



## Quarterly *ENews*

Orange County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association

April 2015

### Infrastructure Financing Workshop

On Friday, April 24, Southern California special districts will have an opportunity to participate in a workshop devoted to Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs). This workshop is presented by the Southwest Megaregion Alliance, California Forward, the California Economic Summit, and the Southern California Association of Governments. Topics for discussion include a basic overview of EIFDs and identification of potential projects.

Senate Bill 628 (Beall) took effect January 1 and enabled the creation of EIFDs. This new tool allows special districts, cities and counties to fund infrastructure projects using property tax increment. CSDA supported the creation of this new tool because it addressed local infrastructure and economic development needs, while prohibiting property tax diversion away from local agencies without their consent.

The workshop will be held in Los Angeles at the SCAG headquarters from 9 am - 2 pm (lunch included). For more information and/or to register, contact Bev Perry at [bperrybrea@roadrunner.com](mailto:bperrybrea@roadrunner.com)

### Governor Signs Emergency Drought Relief Bills

Last month, Governor Jerry Brown signed a \$1.1 billion drought relief and flood protection package. The passage of AB 91 and AB 92 mark the second time in two years that the Governor and the Legislature have approved emergency legislation to combat California's ongoing drought. These bills allocate funds from both Propositions 1 and 1E, including \$660 million for flood control projects and approximately \$273 million in water recycling and clean drinking water programs. The goal is to accelerate project funding prior to the adoption of this year's budget.

The Office of Sustainable Water Solutions, created by this legislation, within the State Water Resources Control Board, has been tasked with a number of goals, including promoting and facilitating regional solutions by consolidation and expansion of existing water systems.

The Governor stated in a press release, "This funding is just one piece of a much larger effort to help those most impacted by the drought and prepare the state for an uncertain future."

### ISDOC Membership Elects New Third Vice President

At its January meeting, Members elected Joel Rattner as the new Third Vice President of ISDOC. Joel is a Board Member of the Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District.

### Quarterly Meeting Speakers

ISDOC's Program Committee, headed up by First Vice President Jim Fidler, is soliciting ideas for future meeting speakers. Each year ISDOC holds four quarterly luncheons featuring a distinguished guest speaker - most recently, newly elected 2nd District Supervisor Michelle Steel. Please take a moment to provide your feedback about speakers or issues of interest to you. Contact Heather Baez at [HBaez@mwdoc.com](mailto:HBaez@mwdoc.com) with your suggestions.

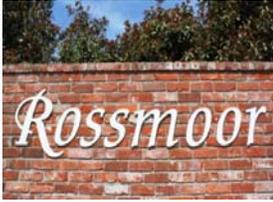
### IIC Debt Recovery Program

Instructions on how your district can participate in the Interagency Intercept Collections Program (IIC Program) are now available on the State Franchise Tax Board website. The IIC Program offsets individual's tax returns and other state refunds to repay delinquent fees, fines, and court-ordered payments owed to local government agencies.

## Spotlight District



# Rossmoor Community Services District



Nestled behind its red brick signature wall and shaded beneath a canopy of a magnificent urban forest, Rossmoor is located in northern Orange County, California.

It is bordered by the cities of Long Beach, Los Alamitos and Seal Beach. Although primarily residential, Rossmoor does have a small business district which includes popular restaurants such as The Original Fish Company, Polly's Pies, Blake's Place Barbeque and Fortune Cookie. Deceptively laid back, the region is home to many energetic professionals and entrepreneurs.

Known simply as the "RCSD" by locals, the Rossmoor Community Services District is charged as the local government agency and provides urban forest management, facility rentals, parks and recreation, and street sweeping services for approximately 10,500 residents.

Formed in 1987, the district consists of a five-member board of directors, one general manager, five full-time and three part-time staff members. Recently, after soliciting public input, the RCSD revised the organization's mission statement, goals and objectives in order to better reflect the needs of its constituents. The district's ultimate goal is to obtain latent powers in order to enhance its ability to provide a higher level of law enforcement and animal care services to the community.

