

Contra Costa Special Districts Association Newsletter

Contra Costa Chapter of the California Special Districts Association

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In Memory of Dwight Meadows December 4, 1942 - May 13, 2014

Dwight will be remembered for his common-sense counsel and level-headed leadership. Many of us will greatly miss his friendship and will always admire his indomitable will in fighting the assaults on his health by the various cancers that attacked his body.



Dwight Meadows passed away on Tuesday May 13, 2014 after a long and courageous battle to overcome cancer. He will be missed by the special districts of Contra Costa County and all who knew and interacted with him.

Dwight's distinguished career in voluntary public service includes more than 40 years volunteering for local special districts. Dwight served on various boards and commissions in Contra Costa County, most recently Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (RCD) as a director from 2001 – 2014.

Dwight was a Director for the Ironhouse Sanitary District from 1975 to 2000; he helped acquire land that the district now uses to recycle water for livestock hay production, benefiting water quality and local ranchers. Dwight served on the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission from 1994 to the present; he participated in land use decisions affecting the future economic, social, and environmental fabric of the County.

Dwight's participation in these and many other community groups contributed greatly to his role advancing the RCD's agricultural and natural resource stewardship goals. Although very serious about his role in public service, and extremely conscientious about his duties, he also brought a sense of humor to the RCD. He could lighten the mood with a well-placed joke or break a log-jam with good natured ribbing. His presence on the RCD Board will be dearly missed.

"Dwight was always able to keep the Board focused on the big picture, bringing excellent business acumen, professionalism, and leadership to the organization. Dwight was very generous toward the RCD staff and was always quick to recognize their hard work and

accomplishments" according to Ben Wallace the RCD Executive Director. .

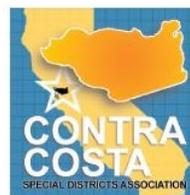
As a public servant Dwight was extremely conscientious about his duties, he also brought a sense of humor to the RCD. He could lighten the mood with a well-placed joke or break a log-jam with good natured ribbing. His presence on the RCD Board will be dearly missed.

As the owner of Diablo Vista Vineyards, he brought on-the-ground experience in local agriculture. He often donated his award-winning wines to special district events as well as other community events. Dwight also grew orchard crops and was involved with beekeeping and local honey production. He was a member of the Contra Costa Farm Bureau.

Dwight was an active participant at the Contra Costa Special District Association as well as a special district member for LAFCo. He will be missed by us all.

Above all, Dwight took on a great multitude of challenges with candor and grace. All that knew him are proud to honor his legacy. A memorial service was held Friday May 23 in Brentwood.

On May 31st 2014 a donation of \$100.00 was made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Dwight Meadows by the Contra Costa Special Districts Association.



**CCSDA Dues
Reminder**

If your district received a dues reminder, mailed in mid-May we want to remind you they are due July 1, 2014. For more information, or if you have questions, contact Treasurer Sharyn Rossi. Email: QueenB111@aol.com
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San Ramon, CA 94582.

We thank all the districts that have already responded and paid their dues.

Special District Leadership Academy Conference Coming This Fall

A comprehensive Governance Conference for elected and appointed directors/trustees November 16 – 19, 2014



Participate in the newly formed Special District Leadership Academy Conference where you can complete all four modules of the Academy during the course of two and a half days! Whether you are new to the board or someone who has served for many years, this conference provides essential tools and information to effectively govern your district. This conference will provide the training needed to lead effectively, and to provide experienced board members with current practices and information about the key concerns facing special districts.

This conference content is based on CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) groundbreaking, curriculum-based continuing education program that 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.

Attending the Special District Leadership Academy Conference versus attending the individual modules saves your district at least \$200 per person (\$800 for four individual modules and only \$600 for the full conference). You can send more attendees from your district and save even more money - each additional attendee from the same district is only \$400. These early bird discounts expire on October 17, 2014 so register today!

Be sure to check out the various scholarships offered through the Special District Leadership Foundation,

Visit www.csdanet.net/sdla to check out the full conference schedule and to register online.

Pleasant Oaks Park Grand Opening a Big Hit!



