

# Contra Costa Special Districts Association

Contra Costa Chapter of the California Special Districts Association

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## Central San Installs Solar Panels

At Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in Martinez, you may have noticed something new - solar panels.



The panels are expected to generate 70-75% of the Facility's energy needs. Solar panels are also being installed at Central San's Vehicle Maintenance Shop and Collection System Operations Facility in Walnut Creek.

The panels are expected to save more than \$350,000 in energy costs over a 20-year period, and reduce Central San's greenhouse gas emissions by over 200 metric tons of CO2 (carbon dioxide) equivalents per year.

## Contra Costa Special Districts Association



We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year!  
See the article about our beginnings on page 8.

## Contra Costa Water District 80 Years of Growth & Service

The quest for reliable, high-quality water is the reason the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) was formed 80 years ago in 1936. The district has been providing essential services for Eight Decades

Though the District was first organized in 1936, it wasn't until 1940 that CCWD delivered its first water to the city of Pittsburg, and 1961 when it delivered drinking water.

Today, CCWD serves 500,000 people within an area that stretches from Martinez to Antioch. The District has four pumping plants (all with screens that protect fish in the Delta), owns and operates the largest reservoir in the Bay Area, serves treated and untreated water, and employs 290 people. It's the only water district that depends solely on the Delta for its water supply.<sup>6</sup>



## Visit our chapter website!

Contra Costa Special Districts Association web site:  
[www.csdanet/contra-costa-special-districts-association](http://www.csdanet/contra-costa-special-districts-association)



You will find information about our chapter, the meeting dates, current and past newsletters, our Membership Directory, and the Updated Addendum to the Directory (January 2015) & more

## Update Regarding Our Chapter's Non Profit Tax Status

***Non-profit organizations exist to benefit the public and provide mutual benefit to the organization's members.***

### IRS Tax Exempt Organizations

Our chapter has been functioning as an unincorporated association. Any association with over \$5,000 in annual revenue must apply for recognition from the IRS by filing IRS Form 1024. We presently have less than the \$5000 revenue threshold. It is recommended that unincorporated associations convert to a nonprofit corporation and obtain IRS recognition of its Section 510(c) (6) status.

### California Tax Exempt Organizations

A "tax-exempt" entity is a corporation, unincorporated association, or trust that has applied for and received a determination letter from state stating it is exempt from California franchise and income tax. (California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701)

An unincorporated association is nonprofit if its creating document contains nonprofit language. The Contra Costa Special Districts Association's creating document is our bylaws. If an unincorporated association wants to be exempt from state income tax, it must file an Exemption Application and provide all required documentation. If we have exemption from the IRS California will honor that and grant exemption, there is a single form to file Form 3500a.

### Steps Going Forward

As a 501(c) (6), our organization must be primarily engaged in activities or functions that are the basis for its exemption. It also must be primarily supported by membership dues and other income only from activities.

Our chapter collects dues; we are in the process of Applying for a 501(c) (6). From what we've investigated a 501(c) (6) would best allow our chapter the most flexibility as to the activities it can engage in and ensure tax exempt status.

We do have an EIN number from IRS and we currently fall under the \$5000 threshold for being an unincorporated association.

### What Is an EIN?

All businesses (including nonprofits) need an Employer Identification Number (or EIN). An EIN works just like individual Social Security number. The EIN is formatted like this: 12-3456789. It is issued by the IRS it can be used for all of an organization's legal activities, such as

opening a bank account, filing tax forms, hiring employees, applying for business licenses or permits.

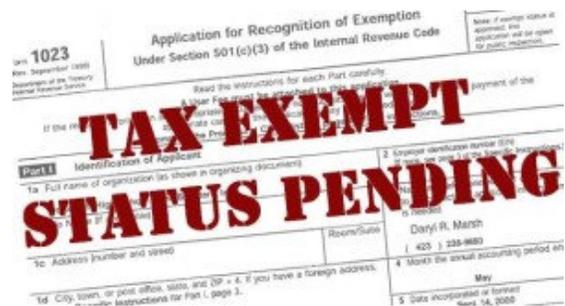
There are other names for the EIN, such as Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), and Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN).



