

Contra Costa Special Districts Association Newsletter

Contra Costa Chapter of the California Special Districts Association

July 2019 Quarterly Newsletter

We are looking for Special District Highlights!

The Contra Costa Special Districts Association welcomes information about your district, as either a speaker and/or presenter at a future meeting, or as a news story for our newsletter. If your district would like to present and be highlighted at a future meeting or can provide a news story please contact Stan Caldwell.

Our July meeting will be a joint meeting with Alameda County Special Districts Association

Please join both Alameda County Special Districts and Contra Costa County Special Districts for a joint chapter meeting. Our featured speakers will be Diane Burgis (Contra Costa County) and Casey Farmer (Alameda County) speaking about the Census 2020.



There will be an opportunity for a planned field trip to the new Dublin San Ramon Services District Recycled Water facility in Pleasanton after the meeting.

Our joint meeting will be held at the Amador Rancho Community Center located at 1998 Rancho Park Loop, San Ramon, CA

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Your Executive Committee is looking for your feedback!

We know that our meetings at time tend to go a bit longer than we plan, hopefully the inconvenience is acceptable. We have strived to bring great speakers and program content to you our membership.

Our members expect us to deliver interesting and informative programs. The program committee is responsible for providing the speakers for our programs.

Susan is the chair of the program committee; we always welcome your ideas and suggestions. Do not hesitate to let us know what you would like to see more of. Do you have suggestions for any speakers?

As members we expect to learn something new. If nothing else you'll learn more about our other member special districts and the things that affect them.

We also like to share district highlights. is there any districts you would like to hear about that we have not highlighted?

Regular updates from the treasurer and the Executive Committee on chapter accounting and finances are important, we try to provide this information to you at our meetings, how are we doing?

Do you appreciate the Newsletter and enjoy reading it? Do we have enough variety with the newsletter content? Would you like to volunteer to be a proof reader for the newsletter? Contact Stan if interested.

Have you visited the chapter webpage? Do you have comments you would like to share regarding the webpage?

<https://contracostasda.specialdistrict.org/>

Please contact Stan, Ed, or Susan with any feedback that you may have - we want to better serve you and provide you the best information that we can. Our email contact information is available on the last page of this newsletter.

Your Special District Must Have a Website – and it should be ADA Compliant

All California independent special districts are required to maintain a website by January 2020, and AB 2257 just changed the way agendas must be posted on those websites.

Every California independent special district is required to maintain a website by Jan. 1, 2020. Senate Bill 929 added Government Code sections 6270.6 and 53087.8 to provide the public easily accessible and accurate information about the district. Government Code section 53087.8 lists what must be included in the website. Unfortunately, it has several references to other sections of the Code, and there is not enough room in this article to list them all. Therefore, you will need to go through each section to determine what must be included on your district's website, and it's always advisable to seek legal advice if you have questions.

Unless...

There is an exception to the website requirement. A special district does not have to have a website if, with a majority vote of its governing body at a regular meeting, the district adopts a resolution declaring that a hardship exists that prevents it from establishing or maintaining a website. The resolution adopted under this exception must include detailed findings based on evidence included in the meeting's minutes that support the board's determination. Examples of hardship include inadequate access to broadband network facilities, significantly limited financial resources, or insufficient staff resources. Finally, the resolution is only valid for one year. To continue to be exempt, the governing body must adopt a resolution pursuant to this exception every year so long as the hardship exists.

Also...

Assembly Bill 2257 amends Government Code section 54954.2 to state that if your district already has a website, the board's agenda must be posted on the website for all meetings occurring on or after Jan. 1, 2019. The website must post a direct link to the current agenda. The agenda must be a) downloadable, indexable and searchable, b) independent and machine readable and c) available to the public free of charge without restrictions. Alternatively, the district may have a webpage dedicated to the agenda that contains the same information.

Website Accessibility under the ADA and the California Unruh Act.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and its California equivalent, the Unruh Act, your district's website should also be accessible to people with

disabilities. Title II of the ADA applies to state and local government entities, and protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in services, programs and activities provided by state and local government entities. Title II extends the prohibition on discrimination established by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to all activities of state and local governments, regardless of whether these entities receive federal financial assistance.