Gray skies didn't stop the community from coming out to celebrate on Sunday, March 2nd for the Grand Opening of Pleasant Oaks Park. Participants enjoyed a stunning rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by local middle schooler, Alexa, followed by the official ribbon cutting with Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, the ceremonial "first pitch" and "first soccer ball kick". PHBA and PHMSA were on hand to show their support and team spirit. A fun day for all!

The Effect of the Drought at Pleasant Hill Parks

Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District is utilizing recycled water at the new Pleasant Oaks Park, the new Community Center, Pleasant Hill Park, Frank Salfinere Park, Chilpancingo Park, and two fields the park district uses at College Park High School and Valley View Middle School. The water comes from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary Districts recycled water plant. It's not big savings as far as dollars go, but the district does get water when there is a drought, like this year, and when there are water restrictions, the fields will be able to stay green!

Ironhouse Sanitary Solar Project Update

The district retained Real Goods Solar, Inc. (RGS) to construct a 1.1- megawatt ground mount single axis solar system for ISD's Water Recycling Facility and a 60-kilowatt carport solar system for the Administration and Maintenance Buildings.

The 60-kilowatt solar system became operable in March 2014 with the 1.1 -megawatt system anticipated to be operable in July 2014. ISD's current electrical cost for these facilities is more than \$600,000 per year, but harnessing energy from the sun is expected to reduce the district's electrical bills by at least \$94,000 in the first year alone, with a total estimated savings of \$6.7 million over the next 25 years.

Are Private Emails and Texts Covered by Public Records Act?



Public agencies are now free to adopt their own policies regarding access to private communications on public issues.

On March 27, a California Court of Appeal ruled that the California Public Records Act does not require a public agency to disclose emails and texts of public officials using their own personal electronic devices and accounts.

In the same vein, public agencies have no duty to search officials' and employees' private devices and accounts in response to a PRA request. The case of *City of San Jose v. Superior Court* confirms that agencies cannot be responsible for those records, in part because individual officials and employees are not subject to the PRA. Moreover, agencies have no access to those personal communications.

According to the court, public agencies are free to adopt their own policies regarding access to private communications on public issues. The court also acknowledged broader policy issues in the case, including the public's right-to-know versus the administrative burdens agencies would face if they were forced to obtain individuals' private communications. However, the court noted that the Legislature was better suited to address those policy concerns.

The San Jose case was prompted after Ted Smith submitted a PRA request to the City of San Jose asking for "any and all voicemails, emails, or text messages sent or received on private electronic devices" used by the mayor, councilmembers and city staff regarding "any matters concerning the City of San Jose." The city rejected the request because under the PRA, the city did not "prepare, own, use, or retain" messages from those private devices.

The court deferred to the Legislature, stating "Whether such a duty better serves public policy is a matter for the Legislature, not the courts, to decide." The court noted that public agencies are free to devise their own rules for disclosure of communications related to public business.

If you print the Newsletter please be sure to recycle!



What are CSDA District NetWorks?

California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has organized and launched District NetWorks. It is an initiative designed by local special district leaders to connect special districts across California. The heart of District NetWorks consists of district leaders inspiring and catalyzing action and collaboration in their own communities. District NetWorks will help special districts across the state connect and take action on local and statewide issues. One of the major goals is to help in public awareness of special districts and provide unified messaging.

This is how it works. CSDA's Regionalization Task Force identified six California regions (networks). Each network is represented by three delegates (CSDA Board Members); with each delegate assigned his/her own service area within his/her network. District NetWorks will facilitate direct, peer-to-peer contact. CSDA will equip each delegate with direct knowledge of local issues and challenges, and each delegate can help deliver special district information and resources.

A district delegate serves as CSDA's local liaison to special districts, key decision-makers and the public at large providing a strategic link between CSDA's activities in the State Capitol and their local area. It's not always easy for district representatives to get to Sacramento or to facilitate effective communication from their agency to the Capitol. The district delegate can help make sure districts are up-to-date on key issues and ensure each agency's voice is heard.

This program will help elevate special districts recognition for the service they provide.



California Special Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together

CCSDA Meetings at Central San

The Contra Costa Special Districts Association thanks Contra Costa Central Sanitary District for the use of the Multi-purpose room and their facility for our quarterly meetings.



