PERCENT (99.9%)

I believe history has been made. As of this printing 99.9% OF Ventura County Special Districts members have renewed their membership for 2010—2011 We're convinced it's a record. Way to go everyone!

Since 1974, the Ventura County Special Districts Association (VCSDA) has been representing the more than 30 independently governed special districts located in Ventura County. Special districts are single purpose entities formed by local residents to provide local services. Because Special Districts are a more efficient form of

government, they are quicker to respond to customer needs. VCSDA's purpose is to promote the efficient, economical and responsive public services offered by the independent special districts of Ventura County— independent special districts governed by a locally elected board of directors.



2010—2011 Membership Renewals

- BELL CANYON CSD
- CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTICT
- CAMARILLO HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
- CAMROSA WATER DISTRICT
- CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
- CHANNEL ISLANDS BEACH CSD
- CONEJO REC. & PARK DISTRICT
- FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
- HIDDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
- MONTALVO MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- OJAI VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
- OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT
- PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
- PLEASANT VALLEY REC. & PARK DISTRICT
- RANCHO SIMI REC. & PARK DISTRICT
- SATICOY SANITARY DISTRICT
- UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- VENTURA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- VENTURA PORT DISTRICT
- VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
- TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT
- VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
- COUNTY OF VENTURA—AUDITOR CONTROLLER

Legislative Report–September Elaine Freeman

Even though the State of California is without a State budget, this legislative session found the legislature more concerned with other issues such as the compensations to Bell City employees. The “Bell” bills that were passed to the Governor are: AB 194 that would establish a cap on total salary which may be utilized to calculate a pension benefit, AB 827 relating to prohibiting employment contracts for “excluded employees” from (a) an automatic renewal; (b) an automatic increase in compensation in excess of a cost of living adjustment; or (c) an automatic increase in compensation linked to another contract. An “excluded employee” means any unrepresented individual who is or will be employed by, and reports directly to, the legislative body of the local agency. Excluded employee includes any person contracting with the local agency as well as any person who is considered an at-will employee. AB 900 requires the City of Bell to pay over \$2 million to the County of Los Angeles for rebates to the residents of the City of Bell for over-charged property taxes. It is anticipated that the Governor will sign these bills.

Two pension spiking bills, AB 1987 and SB 1425, which were sent to the Governor, may not be signed because the Department of Finance has expressed opposition to a provision in both bills that would prohibit a state or local retired employee from returning to work within a 180 day period. It should be noted that CSDA Legislative Committee and the CSDA Board opposed this bill for this very reason. It is very limiting and takes away the ability of local government to manage their operations.

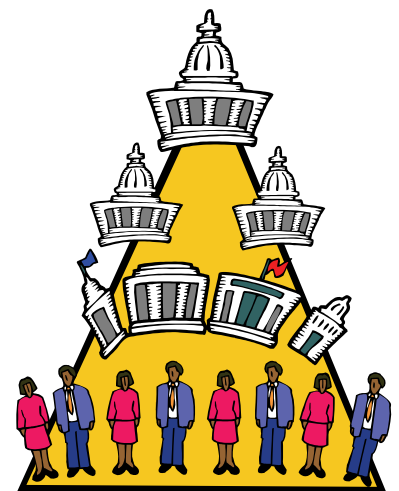
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SB 501 by Correa required each officer or designated employee of a county, city and county, school district, special district, or joint powers agency to annually file a compensation disclosure form that provides compensation information for the proceeding year. There were many last minute amendments. This bill passed out of the Assembly Committee on Local Government with a 75 yes/0 no/3 abstention vote but did not get to the Senate Local Government in time and therefore did not make it out of Committee.

As members of CSDA, we should all be proud of the work our staff does in Sacramento in monitoring all the bills and the other issues. Ralph Heim, the Legislative consultant for CSDA, is also well respected and is always acting in the best interests of special districts.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS—HELP NEEDED

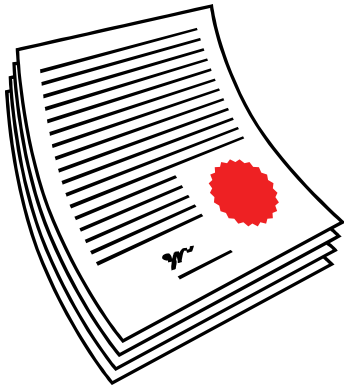


Time truly flies when you're having fun! It is time to begin thinking about the VCSDA Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers for the next two year term.

To that end, we are in need of volunteers to serve on a few committees. Committees are:

- *Annual Dinner/ Installation of Officers*
- *Nominating Committee*
- *Bylaws Committee*

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if you would like to
answer the cry for help.



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