**The law firm of Turner, Huguet, Adams, & Farr is providing guidance and support regarding the chapter tax liability & filings.**

***Attorney Dan Adams is assisting the chapter Pro Bono. He has prior experience in setting up tax exempt organizations. We thank him and his firm for all their assistance.***

***Dan's firm maintains a general practice that includes estate planning, probate, real estate, sanitary district, and municipal law services.***



On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we filed with the California Secretary of State two Forms needed before filing for tax exempt status with the State of California. Statement By Unincorporated Association and Registration Of Unincorporated Nonprofit Association (registers our logo/insignia) these two forms are known as Form ua-100 and Form una-128.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> we filed with the IRS Form 1024 for tax exemption as a 501(c) (6). Once we receive tax exempt status from the IRS we will file for tax exempt status with the state. The State automatically grants the same tax exemption as received by Federal exemption.

### Thank you Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD)

*The Contra Costa Special Districts Association (CCSDA) appreciates the administrative service and support provided to CCSDA. We also greatly appreciate the continued use of the multi-purpose room for our chapter meetings.*

**Thank You Central San!**

## Central Contra Costa Sanitary District First Citizens Academy

Ask anyone what they think about their sewer service, and they will likely say that as long as their toilet flushes, they have nothing to think about. But for those who wonder what happens after that waste disappears from view, the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) launched the Central San Citizens Academy, providing a behind-the-scenes look at a core service that seldom sees the spotlight: wastewater treatment.

Participants in the Academy course learned how Central San operates as a government agency; how it is striving to increase recycled water usage; and how it cleans wastewater using biology, chemistry, engineering, and technology. They toured the treatment plant, laboratory, recycled water residential fill station, and household hazardous waste collection facility.

This program was a first for Central San. Manager, Roger Bailey saw the success of this type of outreach program at previous organizations and sought to bring that same success to Central San.

“Central San Academy demystifies the nature of the services we provide and explains how and why we invest the money our customers pay for those services,” he said. “We will describe what we do and how we recover resources and keep costs down. No one comes out of these programs saying they still don’t know what the utility does, or why they have to pay for its services.”

The free Academy provided interested individuals information designed to increase awareness about wastewater treatment, public governance, and recycled water, the program was a success! They plan to hold future academies.

## Special District Administrator (SDA) Certification

Congratulations go out to E.J. Shalaby General Manager for the West County Wastewater District who achieved the Special District Administrator (SDA) Certification from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation this past spring.

With a master’s degree in Public Administration from San Francisco State University, E.J. has been working in the wastewater field since 1979. Most of his career was spent in southern California operating medium scale wastewater treatment plants. In 2002, he moved to northern California to manage the City of Richmond’s water pollution control plant. E.J. enjoys many aspects

of this industry, including the ongoing learning opportunities with wastewater. His passion for the industry includes becoming an Adjunct Professor at a local community college and sharing his knowledge of wastewater.



**The Special District Leadership Foundation certification gives successful candidates recognition unmatched by any other program.**

The Special District Administrator Certification is a voluntary designation sought by individuals who strive to be the best. Administrators with various academic & professional backgrounds, as well as from all sizes of special districts, can be candidates for the program. The certification examination and study guide were developed through the participation of over 100 volunteer subject matter experts who know special district administration.

## Chairwoman Fiona Ma Keynote Speaker at Legislative Days

The Chair of California's Tax Board, Assembly Member Fiona Ma was elected to the Board of Equalization in November 2014 to represent the Second Equalization District. In this role she represents over nine million residents in California.

In addition to administering California's sales and use taxes, the Board of Equalization acts in an oversight capacity to ensure compliance by county assessors with property tax laws, regulations, and assessment issues.

Prior to being elected to the Board of Equalization, she served as the representative for the 12th Assembly District. She was the first Asian woman to ever serve as Speaker pro Tempore.



**Ma was the keynote speaker for day two of the Special Districts Legislative Days May 18th in Sacramento.**

## Delta Diablo Wins Prestigious East Bay Innovation Award



Delta Diablo Sanitation District is proud to have been honored by receiving the 2016 East Bay Innovation Award *Catalyst* from the East Bay Economic Development Alliance. This prestigious award was presented at the Fox Theater in Oakland, in front of an audience of hundreds from business, government, and the non-profit sectors. The event was a result of months-long competition for the best use of innovation across eight industry sectors. Over 100 nominations for the eight categories were submitted.

Delta Diablo was specifically recognized for their collaborative partnerships to fund recycled water and develop resource recovery projects from wastewater. Delta Diablo serves as lead agency for the Western Recycled Water Coalition (WRWC), developing reliable and secure water supplies for the East Bay region, as well as across California and Hawaii. They are also the lead agency for the Bay Area Biosolids to Energy (BAB2E) Coalition, which is pioneering resource recovery technologies that will generate new energy sources from biosolids on a commercial scale.