**Thank You
Central San!**

Contra Costa Central Sanitary District's contributions and generosity provide a significant cost savings to the Contra Costa Special Districts Association which helps to keep our dues low.

Discovery Bay Honors

For the first time in the town's history, the Discovery Bay Community Services District (DBCSD) has been named a "District of Distinction" – honored for its sound fiscal management and best practices – by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

"It basically says 'good governance,'" said Town General Manager Rick Howard, who spent the past year putting together the necessary paperwork for consideration. "By achieving this designation, it is really validating the way the district conducts business."

The accreditation, awarded biannually by the SPDLF, is a statewide designation, which to date has been given to only 20 of California's 2,300 independent special districts.

Through a rigorous submittal process, candidates for the District of Distinction must show proof of, among other items, educational training in public governance, and compliance with ethics, harassment prevention and conflict of interest training. Candidates must also show that the district's website includes posting of transparency requirements, such as election procedures and deadlines, board meeting schedules and agendas, current district budgets, most recent financial audit information and a list of compensation for board members and staff.



Megan Hemming, from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), second from right, poses with DBCSD Board of Directors, left to right, Bill Pease, Marianne Wiesen, Chris Steele, Kevin Graves and Mark Simon, who were honored by CSDA as a District of Distinction.

The majority of California's special districts perform a single function. Communities that require two or more services, such as Discovery Bay, are known as a community services district (CSD). Discovery Bay's CSD takes care of the town's water, sewer, landscaping and recreation needs.

Howard, who has been the town's general manager since 2010, said receiving the District of Distinction honor is gratifying, but he believes the message the accolades send is even more rewarding.

Congratulations Discovery Bay CSD!

"We know we've been doing a good job, and this just validates that those in other districts think so, too," Howard said. "It tells us that we are doing our jobs, and we're doing them very well."

Dublin San Ramon Services District Receives Transparency Certificate of Excellence

On June 4, 2014 Board meeting the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) awarded DSRSD the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence in recognition of their outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

DSRSD also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as Board agendas, agenda packets, and minutes, the District's current budget, and the most recent financial audit.

"While DSRSD has always been committed to openness and transparency," says DSRSD Board President Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, "we applaud the Special District Leadership Foundation because going through the transparency certification process identified additional steps we could take to improve what we believed were already transparent efforts."

The Special District Leadership Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.



2014 California Special Districts Association Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase



SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 2, 2014

Two Park Districts Win Awards

The California Park & Recreation Society's Awards Program recognizes the outstanding achievements of agencies and individuals in the areas of community improvements & programming, facility design & park planning; marketing & communications; and professional & citizen leadership.



EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARD **Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District** **New Senior Center Facility**

This award recognizes excellence in design of completed park, recreation and/or cultural facilities intended for public use. The project may be either new construction or a rehabilitation project that demonstrates high standards of planning, design, community involvement, operation and maintenance, quality of aesthetics, usability, accessibility and versatility.

CREATING COMMUNITY AWARD **East Bay Regional Parks** **Healthy Parks Healthy People Festival**

This award recognizes outstanding initiatives by agencies, departments, or districts in their effort to deliver the highest level of programs and services that embody and embrace the values and mission of the profession and move the agency towards a stronger position or role within the community.

Legal Alert!

State Supreme Court rules
Geographic Information System File
as a public record subject to disclosure
in that format.



GIS-Formatted Database did not meet the Public
Records Act's definition of "computer software."

Ambrose Recreation and Park District Announces New General Manager



Welcome Doug!

**Mr. Long began his new role as
General Manager on Monday,
December 16, 2013.**

The Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board of Directors approved the hiring of Doug Long as the District's new General Manager.

Mr. Long was the Board's top choice for the position after an extensive search and selection process that lasted several months. Two oral boards comprised of park and recreation professionals from surrounding jurisdictions, Bay Point community members, and Ambrose Recreation and Park District staff and a Board member interviewed the top candidates before the full Board of Directors interviewed the finalists and selected Long.

