



Quarterly ENews

Orange County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association

October 2014

Election of Officers *Don't Forget to Vote*

The nomination period for Executive Committee officer positions closed on August 25th. Ballots and instructions for voting were emailed to all Regular Members on September 5th.

Each Regular Member District is entitled to one vote per officer position. The presiding officer of the governing body of each is recognized as the voting representative for his/her district. In the absence of the presiding officer, a governing board may authorize an alternate member to vote. This authorization must be submitted in writing - certified by the Secretary of the Board - either before or with the ballot.

Currently, there is one nomination per each Executive Committee officer position. The names of nominated candidates are printed on the ballot; however, any elected or appointed official from a Regular Member District may run for an officer position as a write-in candidate. If elected, a write-in candidate will need to provide a resolution supporting election to the position from his/her District before he/she can be seated.

Nominated by their Districts for office:

President

Mike Scheafer, *Costa Mesa Sanitary District*

First Vice President

Bob Moore, *South Coast Water District*

Second Vice President

Jim Fisler, *Mesa Water District*

Third Vice President

Sandra Jacobs, *Santa Margarita Water District*

Secretary

Leslie Keane, *Orange County Cemetery District*

Treasurer

Joan Finnegan, *Municipal Water District of Orange County*

Ballots may be submitted via mail or email and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014 in order to be counted. The names of officers elected will be announced at the October 30th quarterly meeting.

Even though there is only one person nominated per position, it is important for districts to vote. A majority (quorum) of members must vote for the election to be certified.

ISDOC Districts of Distinction

The Special District Leadership Foundation, a nonprofit organization, offers accreditation designed to certify and highlight a special district's ability to effectively operate and govern. Congratulations to those Orange County special districts that hold this certification.

Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Orange County Cemetery District
Midway City Sanitary District
El Toro Water District
Mesa Water District

Associate Members

ISDOC is a membership association that represents the interests and provides advocacy on behalf of Orange County's independent special districts. Organizations and businesses that are not independent special districts can also participate in ISDOC as Associate Members. Associate Members receive invitations to meetings and other ISDOC activities; are emailed the quarterly newsletters; and are listed in the ISDOC membership directory and on the ISDOC webpage. They are able to stay up-to-date on local governance issues and engage directly with special districts. The annual dues for Associate Members is \$50.

2014 Associate Members

Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone
Laguna Beach County Water District
Best Best & Krieger
Rutan & Tucker
Orange County Transportation Authority
Probolsky Research
Pacific Tank Solutions
Lewis Consulting Group



Orange County Cemetery District



The Orange County Cemetery District (OCCD) is an independent special district governed by an appointed Board of Trustees who serve fixed four-year terms. The District service area encompasses the entire county, and currently includes the El Toro Memorial Park, Santa Ana Cemetery and Anaheim Cemetery. OCCD hopes to acquire land for a fourth cemetery in the near future.

The three cemeteries owned and operated by OCCD are among the County's oldest and most established, each having recorded burials prior to 1900. The early settlers and pioneers of Orange County are memorialized by the many monuments located throughout their grounds.

The 15-acre Anaheim Cemetery was founded in 1866. Recognized as a historical landmark, Anaheim Cemetery is home to the oldest community mausoleum on the west coast (built in 1914) and four private family mausoleums of prominent local families.



Founded in 1870, as the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Santa Ana Cemetery contains 29-acres of lawns, majestic trees, and historical monuments. The original cemetery was divided and portions deeded to the

County of Orange (Santa Ana Cemetery) and neighboring Fairhaven Memorial Park.

El Toro Memorial Park, located in Lake Forest, is home to the District offices and 25-acres of gentle, rolling hills with stately California Oaks that pre-date the original development of the cemetery in 1896.



Although initially privately owned, the three cemeteries were formed into separate independent districts in 1926, and in 1985 they were consolidated into a single district.

OCCD cemeteries are "endowment care" cemeteries. This means that the District collects a fee for each interment space or niche at the time of purchase; the fee is placed into an investment fund strictly for the perpetual care and maintenance of the grounds. In 2012, the District completed an endowment care study to assure that adequate funding will be available for future cemetery maintenance.

The mission of the District, achieved through the efforts of its Board and 21 employees, is to manage and maintain Orange County's public cemeteries in a manner that preserves their beauty, dignity, historical and cultural values, and offers affordable interment services for county residents.

Interment in one of OCCD cemeteries is available to current and past residents and members of their families. A range of services are available, such as traditional ground burials, lawn crypts, niches, rose garden direct cremation burials, and urn gardens. In the past year, more than 1,000 burial services were performed.

The District hosts several community events during the year, including:

- An annual Veterans Day Observance is held at the El Toro Memorial Park.
- A December 6th Angel of Hope candlelight vigil for parents who have lost a child is held at El Toro Memorial Park.
- Annual Memorial Day Programs are held at all three cemeteries.



The District website, www.occemeterydistrict.com offers information on upcoming board meetings, service and plot pricing, and rules and procedures. A list of daily services scheduled is also provided. Visitors to the District webpage can search for interment locations by name. Kiosks at each cemetery provide the ability to search and print an interment location map.

In 2014, OCCD was awarded silver District of Distinction recognition in local governance from the California Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF); it is one of only six special districts statewide to receive this award. Board Chair Bill Nelson received the Cemeterian of the Year award in 2014 from the California Association of Public Cemeteries.

CSDA Networks

Starting in 2015, California Special District Association regions will have slightly different boundaries and an updated title, "networks." Each network is served by three delegates of the CSDA Board of Directors. Orange County is in the Southern Network, which includes 276 special districts in six counties - Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Imperial Counties. Southern Network representatives are: Bill Nelson (Orange County cemetery District), Arlene Schafer (Costa Mesa Sanitary District) and Jo MacKenzie (Vista Irrigation District).