Antioch Mayor Wade Harper, the Chair of Delta Diablo's Board of Directors, believes this award speaks to how Delta Diablo positively contributes to the East Bay's culture of innovation. "The commitment of Delta Diablo to collaborate across diverse sectors, adopt new ways of thinking and introduce new innovation processes is why they were recognized by the Alliance."

"Our Catalyst finalists, Delta Diablo and Lawrence Berkeley National Labs, and CalCharge, are excellent examples of how cross-sector partnerships can contribute to the greater good, in a much more sustainable manner. We applaud the efforts of Delta Diablo and the impact they have made – and will continue to make – for the businesses and residents of the East Bay region." said Darien Louie, East Bay EDA Executive Director.

"Winning this prestigious award serves as a reminder that Delta Diablo is on the right track. It also reinforces the agency's commitment to our industry, partners, customers, the environment, and the East Bay economy." confirmed Board Chair Wade Harper.

The East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) is a next-generation, cross-sector membership organization dedicated to growing the economy. The East Bay EDA is the regional voice and networking resource for strengthening the economy, building the workforce, and enhancing the quality of life in the East Bay. The primary purpose of economic development is to maintain and grow a healthy economy through business attraction, retention, and development activities.

## MVSD Welcomes New Board Member



**Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) is pleased to announce that Brian Danley is now a member of the Board of Directors. Brian Danley was appointed to fill a vacancy.**

Mr. Brian Danley should provide a smooth transition to the Board. Mr. Danley has lived in the District since 1988 and has been in the wastewater and public works design and construction management profession for 40 years. In addition to being a registered civil engineer, he also holds a masters' degree in business and has held an ownership role in one of the Bay Area's engineering firms.

## CCWD Directors Pick Ernesto Avila for District 3 Seat

The Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) Board unanimously selected Ernesto (Ernie) Avila to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Board President Joseph L. Campbell at their March meeting.

Avila lives in Concord and is Vice President of a private engineering firm. His background includes 32 years of engineering experience. Over a decade ago he was an employee of CCWD, then accepted a position running a water agency in the Monterey area and then started his own engineering firm. He has been a Planning Commissioner with the City of Concord for the past 10 years and is an active member of the Concord community.

Avila participated in his first Board meeting representing Division 3 on April 6, 2016. At that meeting, the Board also made their selections for President and Vice President. The Division 3 seat will be up for election in November 2016.



## Funding now in place for the Ambrose pool upgrade

The long-delayed renovations for the public swimming pool appear back on track as the county, city, and the Ambrose Recreation and Park District have pledged new money to close a \$682,000 funding gap.

The goal, said Ambrose Recreation and Park District General Manager Doug Long, is to have the pool open for Memorial Day 2017. "I think we're finally turning the corner on this and moving forward," said Pittsburg City Councilman Pete Longmire, part of a unanimous city council vote in March to provide \$227,000 in city Parkland Dedication Fund money to get the Ambrose Aquatic Center pool, closed since 2009, open again. Contra Costa County, through the Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund, will put a maximum of \$250,000 toward rebuilding the Ambrose pool, on the Pittsburg-Bay Point border.

The Ambrose pool revival has been almost eight years in the planning and has faced frequent money shortages driving three project redesigns to shave costs. The latest plans include a pool about two-thirds the size of the original.

## DSRSD Board Appoints New General Manager



*The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board of Directors appointed Daniel McIntyre to serve as the District's General Manager*

On April 5, 2016 Dan McIntyre was selected by a unanimous vote. The four-month search was conducted by Ralph Andersen and Associates and yielded 50 candidates. McIntyre has worked the past year as DSRSD's Engineering Services Manager. He is a registered civil engineer, and has worked in the Tri-Valley for 26 years, including 12 years as the City of Livermore's Public Works Director.

## DSRSD's Field Operations to Relocate

Properties. The light industrial building, The Field Operations for Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) is relocating to 7035 Commerce Circle in Pleasanton, CA, a facility adjacent to other DSRSD

which includes warehouse and office space on two acres of land, cost \$4.9 million.

Late last year, U.S. Army staff notified the District's General Manager that, in accordance with terms of a lease agreement, DSRSD's Field Operations needed to vacate its current leased location on the Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Center in Dublin by Sept. 30 to make way for planned new development and a community park.