Mr. Long recently retired from the City of San Carlos where he served as its Parks and Recreation Director for four years. Prior to that he served for four years as the Community Services Director for the Town of San Anselmo. Mr. Long has special district experience as well, which matches up nicely with the needs and challenges of the Ambrose Recreation & Park District. He worked as the Assistant General Manager for the Greater Vallejo Recreation District for four years.

During his career, Mr. Long has been responsible for the supervision of 28 full time employees, has managed an operating budget of \$5.2 million and a \$6 million project fund, has worked in cooperation with staff and consultants in the design, development, and funding of a variety of parks, aquatics facilities, sports fields, and gymnasiums, has negotiated lease agreements with vendors and public agencies, has served as project manager for the development of a district-wide comprehensive master plan, and has worked cooperatively with school districts in developing a comprehensive joint-use agreement.

Please send CCSDA your news for our newsletter!

News of our local districts is of interest to all of us! Do you have new personnel? Have you won an award? Are you doing something interesting for your ratepayers? Let us know! Keep us informed about all of the exciting things your special district is up to. We always welcome your news contributions to the newsletter!

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District vehicles sport new graphics

The white pickup trucks of **Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District** play a unique role in protecting county residents from the insects and animals that can cause harm or transmit disease. To clearly illustrate the District's important role in protecting public health, the District's vehicles underwent a makeover as part of a larger plan.



The images on the sides and backs of the District vehicles feature the District's logo, phone number, website address, and motto: "Protecting Public Health Since 1927."

MVSD Website has a new look

In an effort to improve customer service, the Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) is pleased to introduce an updated website. The new website was launched in February 2014.

The website can still be found at the same web address as before: www.mvsd.org. All features from the old website will also be available on the new website. You will also find some new material, including a photo gallery with many wildlife photos from McNabney and Moorhen marshes.

The design of the website has been modernized and the layout improved for easier navigation. Website users can more easily find the information they are looking for by choosing from a menu of drop down options across the top of the page. Additionally, this new site will also be compatible with mobile devices for easier viewing.



Bette Boatmun – 40 years of Public Service

Thank you Bette for your service to special districts!

Bette Boatmun was elected to the Contra Costa Water District Board of Directors in 1974, representing portions of Pittsburg, Antioch, and Concord.

As dedicated public servant, Bette has served with distinction on the Contra Costa Water District Board, and the Contra Costa Chapter of California Special Districts (CCSDA).

In March 2001, Ms. Boatmun was honored as the California State Assembly's "Woman of the Year" for the 11th Assembly District.

On September 2013 the California Special Districts Association presented Bette Boatmun with the William Hollingsworth Award of Excellence, given to an individual who has been vigilant in his or her championing for special districts.

Bette has been the chairperson for the CCSDA since 1997.

What Does "An Endowment Care Cemetery District" Mean?

The Alamo-Lafayette Cemetery District and the Byron-Brentwood-Knightsen Union Cemetery District's operate under the California Health & Safety Code section for public cemeteries. One of the code requirements is that public cemeteries collect an endowment fee for each interment/inurnment location. This is for every in-ground space, niche, scattering or crypt that is located in the District's cemeteries.

When making a purchase of interment rights of a space or niche, the cemetery staff will collect this endowment fee, based on the interment type. This is a one-time fee that is collected for the perpetual care of the cemetery grounds. Each District manages the endowment investment fund that will provide future funds for the proper care and maintenance of the cemeteries.

How has the drought affected your cemeteries?

Union Cemetery - We are very fortunate that we use well water so we haven't had to worry much about the drought.

Alamo Lafayette Cemetery District - We have very small sections of lawn that receive the most water; fortunately we really haven't been effected by the District.

MVSD Appoints New Director



Ms. Beverli A. Marshall, West County Wastewater District Business Services Manager, and Martinez resident has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Mt. View Sanitary District board.

Beverli replaces Randy Williams who retired on March 1st and moved to Hawaii. Beverli ran in the 2010 election and has been interested in serving on the MVSD board for some time. Beverli is an active CSDA member and serves on the CSDA Finance & Education Committees.

Eight candidates applied for the opening, an ad hoc committee narrowed the selection to 3 candidates for consideration and Beverli was selected among them.

