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SPECIAL DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Pauma Valley Community Services District



Pauma Valley Community Services District (District) was formed in 1962 under State Government Code §61000 to provide essential services to those residing in this golf course community known as Pauma Valley Country Club Estates. Over the past 50+ years, many have discovered the hidden paradise and now call this home. Pauma Valley is approximately 15 miles east of Interstate 15 and sits peacefully at the base of the majestic Palomar Mountains, in an unincorporated area of North San Diego County. Surrounded by fragrant orange and avocado groves, a well-renowned, private golf course and country club lie hidden by the many homes now constructed.

The District is an independent special district in the State of California which provides the following services:

- Wastewater collection, treatment and storage which includes storm drain collection
- Security Patrol and Security Gate Access
- Water treatment, distribution and storage through a contract with Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company
- Private Roadway Management through an agreement with Pauma Valley Roadway Association

Under its enabling act, Pauma Valley Community Services District can provide many other municipal type services when requested by its residents, authorized by its Board of Directors and approved by the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO").

Wastewater: Collection, Treatment, and Storage

The first ordinance written setting forth the rules and regulations for the operation, maintenance and use of facilities for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and waste was signed approving the installation and use of sewer lines in August 1969. The District currently has 8.2 miles of public sewer, approximately 400 service connections and 144 manholes. There are also three lift stations in the District, two of which have standby generators that serve the lift station during power failures. The remaining lift station is served by a trailer mounted generator equipped with quick connect couplers.

The average age of the collection system is 48 years old. The majority of the vitrified clay pipelines in the District range in size from 4" to 10". Approximately 60% of the District lines were installed between the 1960's and 1980's, prior to the introduction of modern pipe joints such as compression gaskets, which were not available in the



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Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016

Income for the period was from the August 2016 dinner meeting \$1,780.00 and the 2016-17 membership dues \$6,900.00 for a total of **\$8,680.00**.

Expenditures for the period included August 2016 Dinner Speaker Dr. Steve Albrecht \$1,000 and Butcher Shop Restaurant for August 2016 dinner meeting \$2,274.22 for a total of **\$3,274.22**.

The fund balances as of September 30, 2016 were as follows: the Grant Scholarship Fund balance increased by \$3,450.00 per previous Executive Board action to allocate half of the annual membership fees to the fund for an ending balance of \$18,934.94; Speaker Program fund decreased by \$1,000 for the cost of the speaker at the August 2016 Dinner meeting leaving a balance of \$4,000.00; and the General Fund balance was \$14,853.76 for a total of \$37,788.70. The **bank balance** as of September 31, 2016, is **\$38,538.70**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Stevenson
CSDA Treasurer



San Diego Chapter Quarterly Dinner Meeting

Thursday – November 17, 2016

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Dinner served at 6:45 pm

Location

The Butcher Shop Steakhouse

Kearny Mesa

5255 Kearny Villa Road

San Diego, CA (858) 565-2272

<http://butchershopsd.signonsandiego.com>

Join us for a dynamic, interactive, and educational evening as SDCSDA showcases:

“State of the Climate and Winter Outlook,”

presented by

**Alex Tardy - Warning Coordinator, National
Weather Service**



Alex Tardy is the warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service in San Diego. Alex has worked at several locations

across the country including Vermont, Virginia, Texas, and Utah in a variety of positions including senior weather forecasting duties and science operations officer. Alex is in charge of working with a variety of public and private partners to ensure that weather and hazard information and education is received in the most efficient ways to save lives and property. Alex received a bachelor of science in atmospheric science from the State University of New York in Albany. He has worked for the National Weather Service for 22 years.

Don't forget to make your reservations now for the next quarterly dinner meeting! Our contract with the facility is a minimum of 50 attendees.

Please send in your RSVP form to our CSDA Treasurer, [Rich Stevenson at Sweetwater Authority](mailto:rstevenson@sweetwater.org)

RSVP Deadline: Thursday, November 10, 2016.

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CSDA San Diego chapter newsletter is printed quarterly. If you have any comments or suggestions, please direct them to Diana Towne, SDCSDA Board Secretary at: dtowne@rinconwater.org.

President's Message



Hello San Diego Chapter Members. I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful time of year and the fascinating 2016 election season. Campaign Season 2016 has been an interesting process to marvel at as we to march forward to another peaceful (ho hum) transition of power in our great nation.

Of course, not to be outdone on the election front, our annual election of the Chapter Board of Directors/Officers will take place at the November 17, 2016

Chapter meeting. I encourage all Chapter members to consider being active in a leadership role by serving on the Board. For more information on serving on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Chapter of CSDA, or to nominate someone to the Board, please contact Nominating Committee Chairperson Jo MacKenzie by clicking on this link: mackgroup@cox.net.