Several courts have interpreted the ADA to apply to websites and, recently, a California state court ruled that the Unruh Act also applied to websites. Unfortunately, the ADA itself does not directly mention websites, and there are no regulatory rules or guidance to define website accessibility standards. However, the federal Department of Justice previously cited to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 (WCAG 2.0) as acceptable standards for accessibility. Additionally, the U.S. Access Board updated section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act to reflect WCAG 2.0 standards. More importantly, the courts have begun referring to WCAG 2.0 level AA as the standard. WCAG 2.0 includes many different criteria at three different levels of accessibility, ranging from high-contrast color schemes to closed captions for video content.

Solano County Special Districts chapter formation update

On Tuesday April 16th members of Solano County Special Districts met to form a new chapter. They selected a committee to create bylaws and determine the structure of their executive committee. Special Districts present heard the chapter working group update.

At the meeting California Special Districts Association provided and discussed important resources for special districts.

All special districts (independent and dependent) in Solano County were invited and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Districts sent board members, or staff to participate.

October 21st 2019 meeting note

We will be selecting a nominating committee in advance of our Biannual Business Meeting in January. In January we will hold our election of officers, (President, Vice President, and Member at Large) we will appoint a treasurer and confirm our secretary at the January Meeting. Anyone interested in serving in these positions should contact Stan Caldwell.

We will also be appointing, or selecting, members to serve on various committee assignments. Anyone interested in serving any of our committees should contact Stan Caldwell.

Little Hoover Commission Update

The Little Hoover Commission unanimously re-elected Pedro Nava as its Chair and Sean Varner as Vice-Chair. This will be Nava's fifth consecutive year term as Chair and Varner's second year as Vice-Chair.

In 2017, after a year of public hearings and analysis, the Little Hoover Commission published the report, "Special Districts: Improving Oversight & Transparency." During the course of its study, Nava delivered the keynote address to CSDA's Special Districts Legislative Days conference in Sacramento. His presentation, in which he encouraged special districts to "tell your story," was well received by attendees.

Nava has served on the commission since April 3, 2013, when he was appointed by then-Assembly Speaker John Pérez. Nava was reappointed to the commission in January 2017 by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon.

Nava previously served on the commission as a California State Assembly representative from September 2005-March 2010. He was elected to the State Assembly in 2004 and completed his third term in 2010. As an Assembly Member, Nava represented the Ventura and Santa Barbara areas in the 35th Assembly District.

Varner was appointed to the commission by Gov. Jerry Brown in April 2016. Varner is a managing partner at Varner & Brandt LLP where he is a transactional attorney focusing on mergers and acquisitions, finance, real estate, and general counsel work.



The Little Hoover Commission is a bipartisan, independent state oversight agency created in 1962. It is comprised of 13 appointed commissioners, four of whom are state legislators and nine are public members. Its mission is to investigate state government operations and, through reports, recommendations and legislative proposals, promote efficiency, economy and improved service.

Chair Nava's presentation is available in PDF format at: <https://lhc.ca.gov/sites/lhc.ca.gov/files/Reports/239/Report239.pdf>

Congratulations to Central San!

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District has received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2018-2019 Fiscal Year budget document. The GFOA award recognizes agencies whose budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.



The GFOA's Awards for Excellence in Government Finance recognize innovative programs and contributions to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. The awards stress practical, documented work that offers leadership to the profession and promotes improved public finance.



GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Congratulations Central San on your fiscal achievements!

Contra Costa Special District Association Member Dues

Dues renewals notices have been sent to all of our districts, they should have already made it to your mailboxes.

We look forward to you continuing your membership. The dues are only \$100 a year. If you did not receive your renewal notice please let our Treasurer know.

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Angela Lowrey Recognized by CAPIO with 2019 Communicator of the Year Award

The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) is the leading professional organization dedicated to advancing public sector communicators through training, resources, and networking to strengthen and engage communities - a fundamental piece of good government.



Angela Lowrey was named by the CAPIO as the state's Communicator of the Year for 2019, recognizing her dedication to clean water education and resource recovery outreach, her overall expertise in the communications field and for her award-winning creativity in her work. She was presented with the Communicator of the Year Award at CAPIO's annual conference in Newport Beach on April 10, 2019.