*Dublin San Ramon Services District has purchased a building on Commerce Circle in Pleasanton to house its Field Operations Division, which must move from Camp Parks by Sept. 30.*

## HIGH PERFORMING DISTRICT CHECKLIST NOW AVAILABLE

*Now Available Through the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF)*

In response to the California State Auditor's High-Risk Local Agency Audit Program, SDLF has developed a High Performing District Checklist. The checklist highlights special district best practices in finance and human resources. These best practices work to prevent waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement.

The goal of the checklist is to empower your district to proactively demonstrate its commitment to high standards, rather than waiting for or being put in a position to react to any criticisms.

In addition to developing the checklist, SDLF created an expanded online version, which provides additional tools and references related to many items on the list. Find the checklist at [www.sdlf.org](http://www.sdlf.org) under Checklists.



## Public Tours Show How Wastewater Becomes Recycled Water

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) regularly invites the public to see how wastewater becomes recycled water at a tour of its treatment plant.

The most recent tour was April 13, 2016. The free tours typically lasts 60 to 90 minutes and is open to adults, teens, and children ages seven and up.



*During a public tour of the Dublin San Ramon Services District treatment facility, Wastewater Systems Operator Anna Garcia (blue shirt, center) describes how clarifiers remove organic materials from the water.*

DSRSD partners with East Bay Municipal Utility District in producing recycled water through the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program.

## DSRSD's Stefanie Olson Named Staff Person of the Year by WateReuse California

Dublin San Ramon Services District's Clean Water Specialist Stefanie Olson as 2015 Staff Person of the Year for her work on the hugely popular Residential Recycled Water Fill Station program.

Olson did the behind-the-scenes work that turned an idea—letting homeowners pick up free recycled water during the drought—into a functioning program that increased public acceptance of recycled water and prompted 22 other California water agencies to open fill stations.

At the start of the drought emergency in 2014, Olson developed the procedures, forms, and customer training needed to earn regulatory approval for the first-of-its kind program. DSRSD opened its first fill station in less than four months, in time to help local residents cope with stringent restrictions on outdoor watering. Olson suggested opening a second station in 2015 to

handle the crowds and worked with the District's Drought Action Team to make it happen.

By the end of 2015, 3,600 fill station users had hauled home more than 30 million gallons of recycled water. Olson provided guidance to agencies all over the state as they sought regulatory approval for their own fill stations based on DSRSD's model.



***DSRSD's Stefanie Olson was named 2015 Staff Person of the Year by WateReuse California for her work on the popular Residential Recycled Water Fill Station program.***

***Congratulations Stefanie Olson!***

## Need Help Paying for Professional Development?

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) has made available \$40,000 in scholarship funds for 2016. They will help district elected/appointed officials and staff pay for professional development opportunities. These opportunities include workshops, webinars, the General Manager Leadership Summit and the Special District Leadership Academy Conference.

**For more information visit the SDLF web site:**

<http://www.sdlf.org/>

## Orinda Citizen of the Year

John Wyro, a longtime volunteer in the Orinda community for schools, the fire district, and the arts, was honored at the March 18<sup>th</sup> Citizen of the Year dinner at the Orinda Community Center.



***John Wyro retired in December 2014 after 17 years of service as a Moraga Orinda Fire District Board Member.***

John was a founding member and served 17 years on the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors. John and his wife of 47 years still live in Orinda and both volunteer in the community.

## More Recycled Water Now Flowing in Western Dublin

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) has extended its recycled water system 3.6 miles into western Dublin to irrigate parks, schools and commercial properties and save 49 million gallons of drinking water a year, enough to serve the indoor water needs of 610 families. The \$5.1 million project extended purple recycled water pipelines west of Interstate 680 for the first time and converted irrigation systems at 35 sites.

Pipeline construction began in mid-June 2015 and was completed in December. Since then, 33 irrigation systems have been converted and the remaining two will be finished in time for the summer watering season.

“Because DSRSD has invested in recycled water for more than 20 years, almost 30 percent of our water supply is now locally controlled and drought-resistant. The entire community benefits from a more diverse and reliable water supply that is less dependent on Delta water,” said DSRSD Board President D. L. (Pat) Howard.