As always, I recommend all members visit the CSDA website at <http://www.csda.net> for more information regarding training and other events. By all accounts, the CSDA Annual Conference held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, October 10-13, 2016, was a great success. Record conference attendance, informative programs and a wonderful location right on San Diego Bay made for a great annual conference.

Our November 17, 2016, Chapter meeting will be held at our regular location, the Butcher Shop in Kearny Mesa. The meeting speaker will be Mr. Alex Tardy, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service in San Diego presenting the "State of the Climate and Winter Outlook." Please plan to attend this informative and important program.

Lastly, the November Chapter meeting will be my last as the Chapter President. It has been a pleasure serving as your President the past two years. I want to thank the Board members who have served during this period for their ideas, hard work, and enthusiasm. The Chapter is only as active as it is today as a result of these folks sharing their time and talents! Thank you all.

I hope to see you all at the next San Diego Chapter meeting.

All the Best and Happy Holidays!

Michael J. Bardin, SDA
Chapter President



The agenda prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order follows the standard "order of business." In our view, this is sometimes a poor way to arrange your meetings. "New business" comes at the end, after other items, and often members are exhausted. They end up without the energy needed to tackle new ideas.

Your group can pass a "special rule of order" allowing for more flexibility in arranging your meetings. We recommend giving some time near the very beginning of the meeting for "key items" or strategic issues, to get the benefit of everyone's thinking while they are fresh.



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Updated Your Email Contact Info Lately?

Your email is the quickest way to receive important notifications and quarterly newsletters from the San Diego Chapter of CSDA. If you haven't received your newsletter lately or know of someone who did not receive one, you have an opportunity to change that!



November is election month! Don't forget to update the email addresses for your Board of Directors before the New Year!

Has your personal email changed? Please notify Tim Geiser, 2nd VP and Membership Chair by email at: tgeiser@dsfd.sdcoxmail.com

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1960's. The District has performed video inspection of approximately 1/3 of these historic pipelines which indicate that the pipelines are still in serviceable condition.

The District has had an active sewer system management program since the mid-1980's and has experienced a relatively low number of blockages. Stoppages and overflows have been non-existent since the District focused its efforts on aggressive line cleaning, continuous video inspection and dedicating funds to repair or replace line defects which could result in service interruption.

A new treatment plant facility was completed in February of 2008 and brought the District into the 21st Century with modern, state-of-the-art technology for sewage treatment. With an operating permit for 150,000 gallons of flow per day, the treatment plant facility more than meets the current needs of the District's population.

Jeff Pape of Dudek & Associates has joined the support staff as Contract Operations Manager over the technical aspects of the wastewater treatment facility and also to supervise the operations of extraction, treatment, storage and distribution of the potable and non-potable water for the Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company. Pape provides a wealth of practical knowledge and experience as well as a connection to 250 environmental and engineering professionals employed by Dudek. In addition to working with our sewer and water facilities, Pape acts as General Manager of Temescal Valley Water District and provides contract operations management to Rancho Santa Fe CSD, Whispering Palms CSD, Fairbanks Ranch CSD and Granada Sanitation.

Wastewater service charges reflect the costs of maintaining and operating the system around-the-clock.

Security and Patrol Services

The Mission of the Pauma Valley Community Service District Security Department is to work with the citizens of the community to protect life and property, preserve a quality of lifestyle and provide prompt, courteous, and professional service to those who live, work and play in our community.



Two of the best reasons for living in Pauma Valley Country Club Estates are the privacy and security. Residents are provided 24-hour armed patrol, 7 days a week. Three canine units provide added security and protection with both officer and animal undergoing rigorous training monthly.

Security has been in existence for more than 35 years and has evolved into a professional, experienced department. All of our PVCSD Officers are certified First Responders in first aid, CPR, AED, and oxygen. They hold certifications in Infant CPR and Health Care Provider. They all hold certificates in PC 832 Firearms from Riverside County Sheriff's Department and Arrest, Search & Seizure from Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center.

The largest residential area and the private Pauma Valley Country Club golf course and clubhouse are located behind gated entrances that are manned 24-hours, 7 days a week. Residents and Pauma Valley Country Club members are issued RFID transponder tags for unrestricted access through the gates.

Water Treatment-Storage-Distribution

The Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company ("Company") is a private mutual water company, located within the PVCSD boundaries. The Company's source of water for public consumption and for irrigation purposes comes from groundwater under its service area. The water is extracted through thirteen well sites, seven of which are potable and six of which are designated only for irrigation purposes. The irrigation wells serve the largest grove in the Company's service area, the commercial nursery and the Pauma Valley Country Club golf course itself. The potable wells are pumped into the delivery system and stored in the Company's two steel reservoir tanks.

