

## Ventura County Special Districts Association Newsletter



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### Next Meeting

November 4, 2025  
 5:30 p.m.  
*Tours beginning at 4:30 p.m.*  
 McCrea Ranch  
 4500 N Moorpark Rd,  
 Thousand Oaks, CA  
 91360

Over forty VCSDA members enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the Calleguas Municipal Water District. The event began with golf cart rides to the scenic Lake Bard Reservoir, followed by an in-depth walking tour of the facility complete with an impressive display of massive pipes and pumping equipment. Our guide, Julio Reyes, Operations Supervisor, provided insights into the district's daily operations and long-term water management strategies.

Following the tour, members gathered for the business meeting while enjoying a delicious Mediterranean buffet catered by MythPoint. The Treasurer's Report included a reminder about annual VCSDA dues. Thank you to the districts that have already submitted their payments. Richelle Noroyan, CSDA Legislative Representative, answered questions from attendees and updated on legislative activity.

A highlight of the event was a presentation from Kristine McCaffrey, General Manager of Calleguas, who shared information about the district's vital role in Ventura County. Calleguas is the regional wholesaler that delivers imported water to local cities and water agencies, serving a majority of the county's population. The district's connection to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is essential, as Calleguas relies on Metropolitan to import water from the State Water Project and the Colorado River Aqueduct. This partnership ensures a reliable supply of drinking water for the region, while also highlighting the ongoing challenges of statewide water management in the face of drought and emergencies. The evening concluded with an informative and interactive Q&A session with Kristine.

The event was thoughtfully organized and executed, thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Calleguas team, who provided both hospitality and expertise throughout the day.



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## Special District Spotlight

### California Special Districts Conference Monterey, CA August 25 – 28 2025

Several representatives of VCSDA attended the CSDA Conference in beautiful Monterey, California, joining more than 1,000 other special district members from across the state.

Highlights included two dynamic keynote speakers. Joe Theismann, in his talk *"Game Plan for Success,"* drew on lessons from his football career to reflect on adapting to change in life and business. Brad Montgomery, with *"The Power of Encouragement,"* entertained with lighthearted jabs at Theismann while sharing inspiring stories about the importance of valuing others.

The conference also offered a wide range of informative breakout sessions covering topics such as wildfire prevention, LAFCO, the Brown Act, finance, community engagement, and more. Evenings were filled with lively gatherings—plenty of food, dancing, and opportunities to connect with colleagues and build new relationships across districts. We hope to see even more of our members at next year's conference.

Two of our very own districts were honored with statewide awards. Calleguas Municipal Water District received the Exceptional Public Outreach and Advocacy Award for a large district, recognizing its outstanding communication efforts during the November 2024 Mountain Fire emergency. The Ventura County Fire Protection District earned the Innovative Program of the Year Award for its groundbreaking pre-hospital whole-blood access program.



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