“By the end of 2016, the City of Dublin expects to use recycled water for 91 percent of our municipal operations, which frees up approximately 164 million gallons of drinking water a year for other uses,” said Dublin Mayor David Haubert. The City of Dublin is one of DSRSD’s largest recycled water customers. The western Dublin project converted four more city parks, Shannon Community Center, Dublin Senior Center, and roadway medians on San Ramon Road, Dublin Blvd., and Amador Valley Blvd.

## Ironhouse Sanitary District Egg Salvage and Duck/Pheasant Rescue

The Ironhouse Sanitary District invited the public to be part of the Egg Salvage and Duck/Pheasant Rescue on April 2.



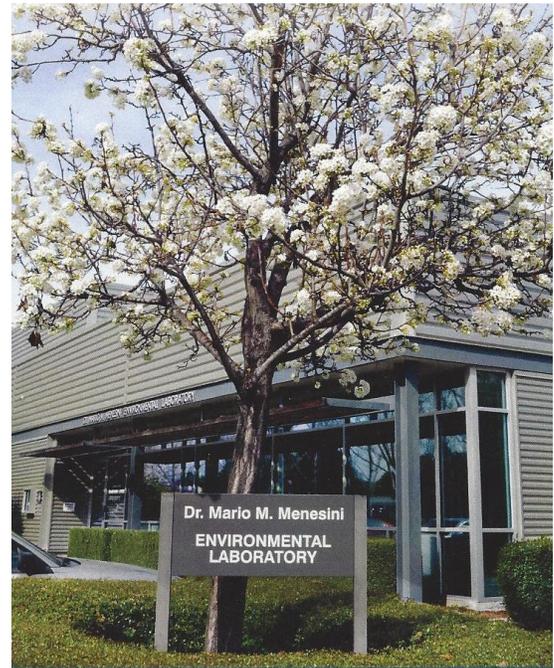
The volunteers were needed to help hunt for ground nesting birds and their nests, as well as, walk through hayfields ringing cowbells to help locate nesting sites.

The hunt helped collect bird eggs and move the hatched ground nesting birds that have chosen to lay their eggs in the hayfields on Jersey Island, to make sure that the eggs and baby birds don’t get harmed during the plowing season.

## Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Environmental Lab Renamed



Central Contra Costa Sanitary District renamed the Environmental Laboratory the Dr. Mario M. Menesini Environmental Laboratory at a ceremony held on April 21, 2016.



Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Board members, employees, and retirees joined members of the Menesini family, and local officials at the dedication ceremony on April 21 to rename the District’s laboratory as the Dr. Mario M. Menesini Environmental Laboratory. The late Dr. Menesini served on the Central San Board of Directors from 1992 to 2012, and was a strong supporter of environmental and educational programs throughout the county.



## A Look Back at the Contra Costa Special Districts Association

Did you know our beginnings date back to 1991? We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year!



Six districts sent representatives to a first meeting at the Contra Costa Mosquito Abatement District's headquarters in North Concord on November 20, 1991.

The formation committee met again on December 17th, 1991 to discuss such issues as bylaws, yearly dues, and a draft resolution. The proposed bylaws intent was to keep the organization simple as well as inexpensive. A short questionnaire was sent to all prospective member districts in an attempt to define the goals of the chapter.

The first meeting of the "Contra Costa chapter of the California Special Districts Association" was a success. The meeting was held on January 15, 1992. Sixteen districts attended and a number of others who stated they are interested – but were unable to appear due to scheduling conflicts. At this first meeting the proposed bylaws were passed unanimously. The first officers were also selected- President Chuck Beesley, former General Manager of the Contra Costa Mosquito Abatement District, and Vice President Bob Berggren, General Manager of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District. A roundtable discussion regarding the concerns of the various districts also took place.

## Special District Leadership Academy Conference July 10 -13 in Napa



A Comprehensive Governance Conference for Elected and Appointed Directors/Trustees

This conference content is based on the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy's (SDLA) groundbreaking, curriculum-based continuing education program, which recognizes the necessity for the board and general manager to work closely toward a common goal. SDLA provides the knowledge base to perform essential governance responsibilities. Visit the website for more information <http://sdla.csd.net/>

## Bob Berggren is honored for his 25 Years of Service to CCSDA



*At the April 18, 2016 meeting Bob Berggren was honored with a plaque for his 25 years of service to the Contra Costa Special Districts Association.*

Bob wants to pass on his appreciation for the recognition we gave him at the Quarterly Meeting of the Contra Costa Special Districts. "I really did appreciate it and thank you for the nice comments. All of you do a terrific job in furthering the importance of special districts and so it meant even more coming from you folks".