Future California Special Districts Events

Special District Leadership Academy Conference
Embassy Suites Anaheim South
November 16 - 19, 2014

2014 Webinars

- Now Is Not the Time to Panic: Emergency Preparedness - October 9, 2014
- Leading by Example – Developing Your Leadership Values and Narrative - October 15 (in cooperation with Cal-ICMA)
- Required Ethics Compliance Training - November 13, 2014
- Must Have Communication Protocols: Board and Staff - December 10, 2014

See www.csdanet.net or contact (877) 924-2732 for event information and registration.

2014 Water Bond

California Proposition 1 (Assembly Bill 1471), has replaced Proposition 43 on the November ballot. The CSDA Board has taken a position in support of this proposition. This measure, if approved, would enact the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and would:

- Authorize \$7.12 billion in general obligation bonds for state water supply infrastructure projects, such as public water system improvements, surface and groundwater storage, drinking water protection, water recycling and advanced water treatment technology, water supply management and conveyance, wastewater treatment, drought relief, emergency water supplies, and ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration.
- Appropriate money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.
- Require certain projects to provide matching funds from non-state sources in order to receive bond funds.

- Specific spending proposals in the proposition include:
 - \$520 million to improve water quality for "beneficial use," for reducing and preventing drinking water contaminants, disadvantaged communities, and the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund.
 - \$1.495 billion for competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects.
 - \$810 million for expenditures on, and competitive grants and loans to, integrated regional water management plan projects.
 - \$2.7 billion for water storage projects, dams and reservoirs.
 - \$725 million for water recycling and advanced water treatment technology projects.
 - \$900 million for competitive grants, and loans for, projects to prevent or clean up the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water.
 - \$395 million for statewide flood management projects and activities.

Legislation Update

By the September 30th deadline, Governor Brown had signed 930 bills and vetoed 143. For a full list of bills signed/vetoed, see <http://gov.ca.gov/home.php>

Signed by the Governor:

- **AB1739, SB1168 and SB1319:** Prioritizes groundwater basins that are currently over drafted and set the following timeline for implementation:
 - 2017 - local groundwater management agencies must be identified
 - 2020 - over drafted groundwater basins must have sustainability plans
 - 2022 - other high and medium priority basins not currently in overdraft must have sustainability plans
 - 2040 - all high and medium priority groundwater basins must achieve sustainability.
- **SB1183:** Would authorize a city, county or regional park district to impose and collect a motor vehicle surcharge - not exceeding \$5 - for bicycle infrastructure.
- **AB1522:** Requires employers to provide paid sick leave (at least 1 hour for every 30 hours worked) to all employees, including part time. Employees must be allowed to use up to 3 days of paid sick leave per year.
- **AB2040:** Requires local agency websites to contain either actual employee and officer compensation or a link to the State Controller's website.
- **AB1705:** Extends the 5% retention cap on public works projects, and modifies requirements for the "complex project" exception.



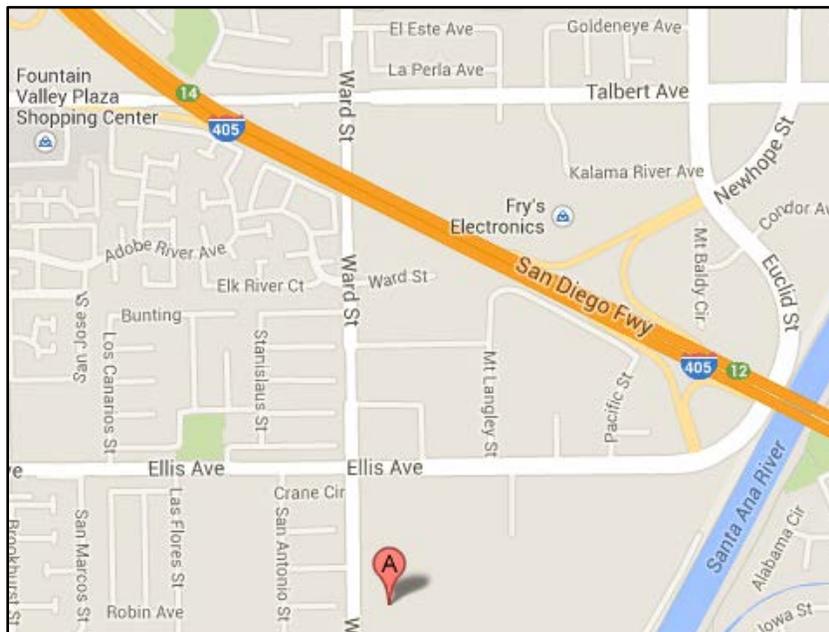
Send us your District News and Press Releases!

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!

Mark your calendars with our future Meeting Dates:

Executive Committee: First Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 a.m.
General Membership: October 30 * January 29, 11:30 a.m.

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



ISDOC Executive Committee

President: Rich Freschi (Serrano WD) ~ First Vice President: Bob Moore (SCWD)
Second Vice President: Mike Scheafer (CMSD) ~ Third Vice President: Sandra Jacobs (SMWD)
Treasurer: Joan Finnegan (MWDOC) ~ Secretary: Leslie Keane (OCCD)
Newsletter Editor: Leslie Keane (OCCD) ~ Staff: Jessica Ouwkerk and Heather Baez (MWDOC)

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OCCOG: Phil Anthony (OCWD), Joan Finnegan (MWDOC)
OC Operational Area: Kelly Hubbard (MWDOC), Rich Freschi (Serrano WD), Susan Hinman (MWDOC), Joan Finnegan (MWDOC)