Angela serves as public information manager for Delta Diablo. The District provides services for the City of Antioch, the City of Pittsburg, and the unincorporated community of Bay Point.



Angela Lowrey was named by the California Association of Public Information Officials as the state's Communicator of the Year for 2019. Angela serves as public information manager for Delta Diablo.

"Angela stood out this year for her time, energy and the remarkable impact she's made for her agency as well as the California communications field as a whole," said CAPIO President Christine Brainerd, APR and communications manager for the City of Folsom. "We chose Angela for her exceptional contributions to improve Delta Diablo's outreach efforts through public and media engagement. Her ongoing advancement of the profession made her the top choice for the 2019 Communicator of the Year."

"Angela embodies the qualities of consummate public information professional. She has established strong connections between Delta Diablo and those we serve," said Joaquin Gonzalez, Operations Manager at Delta Diablo. Angela's efforts to improve public-sector communications, integrity, and transparency have made a positive impact to the public information profession."

Angela Lowrey is a well-recognized advocate and communications leader in the wastewater industry; she is regularly sought out for speaking presentations, advisory committee membership, and public outreach advice.

Notably, Lowrey was recognized for her ability to strategically build relationships of trust with Delta Diablo customers by executing an extensive government communications public engagement program giving visibility to the challenges and opportunities in wastewater management, water resource development and environmental stewardship.

The Communicator of the Year award is presented to the individual who, in the judgment of the CAPIO Awards Committee and Board of Directors, demonstrates exceptional abilities, skills and talents in leading their organization to greater and more successful communications and public engagement.

In Memoriam - Leonard R. McNeil West County Wastewater Board Member



We regret to inform you that Director Leonard McNeil of West County Wastewater District, Board of Directors, has passed away. We express our sincerest condolences to his family and friends

Director McNeil resided in West County for over 60 years. A product of the West Contra Costa Unified School District, he earned a BA degree with honors from Sacramento State University and a Master's degree with honors in Political Science from San Francisco State University. He was a retired Political Science professor at Contra Costa College and had over 30 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. He served on the San Pablo City Council for twelve years. Director McNeil was elected to the West County Wastewater District Board in November 2014.

Leonard had stage four prostate cancer. "I'm dealing with the illness," he said. "I look at every day as a gift. I know that this discomfort and miserable stuff I'm going through with chemotherapy won't kill me - but this cancer will."



Institute for Local Government Welcomes a New Executive Director

Erica Manuel assumed the position on January 22, the ILG announced. She is experienced public affairs professional with more than 15 years in the public and non-profit sectors. She most recently served as the Community, Economic Development and Education Manager for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District where she has worked since 2010. She directed all community development, education, and customer engagement activities for the electric utility serving Sacramento County, designed and implemented programs to address environmental policies, and employed proactive and diverse stakeholder engagement to reinforce an inclusive approach to decision-making and governance.



"I am humbled by the opportunity to lead the Institute for Local Government during this exciting time of change for the organization," said Manuel. "I share the Institute's dedication to supporting local leaders in fostering sustainable, vibrant and healthy communities and look forward to this opportunity."

The ILG is a non-profit institute dedicated to promoting good governance at the local level through the provision of information and resources for cities and counties throughout California. It is an affiliate of the League of California Cities, the California Special Districts Association, and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

I am honored to join the ILG team and I'm committed to ensuring that the Institute is always looking for new ways to help local governments tackle the myriad of current and emerging issues. Not only are we ready to help you navigate some of the challenges you might be facing today, we're also ready to help you capitalize on new opportunities for tomorrow.

The League's Executive Director Carolyn Coleman said the organization is "thrilled to have Erica lead ILG during this dynamic time of change for the organization." She called her "a seasoned professional with strong leadership experience and communications skills that will enable the Institute to be an even stronger partner to California's communities."

CSAC Executive Director Graham Knaus said his organization is also "excited to welcome Erica to ILG, and is looking forward to continued collaboration with the Institute as we work to create resilient communities

and support California's Counties in delivering the breadth of services communities rely on.