## Central San to host an Open House



**Central San will be commemorating their 70th Anniversary by hosting an Open House.**

Central San will be commemorating [t's 70th Anniversary by hosting an Open House! Come join Central San for a family-friendly event that will showcase services, offer tours of the treatment plant and other facilities, and include interactive games, educational exhibits, equipment & truck displays, free food, live entertainment, and FUN!

**Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Central San's Headquarters and Treatment Plant  
Facilities, 5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez**

If you plan to take the tour of the treatment plant, please sign-up by June 30 @ <http://centralsan70.eventbrite.com>



## Park District Invited to White House Water Summit

The East Bay Regional Park District was selected as one of the few land agencies – and one of approximately 200 committed organizations - in the United States to participate in the White House Water Summit to commit to addressing water challenges and solutions in the age of climate change.

Park District General Manager Robert E. Doyle attended the March 22 event in Washington, D.C., highlighting the Park District's leadership in preparing for drought.

The White House Water Summit, held in conjunction with the United Nations World Water Day, focused on long-term strategies to build a sustainable and secure water future through innovative science and technology. As part of its involvement with the event, the Park District has agreed to set a goal of saving 250 million gallons of water over the next five years.

## East Bay Regional Park District Bans Smoking at Parks

The smoking ban came at the request of Save the Bay as a way to reduce cigarette butt litter and improve health conditions for park visitors. It is estimated that billions of cigarette butts flow into San Francisco Bay annually, harming fish, birds and other wildlife and blighting the shoreline. Cigarette butts take years to decompose, and contain chemicals – including arsenic, chromium and ammonia - that can be harmful to water quality and wildlife.



**Smoking will still be legal in overnight campsites, but prohibited everywhere else.**

"We're doing this for public health reasons," said Carolyn Jones, a park district spokeswoman, "but also one of our primary missions is protecting our lands and the environment, and cigarette butts clearly can cause harm to fish and wildlife."

Twenty-five east bay cities and both Contra Costa and Alameda counties already ban smoking in recreation areas.



## East Bay Regional Park District Bans Drones

The drone ban re-affirms the District's long-standing ban on motorized model airplanes, but adds the word "drone" to clarify the ordinance. Drones can be extremely dangerous to helicopters and airplanes, disruptive to wildlife and annoying to other park users.



**NO DRONE ZONE**

The Park District's police department reviews and updates its bylaws, known as Ordinance 38, biannually. Changes are suggested by staff and the public, and are reviewed by the Board Operations Committee, the Operations-Public Safety Liaison Group, the Assistant General Managers Group, District Counsel and the Park Advisory Committee.



## Ongoing Art exhibition at East Bay Municipal Utility District

EBMUD hosts regular art exhibitions in the gallery on the 2nd floor of its Oakland administrative building located at 375 11th Street, 2nd FL lobby gallery, Oakland, CA



Exhibits are open and free to the public Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. BART, AC Transit and wheelchair accessible. Closed on holidays.



**Breathing Room Art Exhibit ~ the exhibit ran from March 3, 2016 - April 15, 2016**  
Photography allows Dominic Martello new insight into himself and the way he sees the world.

EBMUD's 58,000 acres of beautiful watershed lands serve as inspiration for artists all over the world.



## CSDA Presents Assembly Member Rich Gordon with Legislator of the Year Award



The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and its special district members gathered in Santa Clara County on March 11<sup>th</sup> to present Assembly Member Rich Gordon with the 2015 Legislator of the Year Award. Assembly Member Gordon was selected for his non-partisan spirit, support of local control, and close work with the local service specialists responsible for delivering water, fire protection, energy, parks, healthcare, and other essential services.

Assembly Member Gordon was recognized for fostering close relationships with special district officials in his Assembly District, including members of the El Camino Healthcare District in Mountain View, where the award ceremony was held.

Assembly Member Gordon has supported various measures to assist special districts in providing essential services. "Special districts play an important role in closing critical service gaps to communities," said Assembly Member Gordon. "Special districts allow local leaders who are highly informed about a specialized service, and about the specific needs of an area, to make decisions that best serve the people in the community."

