

Ventura County Special Districts Association

March/April 2022

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

President's Message by Bruce Dandy

Spring is here and we are almost out of hibernation! Please keep taking precautions to keep yourselves and others safe.



Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin is our guest speaker at our April 5 meeting. Thank you go out to Jeannette Sanchez Palacios and other members of Jacqui's staff for making it happen. Jacqui will be in Sacramento taking care of business, therefore she will be joining us virtually.

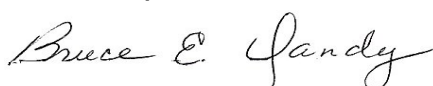
Jacqui has a long and impressive list of accomplishments on behalf of her constituents. From her earliest days as a member of the Thousand Oaks City Council to her current role as Assemblymember and Chair of the Revenue and Taxation Committee, she has consistently fought the good fight, earning the respect and trust of voters.

For those attending in person, we will be meeting in Thousand Oaks at the Conejo Recreation and Parks' Community Room. It may be a bit further to drive for some of us, but our hosts' facility includes state of the art technology insuring full participation for our virtual participants.

Perhaps if you arrive a bit early, our friends at Conejo Recreation and Park will provide us with a tour of their location.

Lastly, please know how important you are... to your family and friends, your Special District and the VCSDA. We're an outstanding chapter because of each and everyone one of you!

Sincerely,



Bruce E. Dandy

**Please join us at
Conejo Recreation and Park District's
Community Room
403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks
or via Zoom link:**

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**For the
APRIL 5, 2022 VCSDA meeting
when we welcome
GUEST SPEAKER
CA Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin**



Jacqui Irwin was first elected in 2014 to represent California's 44th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Thousand Oaks, and Westlake Village.

As the former Mayor of Thousand Oaks, Irwin understands the importance of working across party lines at the national, state, and local level to help make her community one of the safest places to live and raise a family.

In the Assembly, Irwin has successfully authored numerous pieces of legislation into law and brought vital state funds back to her community. Through her leadership funding was allocated for the creation of the CSU Channel Island School of Engineering, an Early Childhood Education Center at CSUCI, and for innovation centers on UC campuses to transform UC research into products. Her legislation has created and expanded tax-free savings accounts for the disabled, increased the cybersecurity of state agencies.

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Irwin has also focused on ensuring safety for California families with laws that protect children from unsafe products, assist law enforcement investigating online crime, and empower parents to safeguard their child's identity. Irwin also championed the environment with laws that expanded the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, promoted renewable energy resources, while also leading efforts to utilize the local brine line to bring purified water to local farmers. Assemblymember Irwin currently chairs the Revenue & Taxation Committee, and is a member of the Agriculture Committee, Business & Professions Committee, Higher Education Committee, and the Privacy & Consumer Protection Committee.

Assemblymember Irwin also chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Cybersecurity, and Co-chairs the National Conference of State Legislatures Task Force on Cybersecurity. These roles have allowed her to help lead national and statewide efforts to improve our cybersecurity policies..

Her career in public service began on the Thousand Oaks City Council, where she was first elected in 2004.

Prior to her public service, Irwin was an employee of Teledyne Systems. She also worked as an engineer at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering from UC San Diego. A proud mother of three young adults, Jacqui Irwin and her husband Jon have lived in Thousand Oaks for nearly 20 years.

VSCDA DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR
Conejo Valley Recreation and Park
District's Director Mark Malloy



VSCDA GENERAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Ventura Port District's
General Manager Brian Pendleton



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Elaine
Freeman,
too!

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