"Over the past few years, CSDA has successfully partnered with ILG to build awareness of the impact of special districts in local communities," explained Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer of the California Special Districts Association. "We welcome Erica and are excited to build on our recent momentum as we continue to work together."

Contra Costa Resource Conservation District receives CalRecycle Grant

The Contra Costa Resource Conservation District will receive \$31,635 to remove tires, fertilizer tanks and other illegally dumped waste from vineyards in Antioch and Knightsen. The grant also will be used to clear tires, boats, electronic waste and construction debris from farmland in Brentwood, according to CalRecycle.



Contra Costa County is among one of five counties in the state that will receive a grant to clean up illegally dumped solid waste on farm or ranch properties.

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery awarded \$401,560 in fiscal year 2018-2019 to restore 13 agricultural properties statewide through its Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program.

CalRecycle Director Scott Smithline said the cleanup projects help restore the state's agricultural lands to productive use and discourage repeat dumping.

"To have a cleaner and more sustainable California means that we help all communities strive for a safer and healthier environment," Smithline said in a news release.



SEND US YOUR NEWS!

We would welcome your contributions for our next newsletter!

May was American Wetlands Month - May 23rd was World Turtle Day!



American Wetlands Month was created in 1991 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Every May, the public is encouraged to celebrate and learn about the value of wetlands in our communities. Once considered wastelands, wetlands are now understood to provide critical ecological services including acting as filters for pollutants, buffers to flooding, and critical habitat for wildlife. Every May and September the Mt. View Sanitary District has a billboard up to celebrate Wetlands Month in May and Pollution Prevention in September.



Both Moorhen Marsh and McNabney Marsh are part of the Peyton Slough Wetlands Complex, which is part of the Pacific Flyway. The Pacific Flyway is the westernmost migratory corridor in North America that extends between Alaska and Patagonia and provides key resting and refueling areas for migratory birds.

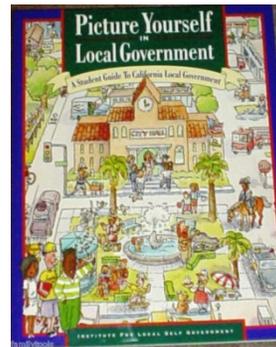
On Saturday, May 11 Mt. View Sanitary District celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of Moorhen Marsh after a successful 2-year enhancement project. Food & refreshments were served along with Live Music and Nature-themed activities.

Originally constructed in 1974, 2019 marked the 45th anniversary for the historic wetland and the 90th anniversary for Mt. View Sanitary District.



Picture Yourself in Local Government:

Picture Yourself in Local Government: A Student Guide to California Local Government, originally developed in 1994 by the Institute for Local Government, is now being revised by ILG with help from its partner agencies. The California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities, and the California Special Districts Association are all contributing to this effort. The revised edition is expected to be released in August 2019. The associations that represent counties, cities and special districts: the California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities and the California Special Districts Association are all contributors to the new version.



In the mid-90s, the Institute collaborated with a number of organizations to develop curriculum materials for educators to use in teaching their students about local government.

Downloadable chapters from Picture Yourself in Local Government Student Guide (from the 1990's) can be found on the institute's website at <https://www.ca-ilg.org/pylg>.

Designed for students the new version is geared towards high school students, this resource covers the history, organization and people involved in California local governments. Each chapter includes student and class activities, with thought provoking questions designed to check student understanding and a comprehensive vocabulary guide. The older versions and the teacher's guide are available at the web link above.

The Institute for Local Government promotes good government at the local level with practical, impartial and easy-to-use resources for California communities.

Reminder the CSDA Annual Conference is September 25-28, 2019

California Special Districts Association (CSDA) will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary! Be sure to plan to attend. Note this year the event will be Wednesday through Saturday.

The 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase will be held September 25-28 at the Anaheim Marriott. This will be CSDA's premier event, celebrating its 50th Anniversary, expecting over 800 special district officials, staff, and industry experts to attend.

Districts Make the Difference Student Video Contest

It's time to promote the Districts Make the Difference 2019 Video Contest! Summer is the perfect time to encourage high school age students to create a 90 second video highlighting how special districts truly make the difference in communities throughout California.

The 2019 Student Video Contest is part of the Districts Make the Difference public outreach campaign established by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to increase public awareness and understanding of special districts.