Ironhouse Sanitary District Earns 'Green' Certification

Ironhouse Sanitary District has been named a certified "green" business by the Contra Costa County Green Business Program. In receiving the green certification, ISD has demonstrated compliance with all regulations and program standards of a California Green Business.



The Green Business Certification Program is a multi-faceted pollution prevention effort that encourages businesses to meet and exceed environmental standards while conserving resources. The program focuses on how a facility conducts its day-to-day operations in terms of being environmentally aware, promoting energy efficiency and reducing any and all waste streams. ISD is the first organization to be certified in Oakley.

"Pollution prevention and being environmentally aware is something we work toward every day at our business," ISD General Manager Tom Williams said. "Part of that is reaching out to our customers and talking about and providing better alternatives for waste handling."

Mt. View Sanitary District Billboard highlights American Wetlands Month



This spring Mt. View Sanitary District again celebrated American Wetlands Month with a billboard which was up during the month of May.

McNabney Marsh and the Mt. View Sanitary District are adjacent to I-680 just before the Benicia Bridge.

LAFCO Update – Second Round Municipal Service Reviews

Municipal Service Reviews (MSR) are comprehensive studies designed to better inform LAFCO, local agencies, and the community about the provision of municipal services. Service reviews capture and analyze information about the governance structures and efficiencies of service providers and identify opportunities for greater coordination and cooperation between providers.

LAFCO completed the second round of MSR's with Water and Wastewater districts this spring. Next up will be the Fire and Emergency Medical Services MSR's.

Free Legislative Round-Up Webinar Exclusively for CSDA Members

This is a free webinar open to all California Special Districts Association (CSDA) members to be held on Wednesday, July 30 10 am-12 pm

Attend this webinar and: obtain updates on legislation and other public policy discussions; hear about the most significant bills introduced in 2014 that will impact special districts and learn what positions CSDA has taken and how your district can join in advocacy efforts. Also, pose questions and offer input to CSDA's lobbyists and fellow special district leaders regarding critical current events and policy matters such as property taxes, LAFCo, public works, transparency, personnel and more.

Call (877) 924.2732 or (916) 442.7887 or you can register online at CSDA - <http://www.csda.net/>

Dublin San Ramon Services District and City of Pleasanton Strike Agreement to Irrigate Val Vista Park with Recycled Water

California's Critical Drought prompts a "New Normal" for Park Landscaping and Maintenance in Pleasanton

As California continues to experience the driest period in the state's recorded rainfall history, the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and the City of Pleasanton have collaborated on a water conservation project that is expected to save approximately 18.5 million gallons of potable water annually.



The two agencies have worked together to provide recycled water to irrigate one of Pleasanton's largest and most popular parks, 15-acre Val Vista Park, located at 7350 Johnson Drive. The city is now irrigating most of the park's landscaping and fields with recycled water provided by DSRSD. Val Vista Park features three sand-based soccer fields, two water play features, a skate park, in-line hockey rink, and play structure with a climbing wall, restrooms, and a picnic area that can be rented for special events.

"We're very pleased that Pleasanton has converted Val Vista Park irrigation to recycled water," says DSRSD Board President Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold. "It reduces the Tri-Valley's need for imported water and provides an uninterrupted supply of irrigation water, which will be critical during this drought."

Areas that will not receive recycled water include the park's community garden, drinking fountains, restroom, water play feature and circulating creek (both of which may be deactivated this summer due to the drought).

DSRSD has been irrigating with recycled water in Dublin since 1999 and in San Ramon since 2006. In 2013, just over one billion gallons of recycled water was used in the Tri-Valley, primarily for irrigation. Val Vista Park is the first location in the City of Pleasanton to receive recycled water for irrigation.

"This project is also a great example of working together regionally to use a valuable resource, recycled water," according to Pleasanton Operations Services Director Daniel Smith. "It's a win for everyone. The community gets a green park during a drought, the City of Pleasanton saves 18.5 million gallons of potable water, and DSRSD avoids having to dump a valuable resource into San Francisco Bay."