## DERWA Board Appoints Michael Tognolini Authority Manager James Bewley Retires

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) Board of Directors appointed Michael Tognolini as Authority Manager, effective April 1, 2016, upon the retirement of James Bewley, who served in that position for ten years. DERWA, the governing body of the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program is a joint powers authority formed in 1995 between DSRSD and EBMUD to provide a safe, reliable, and consistent supply of recycled water to irrigation customers in Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, and Blackhawk.

## Los Medanos Community Healthcare District Board announces a new Executive Director Pete Longmire



Former Pittsburg Mayor and City Council Member Pete Longmire was appointed to fill the vacancy when Bobbi Palmer resigned. Longmire previously served 18 years as a Pittsburg Police Officer before retiring and serving as a Pittsburg City Councilman.

Bobbi Palmer, Former CEO, resigned her position with Los Medanos Community Healthcare District (LMCHD) in December 2015. Palmer had served seven years as the CEO of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District.



Palmer is now the new CEO of the Fallbrook Healthcare District near Temecula Ca.

## ~ Chapter Dues Reminder ~

Dues renewals notices have been sent to our districts. They should have already made it to your mailboxes. We look forward to you continuing your membership. The regular member dues are only \$100 a year (associate member dues are \$200). If you did not receive your renewal notice please let our Treasurer know.

Bert Michalczyk, Treasurer

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Please send your district news releases to stan\_caldwell@comcast.net keep us informed of all of the exciting things your special district is doing. Share your news with other districts by having it as an article in the next newsletter.

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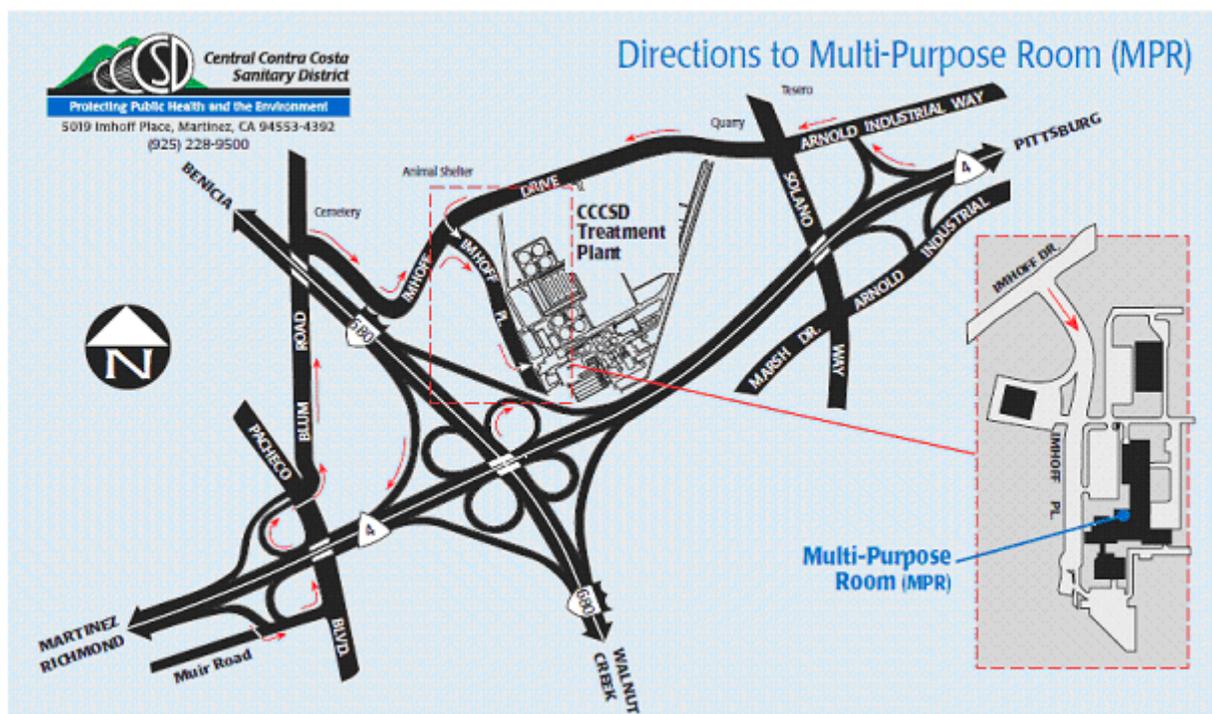
## Mark your calendars with our future Chapter Meeting Dates:

July 18, 2016, October 17, 2016, January 23, 2017

Meetings begin at 10:00 AM – we are out by 12:30PM

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We meet at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District,  
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