There are many aspects of Rossmoor that play a huge role in its appeal, most notably the wealth of beautiful mature trees. While the County of Orange Public Works department maintains the roads, sidewalks, gutters and curbs of Rossmoor and also helps to maintain the street trees, the RCSD has authority over the parks within Rossmoor and the trees within the parks, parkways and medians.

RCSD knows that protection of this community asset is vital. For the fourth consecutive year, Rossmoor was named a Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The district nurtures and oversees approximately 5,500 trees within an area of 1.5 square miles. Not only do trees provide beauty and shade but are important to the

health and welfare of residents. The district's goal is to plant all vacant parkway sites in Rossmoor with a new tree.

The RCSD has built a solid working relationship and receives exceptional community support from the local homeowners association known as the RHA. Every first Sunday in May, the RHA organizes the annual Rossmoor Community Festival. Cosponsored by the RCSD this successful event is held at Rush Park in Rossmoor and continues to grow in popularity. The RHA has also partnered with the district to address a variety of community concerns such as I-405 toll roads, Southern California Gas Company smart meter data collection pole installation, school traffic safety and coyote mitigation.

Rossmoor's parks and facilities are in high demand. During summer months, tennis, softball, soccer games, and outdoor picnic area rentals fill the green space. District indoor facilities also accommodate a wide range of activities. Popular summer events include movies, concerts and Shakespeare in the park. A cooperative agreement with the Los Alamitos Youth Center affords youth with a summer day camp program and after school activities.

The future focus of the board is to partner with other public and non-profit organizations in order to broaden the scope and demographics of recreation programs.



Rossmoor is an eclectic mix of sprawling idyllic ranch-style homes and modern mansions, winding tree-lined roads and outstanding schools. Residents enjoy a relatively low crime rate under the watchful eye of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. RCSD Board meetings are televised and available for viewing on its website.

## CSDA Legislative Days Sheraton Grand Hotel May 19 - 20, 2015

Special Districts Legislative Days is a two-day legislative conference that features a dynamic lineup of speakers and activities. Representatives from all types of special districts attend this event to gain the edge on policy changes that may affect their agencies, and to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with legislators, key issue experts and California thought leaders. Attendees have the opportunity to:

- Exchange ideas with your legislators and discuss priority legislation at pre-arranged visits and a Tuesday evening reception.
- Hear directly from state leadership on hot topics affecting local services and infrastructure.
- Explore how decisions are really made in the Capitol and how you can influence outcomes
- Get answers to their questions at issue-focused, industry-specific roundtable sessions

This year's program lineup include presentations from State Controller Betty Yee, State Finance Director Michael Cohen and Assemblymembers Ken Cooley, Richard Gordon and Marie Waldron.

Orange County attendees are also invited to join special district leaders from the Southern Network at 7:30 am on Wednesday in a District NetWorks Café discussion.

### Future California Special Districts Events General Manager Leadership Summit July 12 - 14, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach

### CSDA Annual Conference September 21 - 24, 2015, Marriott, Monterey

#### Upcoming Webinars

- Best Practices in Agenda Preparation and Minutes, April 9
- Records Retention and Management, April 15
- California Tort Claim Requirements, April 21
- Social Media Challenges and Opportunities: Legal, May 5
- Understanding Public Entity Liability Exposures, May 12
- District's Role in the Interactive Process, May 27
- Positioning Your Agency for a Successful Financing, May 29
- Harassment Prevention Training, June 10
- Managing Personal Device Use: Data Theft and Hacking, June 18

## Legislation Update

**AB10** - in committee: Would increase the thresholds at which a public official has a disqualifying financial interest in sources of income from \$500 to \$1,000, in investments in business entities from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and in interests in real property from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

**AB67** - in committee: Would enact the Double Pay on Holiday Act of 2015 that would require an employer to pay at least 2 times the regular rate of pay to an employee for work on a family holiday as defined.

