

Ventura County Special Districts Association

May/June 2021

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

President's Message by Bruce Dandy

**Summer is coming.
COVID is waning!**



I hope we have all received our shots and are keeping each other safe.

I am encouraged by the fact that some in-person meetings are starting to come back. We may get to see each other later this year. August? October? December? Let me know your thoughts as we plan for the future. E-mail me your suggestions at Bruced@unitedwater.org.

Our upcoming June 1 meeting is a presentation by the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA). The Alliance includes elected officials from the County of Ventura, cities of Fillmore, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Ventura; Ventura Community Collage District, Ventura Regional Sanitation District, Ventura Unified School District, and our own Calleguas Municipal Water District. A special thank you to Scott Quady for helping us to connect with VCREA.

In addition, we hope to fill our vacant Treasurer position, which will be very helpful once we begin gathering in-person again.

Thank you for being "concerned enough to be involved and involved enough to be concerned."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce E. Dandy".

Bruce E. Dandy

**Please join me via Zoom for the
VCSDA June 1, 2021 meeting
when we welcome**

**Alejandra Téllez, Program Manager
Ventura County Regional Energy
Alliance (VCREA)
as Guest Speaker**

The Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) team members include Executive Director Sue Hughes; Program Manager Alejandra Tellez; Program Administrators Kelly Cattanch and Heather Allen; and Energy Specialist Javier Saucedo.

Taking the lead in addressing good energy stewardship and sustainability practices in the Ventura Region, VCREA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) comprised of public agencies working in collaboration with various entities in the region to collectively preserve and enhance the area in which we live.

VCREA coordinates and assists public agencies including local jurisdictions, schools, and special districts, as well as businesses and residents of Ventura County to best utilize the many resources available to achieve our goal of creating a more sustainable future for the entire region.

VCREA's mission is to establish Ventura County, its communities and neighboring regions as the leader in developing and implementing durable, sustainable energy initiatives that support sensible growth, healthy environment and economy, enhanced quality of life, and greater self-reliance for the region by reducing energy demand and increasing energy efficiency and advancing the use of clean, efficient and renewable local resources.

VCREA also recognizes that Specials Districts play vital roles in communities and provided services that citizens could not do without. That is why VCREA offers

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, continued

support and guidance to Special Districts with sustainability efforts and goals, assisting them with challenges such as providing services to the community while at the same time meeting state requirements and tight budgets.

Among the goals of VCREA are:

- Lead and coordinate regional integrated energy resource planning.
- Develop a long-term, sustainable energy strategy and implementation plan.
- Develop regional capability to respond to energy emergencies and short-term disruptions.
- Increase awareness of and access to conservation, efficiency, and renewable opportunities.
- Add value to, but not duplicate, services offered by public utilities and other regional providers.
- Inform decision makers and stakeholders of energy policy, regulatory, and market changes.

For more information on how Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance is empowering Ventura County to lead in research, development, demonstration, innovation, and commercialization of sustainable energy technologies, visit VCREA.

To confirm your participation at the June 1 Meeting, RSVP via email to: kriss@unitedwater.org

DID YOU KNOW...

"The older we get, the more our memories of the past make events seem better than they really were." Susan Turk Charles, Ph.D., UC Irvine

"One of the most common habits of self-made millionaires is that they're obsessive about time management." Dr. Tom Stanley in "The Millionaire Next Door"

Quote of the Month

"You'll never be happy or successful if you make decisions based on what others will think of you, instead of what you'll think of yourself."

Glenn Shepard

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