

# Ventura County Special Districts Association

January/February 2023

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

## President's Message by Bruce E. Dandy

Thanks to each of you that participate and make VCSDA and CSDA important.

I have enjoyed serving you as Chapter President and look forward to continuing with you in support of our organization.

I have to thank Al Fox for informing me two years ago that I should be President. I was surprised!! It took until our next meeting in April to confirm, but United Water, and especially Kris Sofley, had my back.

Thank you for also allowing our December meeting to be a joint Holiday Celebration with Ventura County Association of Water Agencies.

Looking forward, we will elect a new president at our February meeting. Also, Sheriff Jim Fryhoff will be our special guest, presiding over the installation of our new Board and serving as our guest speaker. After the June 2022 election, he has been on my radar for this meeting and we succeeded in pulling him over! He's the ticket! Ok, enough puns.

Our meeting is not virtual due to the special location. I hope each of you attend in person. Please make sure your District is represented. Annual Awards will be presented — General Manager and Board Director of the Year! Maybe more? A special request during introductions at the meeting...please identify yourself and share one good thing that you were proud of for your District.

Let's celebrate together as we move forward and promote Special Districts.



Buce E. Dandy, president



Please join us at the  
**CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB**  
4100 South Harbor Blvd., Oxnard CA 93035  
for the  
**VCSDA Awards meeting and  
Election of New Officers**  
when we welcome **GUEST SPEAKER**



**Ventura County Sheriff  
James Fryhoff**

Sheriff James "Jim" Fryhoff grew up in Pasadena, California. Jim was a police cadet with the Pasadena Police Department prior to moving to Ventura County. Jim relocated to Ventura County when he joined the Ventura County Sheriff's Office in 1990.

Jim has worked a variety of assignments with the Sheriff's Office, including detention services, patrol, special enforcement, investigations, and crime prevention. He also served as the Adjutant for two sitting Sheriffs. He was the Assistant Chief in Thousand Oaks, Chief of Police of Ojai and area Captain for the Ojai Valley, Thousand Oaks Chief of Police, and Operations Commander for Detention Services Division which oversees the Pre-Trial Detention Facility, Todd Road Jail, Court Services Bureau, Juvenile Justice Center, and the East Valley Courthouse and Jail.

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VC Sheriff Fryhoff bio, continued

In addition to Jim's primary assignments listed, he has worked in numerous collateral assignments. Collateral assignments are duties that exist within the Sheriff's Office but do not require a full-time position. It is through collateral assignments that Sheriff's Office members can accomplish so much and give back to the agency and support their community. Jim was a bicycle patrol officer, air unit crew chief, press information officer, explorer advisor, reserve deputy coordinator, field training officer, and served as the manager for our peer support team.

Jim is married to his wife, Traci. They have two daughters, Vanessa and Savannah. Jim received his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University in Vocational Education with an emphasis on adult learning theory, a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Administrative Leadership, and graduated from the FBI National Academy Session 261 in September of 2015. Jim is a two-time Deputy of the Year recipient and received the Medal of Valor in 1997.

Jim is excited to usher in a new energy to the Office of the Sheriff and is excited to lead the over 1300 employees and numerous volunteers within the Sheriff's Office.

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Photos from the October 4, 2022 VCSDA Chapter Meeting featuring Guest Speaker Michelle Ascencion



Thank you to



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