

Ventura County Special Districts Association

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Offering quality of life services through direct representation

President's Message by Bruce Dandy



I went to an ACWA (Association of California Water Agencies) Conference last week in Sacramento and guess who was there. CSDA of course!

CSDA had a booth in the Exhibitor Hall, and SDLF was also represented in a booth all their own. Now it may have been easy for CSDA since the meeting was in Sacramento where CSDA's headquarters are located, and since the conference is at the same location where CSDA will hold their Legislative Conference on May 17th and 18th, but you need to appreciate that they are everywhere.

As you can see from the bio next to this message CSDA's Megan Hemming is our guest speaker at our June 7th meeting at the Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District. (Sorry no Tugboat ride this time, years back that was a BLAST!) However, we will have a fun and educational meeting and if you attend in person you will leave with some great "SWAG."

Besides having the keys to the CSDA locker, Megan is the Professional Development Director for CSDA and the Program Manager for SDLF. You should already know that CSDA Training programs are outstanding. However, as Carnac the Magnificent and as a 20+ year HR guy, I know that even our best staff members (and Board members) have gaps in their knowledge base that would be filled by CSDA programs.

Consider some of these programs to enhance your and your staffs toolbox and make your agency even better: GM Leadership Summit (June 19-21 in Coronado); CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibition (August 22-25 in Palm Desert); Special District Leadership Academy (September 18-21 in Napa) and the Board Secretary/Clerk Conference (November 7-9 in Monterey), in addition to numerous workshops and webinars on every topic imaginable (Governance, supervisory skills, HR, Finance, coaching, CalPERS, technology, cyber-security and more.

Proud to serve as your President



Bruce E. Dandy

Please join us at
**Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District,
333 Ponoma St, Port Hueneme, CA 93041
or via Zoom link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82815724536?
pwd=dDVZTERiZDUxOHYwMVFIc1B6cG5WQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82815724536?pwd=dDVZTERiZDUxOHYwMVFIc1B6cG5WQT09)

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VCSDA**

**For the
JUNE 7, 2022 VCSDA meeting
when we welcome
GUEST SPEAKER**



MEGAN HEMMING
who will discuss

How CSDA and SDLF can Help You and Your District

CSDA Professional Development Director and Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) Program Manager Megan Hemming will provide an overview of CSDA's workshops, webinars, and conferences including highlights of the 2022 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, scheduled for August 22-25 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, CA.

Megan will also detail the programs and resources available through the Special District Leadership Foundation including the requirements and benefits of each, as well as how you and your district can participate.

In her role as the Professional Development Director of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Megan oversees and provides leadership for CSDA workshops, webinars, and conferences.

Megan Hemming, continued

In addition to CSDA, Megan also serves as the Program Manager for the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

Megan has worked for CSDA since December 2010, and has an extensive background in meeting and event planning including positions with a local chamber of commerce and the North State Building Industry Association.

She serves as a board member of the California Society of Association Executives (CalSAE) and a customer advisory board member for both SF Travel and Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Megan is married with two grown daughters. She is also a proud graduate of the University of Oregon – Go Ducks!



Orange County's Mesa Water District is inviting VCSDA members to a Conference and Tour of the Caldor Fire area in Northern California on Thursday, June 23rd beginning at 8 am. The Conference portion of the event will take place at the Holiday Inn Express El Dorado Hills. Featured speakers include California National Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot and State Water Resources Control Board Vice Chair DeeDee D'Adamo.

To register, visit: -- <https://caldorfiretour.brownpapertickets.com/>

“Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become.”
– STEVE JOBS

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