

# Ventura County Special Districts Association

November/December 2021

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

## President's Message by Bruce Dandy



I am Thankful.

Sure there are things going on today in this world that make us feel many other things... but I am THANKFUL! We can all name a dozen negative things in 20 seconds or less but even as I think of them... I am THANKFUL.

I am thankful for the good things we hear, see, and do every single day. I am thankful for the people we know and the next friend we will make wherever we go. I am thankful for each of you who decided to be involved in helping others, build communities, and be "special."

Isn't that what Special Districts are all about?

Our December 7th meeting will be held at United Water Conservation's District office. Our guest speaker will be Dave Fleisch. Dave is representing the Ventura County Civic Alliance (civic.alliance.org).

This Special Organization focuses on Three E's: Environment, Economics, and Social Equity. They are publicly presenting their 2021 State of the Region Report on November 17th. We will receive much of that report at our meeting. We will all be "Thankful."

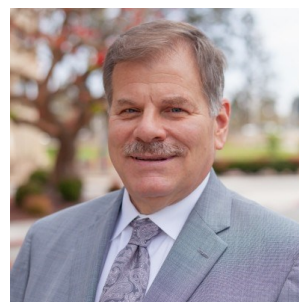
*Bruce E. Dandy*

Please join me at UWCD's Boardroom  
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or via Zoom link:

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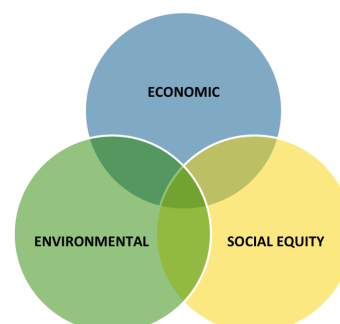
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**December 7, 2021 VCSDA meeting  
when we welcome  
GUEST SPEAKER  
Ventura County Civic Alliance Chair  
David L. Fleisch**



Currently serving as Chair of the Ventura County Civic Alliance, a coalition of civic leaders with a shared commitment to the three E's—Economic, Environmental and social Equity interests of the region, David L. Fleisch will present the Ventura County Civic Alliance's 2021 State of the Region report.

The Ventura County Civic Alliance is an initiative that was founded in 2001 by the Ventura County Community Foundation to ensure that its research and community dialogue are embedded with a broad and diverse set of perspectives and priorities.



Fleisch also serves as Chair of the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) Transportation Committee, and Chair and Southern California counties representative

to the State-wide California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC). Fleisch is also an active member of several professional societies, including the American Public Works Association, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers

Fleisch has been with the Ventura County Public Works Agency since March 2010, serving as the Director of Roads & Transportation until earlier this year when he was promoted to Assistant Director of the Agency.

Prior to joining the County, he completed a 28-year career in the U.S. Navy, retiring in August 2009 as Captain in the Civil Engineer Corps. His last assignment was as the Chief Staff Officer for Naval Base Ventura County, one of four assignments in Ventura County that also included Command of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE from 2001-2003. During his Navy career Captain Fleisch also served as Chief, Engineering Division, U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii and the Production Officer for the Navy Public Works Center in San Diego.

Fleisch holds a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and Master's Degrees from the University of California and the Naval War College. He also completed the Advanced Management Program at Duke University. Fleisch is a registered Civil Engineer in the states of California and Washington.

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### Quotes of the Month

“The hardest part of making dreams come true isn't how much work it takes. It's continuing to believe in yourself when it takes longer than you expected.”

– Glenn Shepard

## VCSDA Board



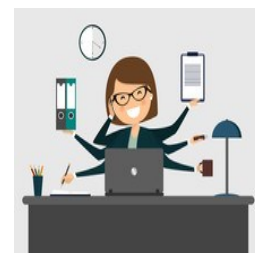
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