After the submission period closes on September 30, CSDA officials will score each video based on four criteria:

1. Accuracy and effectiveness
2. Creativity and originality
3. Production quality
4. Entertainment value

In November, the five highest scoring videos will be featured on the Districts Make the Difference website and the public will vote for their favorite video. The top three vote-winners will receive scholarship prizes:

- First Place: \$2,000
- Second Place: \$1,000
- Third Place: \$500

The Contra Costa Chapter (CSDA affiliated chapter) is also hosting local video contests in conjunction with the Districts Make the Difference statewide contest. Students who enter the statewide contest are automatically entered in the local contest. The participating chapters will inform students if their video was selected as a local contest winner. Local contest winners will be handled separately from the statewide vote-winners.

Contra Costa Video Prizes

- 1st place - \$500
- 2nd place - \$300
- 3rd place - \$100



Stege Sanitary District Recognized As "District of Distinction"

The Stege Sanitary District has received the "District of Distinction" accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices, training in public governance and compliance, ethics and harassment prevention training, and web site transparency. SDLF provided an independent audit review of the last three years of the district's operations to ensure prudent fiscal practices. This is the fifth time Stege Sanitary District has received this biannual accreditation"

San Ramon Student Recognized by Water & Wastewater Agencies

The Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors presented an award to San Ramon seventh grader Harsha Pillarisetti.



The Windemere Ranch Middle School student earned Junior Division First Place in the Contra Costa County Science & Engineering Fair. His project, "Effect of Intelligent Watering Systems on Plant Growth and Water Consumption" earned a \$400 prize for Excellence in Water, Wastewater, or Recycled Water Research. Sponsored by a group of 11 Contra Costa County water and wastewater agencies, the award was presented to Harsha at the May 21 Board meeting.



DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT

Water, wastewater, recycled water

Park District Celebrating 85th Anniversary with Free Park Fridays and Special Events



The East Bay Regional Park District is the largest regional park agency in the country with over 122,000 acres protected in perpetuity, and is a national model for land use preservation, recreation, climate adaptation, parkland management, and connecting people with nature.

Join the Parks District in celebrating their 85th Anniversary and thanking the visionary leaders who helped create this beautiful park system for all of us to enjoy.



Free Park Fridays:

Park entry and other fees will be waived every Friday in 2019 from April to December. Park entrance and fees for day use parking, swimming, dogs, horse trailers, boat launching, and fishing permits will all be waived.

Free Events/Concerts in the Parks:

Family-friendly music events with food and beverages available for purchase. Bands and performers to be announced later.

- Crown Beach Concerts at the Cove - Friday, July 12 (Alameda)
- Crown Beach Concerts at the Cove - Alameda, Friday, August 9 (Alameda)
- Contra Loma Concert in the Park - Friday, August 23 (Antioch)
- Crown Beach Concerts at the Cove - Friday, September 13 (Alameda)
- John Sutter Gateway Bridge yard Festival - Saturday, September 28 (Oakland)

DSRSD Transitioning to an Area-Based Election System

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) is transitioning its current at-large election system to an area-based election system in 2019.

Currently, all five members of the Board of Directors are chosen by constituents from the District's entire service area. Under area-based elections, DSRSD will be divided into five separate election areas, referred to as "divisions," and voters residing in each individual area will select one representative to serve on the Board.

On April 2, the Board voted to accept the Scarlet Plan and determined sequencing of Districts 1, 3, and 5 for the 2020 election and Districts 2 and 4 for the 2022 election. An ordinance for adopting the proposed plan was introduced on April 16 and May 7. The Board adopted the ordinance at the May 21 regular meeting. It will go into effect June 20, 2019.

District(s) are going to be stronger because they will be more in touch with their community, in each individual division will elect one Director living in that division to serve on the Board. It complies with the law and that is going to be a positive change.

LAFCO Office Relocation

In the next several weeks, the LAFCO office will relocate to 40 Muir Road in Martinez. The new office space includes three offices and use of a conference room, break room and restroom. Since 2016, Contra Costa LAFCO planned to relocate to 40 Muir Road given that the current office space at 651 Pine Street is limited in terms of space and duration.