Treatment - Per the requirements of the California Department of Water Resources, drinking water standards, we are required to conduct numerous bacteriological and

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chemical tests on each potable well. The test results must be below the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") before it is acceptable for placement into the distribution and storage system. For disinfection, chlorine stations are permanently located at three well sites and are subject to Department of Environmental Health standards for hazardous materials. Standard operating procedures are followed by the utility employees when handling the gaseous cylinders of chlorine. Training and routine inspections are conducted to assure compliance. The Company's Risk Management Plan is reviewed annually and updated every five years.

Storage - Upon formation, the Company utilized an open reservoir but has since abandoned the site and replaced it with two welded steel water storage tanks. The smaller tank was installed in 1966 and has a capacity of 172,000 gallons of water. The larger tank was installed in 1978 and holds 1.5 million gallons of water. Both tanks were set up with alarm systems in 1994 to alert the front gate dispatch on too high or too low water levels. The distribution and storage system has since been automated and is efficiently operated using SCADA - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition computerized system.

Exterior inspection of the tanks is conducted by the water staff monthly and interior inspections are conducted every three years to assess any deterioration of the steel structure. Scuba divers video log the interior and provide a written report of the condition. Department of Water Resources also conducts periodic inspections and notes any rehabilitation needed. The small tank was completely restored in 2010 at a cost of \$82,000; the large tank will ultimately have to undergo the same restoration within the next ten years.

Distribution - There are currently 322 shareholders with 393 meter connections served by the Company. The infrastructure, most of which was constructed in the late 1960's, is still in place today. Several different types of pipe were used, such as vitrified clay, steel and PVC. The diameter of pipes range from 4" up to 10". As leaks develop in the older pipes, the Company tries to replace sections to carry the distribution system many years into the future.

Infrastructure Service Charges on the monthly Company billing system help cover the cost of replacing older service meters as they wear out. Routine maintenance and replacement of the water meters is another Capital Improvement project always under consideration.

Private Roadways

The roadways within the gates fall under the auspice of the Pauma Valley Roadway Association ("PVRA"), having been vacated by the County of San Diego and turned over to this non-profit, mutual benefit California Corporation in 1985. All property owners within the gates (an area known as the Pauma Valley Country Club Estates) are members of the PVRA and others have entered an enabling agreement with PVRA.

The PVRA is run by a five-member board of directors elected by the members of the Association, and is responsible for establishing rule for ingress and egress through the gates, the repair and maintenance of the private roadways and the safety of all those who travel them.

A comprehensive set of rules and regulations has been written and approved for the use of the roadways. This publication outlines the criteria needed to gain entrance into the guarded residential and Pauma Valley Country Club area. Through a signed agreement between Pauma Valley Roadway Association and the Pauma Valley Community Services District, PVCSD Security was given the authority to enforce and uphold these rules and regulations.

Administration Services

The business of the District is managed by an elected board and dedicated administrative staff. The administrator is Mindy Houser and she is supported with office, security, and utility staff. Ms. Houser's email address is: mindy@paumavalleycsd.com



DISTRICTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



California special districts are much more than local service providers. As local agencies we are directly accountable to our residents and are passionate about providing high-quality services and resources in the most efficient and effective manner.

WHAT IS A SPECIAL DISTRICT?

Special districts are local government agencies that provide essential services to millions of customers. Special districts are formed and governed by local residents to establish or enhance essential services and infrastructure in their communities. Each special district focuses on providing specific types of services. It is this focused service that allows for innovation and long-term planning to meet the community's needs.

HISTORY OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS

In 1887, the Legislature passed the Wright Act which allowed landowners to form local government agencies to deliver water for irrigation purposes. This ultimately led to the foundation of other special districts that now deliver a wide range of local services and infrastructure.

INDEPENDENT vs. DEPENDENT

Independent special districts are, just as they sound, independent from other governments. They are:

- Directly accountable to the people they serve
- A local form of government
- Governed by a board of directors elected directly by the voters or sometimes appointed by other locally elected officials to fixed terms.

Dependent special districts are governed by other governmental entities. For example:

- City councils
- County boards of supervisors
- Components of other government bodies



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- News and compelling videos about special districts

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- Healthcare District
- Irrigation District
- Library Districts
- Mosquito and Pest Abatement District
- Reclamation and Levee District
- Recreation and Park District
- Resource Conservation District
- Sanitation District
- Transit District



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to Yours....



Happy
Holidays!