Drought Actions to Reduce Water use 25% Overall

At a special meeting Monday, May 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors took the following drought-related actions: Adopted Stage 3 shortage rates (requiring customers to reduce water use by 25% overall, adopted water use limitations, enforcements and penalties, approved a Wise Water User credit program, and approved enhancements to rebate programs.

"This is a serious drought," says Operations Manager Dan Gallagher and drought coordinator at DSRSD, "Six of the past seven years have been dry. The snowpack is 5% of normal. These dry conditions could persist even beyond this year, because multi-year droughts are common in California. The bottom line is we must reduce our water use now or the demand will exceed the supply. That's why our Board took all these actions."

Mt. View Sanitary District Welcomes a New District Manager

Michael Roe, MVSD General Manager, will retire on June 30th, 2014. Mike's last day will be June 12th. Mike has several weeks' vacation time which he will take prior to officially retiring on June 30th. Mike was appointed MVSD General Manager in June 2009. He recently bought a motor home and plans to travel. Mike will move to southern California, to Temecula, where he has purchased a retirement home.

The Mt. View Sanitary District Board and staff welcome new District Manager Neal Allen who will take over as manager on July 1st. Prior to accepting this leadership role, Neal held the position of Assistant District Manager for the district.



Welcome Neal Allen as the new MVSD General Manager!

Mr. Allen will begin as Manager on July 1, 2014

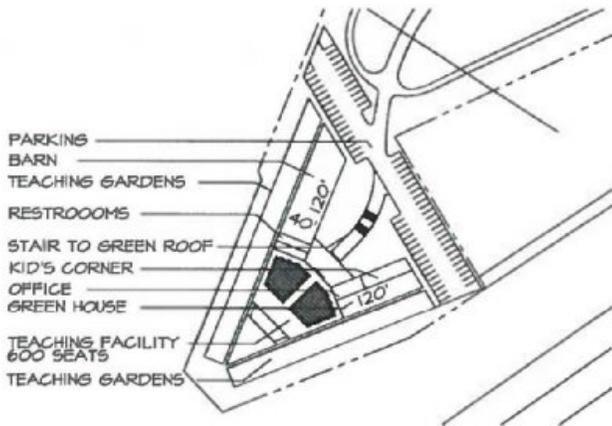
CoCo San Sustainable Farm



The CoCo San Sustainable Farm is collaboration between Central Contra Costa Sanitary District in Martinez and the Earth Island institute, an environmental incubator in Berkeley, CA.

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Board on Thursday April 17th, 2014 voted 4-1 to move forward with a planned sustainable farm on district land, subject to additional conditions and approvals.

The board declared a 14.8-acre portion of district property unneeded for up to 10 years and agreed that leasing it to AgLantis for the proposed CoCo Sustainable Farm project is in the district's best interests, is compatible with surrounding land uses, and would provide a public benefit. Trustees authorized the general manager to execute a lease for \$1 a year subject to committee approval of requirements, including the donation or sale of a specific amount of produce to schools and the local food bank.



The property will be used to create a non-profit sustainable urban farm with teaching facilities.

The farm will grow produce on approximately 10-15 acres of unused Central San buffer land, using recycled agricultural-grade water, which is otherwise discharged

into the Bay. This recycled water is high in organic nitrogen, providing free fertilizer.

The Contra Costa Food Bank is a mile from the farm and will pick up the produce and use existing systems to distribute it to schools and clients, providing transportation.

2015-17 CSDA Board of Directors - Region 3 Seat C



Stanley Caldwell, Mt. View Sanitary District Director is seeking re-election to the CSDA Board of Directors.

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

CSDA mailed ballots on June 6. The ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 1, 2014 and must be the original ballot (no faxes or emails). The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 5. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Palm Springs, CA in September.

Mark your Calendars for our future CCSDA meetings

Meeting Schedule:

- **July 21, 2014**
- **October 20, 2014**
- **January 26, 2015**

July 21, 2014 Meeting - Special Note: LAFCO will convene the Independent Special District Selection Committee to hold the election for special district LAFCO Commissioner.

There is a vacancy for the regular member seat previously held by Dwight Meadows (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District). LAFCO will call for nominations and the names of each district's voting delegate. The selection will be held on July 21, 2014 in conjunction with CCSDA meeting. LAFCO will be mailing information to districts prior to the election.