**AB182** - in committee: Would prohibit the use of district-based elections in political subdivisions if they would impair the ability of a protected class, as defined, to elect candidates of its choice or otherwise influence the outcome of an election.

**AB291** - in committee: Would authorize a local agency, for certain water projects, to file CEQA notices with the county clerk of the county in which the local agency's principal office is located in lieu of the county clerk of each county in which the project is located.

**SB 239** - in committee: Would require agencies providing fire protection to obtain written agreement from the recognized employee organization representing firefighters when proposing the extension of services outside an agency's current service area. Although currently limited to fire services, this bill could set a precedent for employee union approval of local government agreements.

**SB272** - in committee: Would require each local agency, to maintain an inventory of data gathered by the agency including what data is maintained, by whom, and with what frequency it is collected. The inventory would need to be available to the public.

## 2015 CA Legislative Calendar

- May 1** Last day for policy committees to report out fiscal bills.
- May 15** Last day for policy committees to report out non-fiscal bills.
- June 5** Last day for bills to be passed out of their house of origin.
- June 15** Budget must be passed by midnight.
- July 17** Last day for policy committees to meet and report out bills.
- Aug 28** Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report out bills to the floor.
- Sept 11** Last day for each house to pass bills.



## Send us your District News and Press Releases!

Please send your district news releases to ISDOC Secretary Leslie Keane (l.keane@orccd.com) and keep us informed of all the exciting things your special district is doing. We welcome your contributions to our newsletter!

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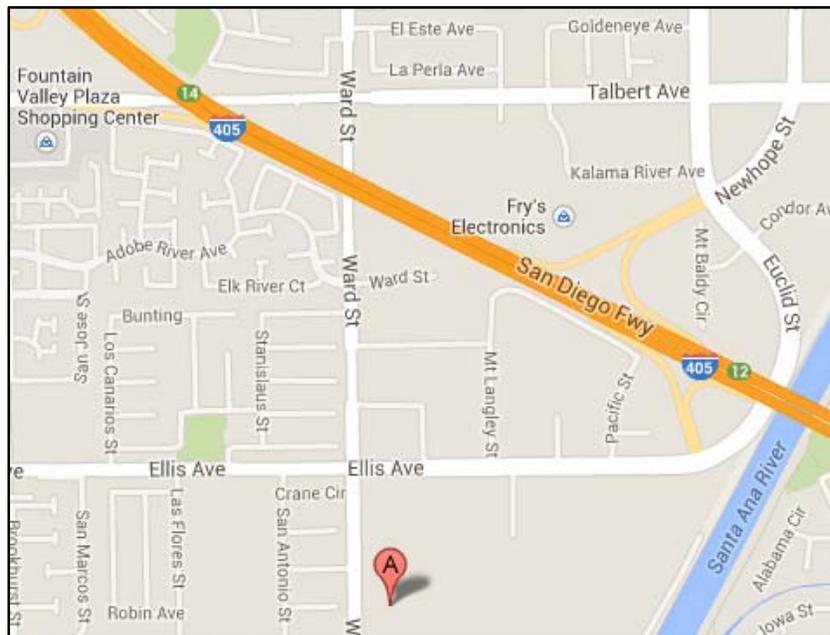
### Mark your calendars with our future Meeting Dates:

**Executive Committee: First Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 a.m.**

**General Membership: April 30 \* July 30th, 11:30 a.m.**

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### We meet at the MWDOC/OCWD Offices 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA



#### **ISDOC Executive Committee**

President: Mike Scheafer (CMSD) ~ First Vice President: Jim Fisler (Mesa WD)  
Second Vice President: Saundra Jacobs (SMWD) ~ Third Vice President: Joel Rattner (RLASD)  
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