

Ventura County Special Districts Association Newsletter



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Next Meeting

September 2, 2025
 5:30 p.m.
Calleguas Municipal Water District
 2100 Olsen Road
 Thousand Oaks, 91360

On June 3, 2025, 35 members of the Ventura County Special Districts Association enjoyed an engaging tour of the Port of Hueneme. The event began with a delicious Mexican dinner by *La Chaparrita 805*. Port Director & CEO Kristin Decas along with Chief Commercial & Public Affairs Officer Stacy Lange provided a dynamic presentation highlighting the Port's vital role as California's only deep-water port between Los Angeles and San Francisco, handling over \$16 billion in goods annually. These goods include auto imports, bananas and blueberries. Attendees also learned about the Port's initiatives to reduce emissions and invest in clean energy infrastructure.

Following the presentation, guests boarded a bus for a guided tour of the Port, getting a rare behind-the-scenes look at day-to-day operations, logistics, and specialized cargo handling areas.

Sincere thanks to Letitia Austin and Adam Vega for organizing this informative event.



Updates and Reminders

CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase

August 25-28
 Monterey, CA
For additional details and registration visit:
csda.net/annualconference

Membership Dues

Payment Schedule
 Level 1: \$375/year
 Level 2: \$725/year
 Level 3: \$1,250/year

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Special District Spotlight



Calleguas Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District were recently honored with the *Clair A. Hill Award* by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for their Interconnection project. This award recognizes one project annually that exemplifies excellence, innovation, environmental benefit, fiscal responsibility, and success.

The Interconnection will serve as a vital lifeline for emergency water supply between the two agencies, which had previously operated as completely separate systems. Years of thoughtful planning, collaboration, and execution brought this project to life, which connects neighborhoods, service area boundaries, and crosses county lines for the benefit of hundreds of thousands of residents, businesses, schools, and institutions.

The project is especially critical as both districts rely solely on imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. It allows for the transfer of water during emergencies or service disruptions and lays the foundation for future shared local supply development to improve regional self-reliance.

"This game-changing effort shows how tight-knit, creative partnerships keep our water flowing strong. By teaming up, we're delivering lasting wins for our community." -Raul Avila, Calleguas Board President.

This project was funded in part through the California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program. Calleguas received \$4,369,241.28 in funding from Proposition 1 and LVMWD received \$1,975,517 from Proposition 84.

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