July 21, 2014 Meeting

LAFCO Refresher

A Special District Introduction to Local Agency Formation Commissions

Lou Ann Texeira Contra Costa LAFCo Executive Director will plan to use selected elements of the LAFCO staff/board training to refresh our knowledge of this vital entity.

LAFCo will speak to special district issues, and answer your questions. We all could greatly benefit from a better understanding of LAFCo's charter, scope, powers, limitations, method of operation, and how it fits in with other entities. Get answers to questions such as What are LAFCo's roles and functions? Why was LAFCo created? What are Spheres of Influence and what are Municipal Service Reviews, and why do them anyway? What Does LAFCo Do?

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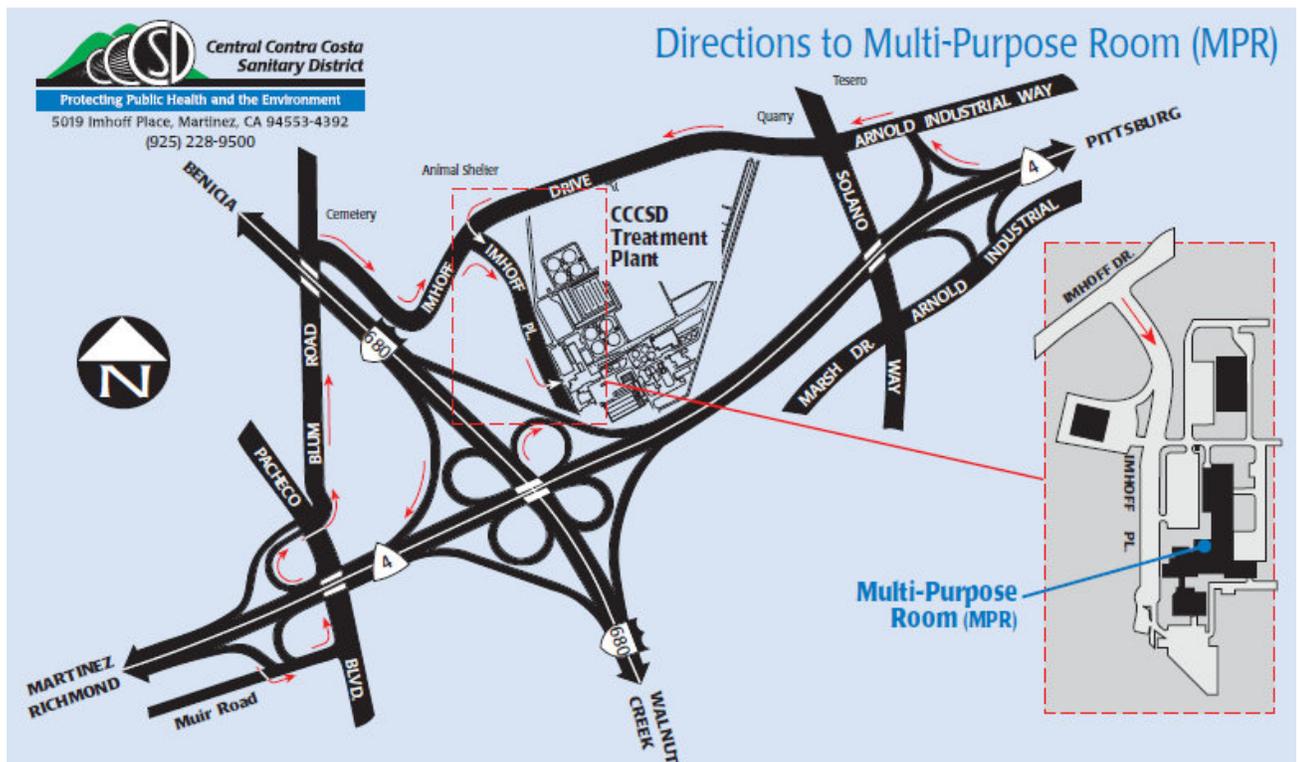
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We meet at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, 5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA.



We always welcome your news contributions to our newsletter!