In April, the Commission learned that Kate Sibley, the current Executive Assistant (EA), will retire on July 31, 2019. In accordance with the revised staffing plan, and in anticipation of Kate's retirement, LAFCO initiated recruitment for the half-time Executive Assistant position.



The Commission and LAFCO staff continues to exercise fiscal prudence and recognize the financial constraints on local government. The FY 2019-20 Final Budget will enable LAFCO to perform its core responsibilities, continue its work on MSRs, SOI updates, policies & procedures, and grow Contra Costa LAFCO.

CCWD Celebrates 83 Years!

On May 9, 1936, Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) was officially incorporated by the state after a landslide vote by the public.

The District's formation was overwhelmingly approved by voters (8932-1068) on May 5, 1936, and just four days later the Contra Costa County Water District was incorporated as a special district on May 9, 1936. One of the organizers of the District was former dairyman Ralph D. Bollman, who was elected to the original Board of Directors and would serve the next 32 years as the District's president.

The 1960s and 1970s saw tremendous change and growth for the Contra Costa Water District as it modernized and upgraded its facilities, building the modern water distribution system that is still used today. Today, CCWD continues to meet the needs of industry and the urban population that has grown in this area. While there are few agricultural customers today, CCWD serves treated and untreated water to a population of 500,000 in Central and East Contra Costa County.

The District is working to protect the quality of its source water in the Delta, continues to improve its treatment processes and strengthen its distribution system while holding down rates.



The future holds many challenges for the District as the Delta and the needs of its customers change. The Contra Costa Water District is up to the challenge and will continue to exceed the expectations of the public.

Not a CSDA Member?

Districts that join California Special Districts Association (CSDA) between June 1 and August 31 get 20% off their first year's dues! Contact Kyle Tanaka, member services specialist, at kylet@csda.net or 877.924.2732 for a summary of benefits and dues schedule.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

CSDA Administrative Salary & Benefits Survey - NEW & IMPROVED FORMAT!

California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has launched a new online survey tool for collection and comparison of special district salary and benefit data. We invite you to participate by entering your agency's administrative salary and benefits data into this user-friendly format. Once the survey results become live and you have purchased the product, you'll have access to the most up-to-date, comprehensive, aggregated information available - 24/7!

The CSDA Administrative Salary & Benefits Survey is designed to provide the data necessary to evaluate the salary and benefits offered by special districts. It serves as a valuable management tool when reviewing, analyzing, and evaluating your district's own salary and benefits structure.

In early June, CSDA will be launching a new online survey tool for collection and comparison of special district salary and benefit data. Currently a group of beta testers have provided feedback and their suggestions are being incorporated into the final product. The user-friendly format will allow members to access the most up-to-date, comprehensive information available through an annual subscription.

Districts that complete the survey get discounted pricing. The survey will include salary information for five common administrative categories. Benefit information includes health insurance practices, retirement plans, vacation and more. We anticipate enough data will be collected to have the first reports available in September.

The online format will allow you to create customized reports and make the most meaningful comparisons based on agency type, size, or other demographics.

2019 CSDA Award Nominations Now Open!

Each year, CSDA presents various awards during the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. There are several different categories to enter your district, chapter, and/or an individual. All nominations must be submitted by July 17, 2019.

For more information visit:
<https://www.csda.net/about-csda/get-involved/awards>

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Please send your district news releases to stan_caldwell@comcast.net to keep us informed of all the exciting things your Special District is doing and to share your news with other districts by having it appear as an article in the next newsletter.

Mark your calendars with our future Chapter Meeting Dates:

~ July 15, 2019 ~ October 21, 2019 ~ January 27, 2020 ~
The January meeting will be bi-annual elections of officers.

**Our joint meeting in July will be held at
the Amador Rancho Community Center**

Located at 1998 Rancho Park Loop, San Ramon, CA

**Plan to come early there will be a meet and greet opportunity
to network, with refreshments available.**

☛ Meeting begins at 10:00 AM

We suggest you review a map for more precise directions to the meeting.

**It's in the Dougherty Valley which is accessible easily via Bollinger Canyon Road East
from I-680 in San Ramon; or from Dougherty Road North exit from I-580 in Dublin.**

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