

Ventura County Special Districts Association

January/February 2022

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

President's Message by Bruce Dandy



Happy New Year!

Out with the old and in with the... well kind of the same as 2021. Covid is still the number one issue facing all of us as we want to move forward and "get back to normal."

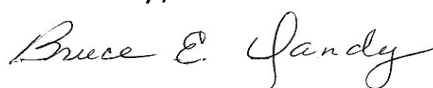
We will have a hybrid meeting on February 1st. To provide the best virtual format (in a short time frame) we will meet in United Water Conservation District's Board Room.

Linda Parks will be our guest speaker for our annual meeting. I invited her as it is her last year on the Board of Supervisors and I hope she will share her thoughts on her time as County Supervisor including both the good and "other" times. Also, what she sees and hopes for our County's future will be.

We will also recognize the Board Member of the Year and the General Manager of the Year.

I wish the best for all of you in 2022, including good health and reaching the goals you have set for yourself. In addition to serving on United's Board and VCSDA, my #1 goal, besides my family, is playing 200+ rounds of golf in this calendar year.

Sincerely,



Bruce E. Dandy

**Please join me at UWCD's Boardroom
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard 93030
or via Zoom link:**

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Meeting ID: 828 1572 4536 **Passcode:** VCSDA

**February 1, 2022 VCSDA meeting
when we welcome
GUEST SPEAKER
Ventura County Supervisor
LINDA PARKS**



Supervisor Parks is a past Mayor and Planning Commissioner for the City of Thousand Oaks.

She has helped preserve thousands of acres of open space for parks and created laws that protect farmland and wildlife corridors.

She is a longtime advocate for those with mental illness, representing the County on its Behavioral Health Advisory Board for over 15 years.

Her vision and initiative brought forward the non-profit drought tolerant nursery, Growing Works, that provides horticultural therapy and job training for people with mental health challenges.

Supervisor Parks is also coordinating collaboration for new development on the County's Lewis Road property with plans that include a mental health rehabilitation center, housing for vulnerable populations

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including older adults with mental health challenges, and a 2-acre County park for disadvantaged residents nearby.

Supervisor Parks has received the 2019 National Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery by a Public Official, and the 2019 Justice for Victims Award from the District Attorney's Office.

Supervisor Parks holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Washington.

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*confirm participation at the February 1, 2022, Meeting,
RSVP via email to: kriss@unitedwater.org*

And please indicate if you are attending in person or participating virtually

Quotes of the Month

"Just believe in yourself. Even if you don't, pretend that you do and, at some point, you will."

– VENUS WILLIAMS

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