

Ventura County Special Districts Association

November/December 2020

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

President's Message by Thom Slosson



Hello VCSDA members!

We kick-off the new water year with a timely presentation from the United Water Conservation District.

Many scientists believe that a La Nina climate event is underway—which typically holds that a dry winter is coming for Southern California. It will be interesting to hear how United is preparing for the upcoming wet season, as well as progress on environmental issues for the protection of steelhead.

Finally, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a representative of Calleguas Municipal Water District for the past 8 years — and as an advocate for special districts and the essential services they provide.

Every VCSDA meeting provides an important opportunity to learn more about the issues that impact our special districts and stakeholders. As my time as President comes to a close, I want to thank you all for your support and active participation in this association.

Please join me via Zoom for the December 1, 2020 meeting.

When: Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Meeting will begin at 6:15 pm (Zoom open at 6:00 pm)

RSVP: Kara Wade at
kwade@calleguas.com



GUEST SPEAKER:

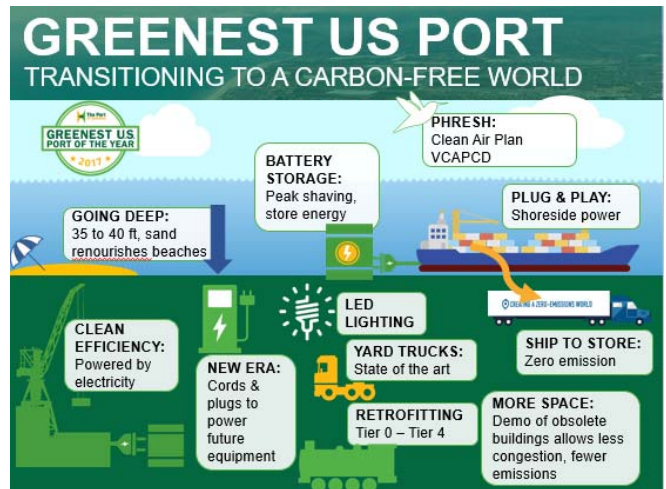
Murray McEachron, Principal Hydrologist

**"The Long and Sometimes Provocative
Relationship between Water Resources and
Steelhead Trout"**

Murray McEachron joined United Water Conservation District (UWCD) as a staff hydrologist in 1998, and has devoted much of his career to providing his expertise on the operations of UWCD's groundwater recharge facilities and the conservation releases from Lake Piru to the downstream groundwater basins. Murray has created several surface water/groundwater models that have been used in regional studies throughout the watershed. In addition, he is involved with the environmental permitting of the Freeman Diversion and the Santa Felicia Dam, including the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan for the Freeman Diversion and FERC licensing at the Santa Felicia Dam.

Mr. McEachron oversees the purchasing of UWCD's State Water including the additional Article 21 water that was secured in recent years. He also oversees various storage/recharge agreements with neighboring water districts such as the Castaic Lake Downstream Water Users group. He earned his degree in Civil Engineering from Northern Arizona University.

Scenes from VCSDA's October 6, 2020 Meeting Via ZOOM



Presentation by Mary Anne Rooney, Port Hueneme Commissioner

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