

California Special Districts Association San Diego Chapter News

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PUBLIC AGENCIES SPOTLIGHT

San Diego Chapter Special District

JEOPARDY!

How well do you know our members? Take the San Diego Chapter Special District Jeopardy challenge and see how well you do. The answers can be found on page 6. No peaking!

	Earth	Fire	Water
\$200	<p>This agency was formed in 1942 in order to provide use of heavy equipment and skilled operators at actual costs to the landowners. Today land use in their sphere of influence includes tourmaline mining, avocado and citrus groves, and more.</p>	<p>Before its formation in 1950, a local grower and fruit packing house provided a fruit sprayer truck to help fight fires. The truck would have to dump the its oil used to control insects and fill the tank with water before it could respond.</p>	<p>This District was formed in 1923 after 100% of the eligible voters participated — 104 for and 4 against its formation. Soon its service area was incorporated into the area which became known as “The Avocado Capital of the World.”</p>
\$600	<p>This agency was organized in 1984 when two smaller, similar North County agencies merged. Today, its mission is to provide respectful and cost effective services that meet the cultural, economic, religious, and social needs of the community.</p>	<p>Consisting of residential & light commercial occupancies in a small semi-rural community, this agency serves 37.1 square miles and a population of 15,000. In 2018, they responded to 1,607 emergencies including accidents and wild fires.</p>	<p>In 1982, this agency offered assistance to a struggling fire protection district and formed a new fire dept. Today, in partnership with the CA Dept of Forestry and Fire, the fire department has more than 34 paid firefighters, paramedics, and other staff.</p>

* Meet Our Affiliates *



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San Diego Chapter

Virtual

August 20, 2020
6:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Location:

Zoom Meeting Site: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86020511432?pwd=MHJsQUdTYzICVjVvNENUbFdLYnBUQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 2051 1432
Password: 736961

Phone Numbers: 1 669 900 6833
1 346 248 7799
1 253 215 8782

Please **DON'T** send in your RSVP form to our CSDA Treasurer, Rich Stevenson at Sweetwater Authority.

RSVP Deadline:
None. Nada. Zip.



Grossmont
Healthcare District

Join us for a dynamic, interactive, and educational evening as SDCSDA presents:

A Briefing: Impact of COVID-19 on the Healthcare Community



Barry Jantz

Chief Executive Officer—Grossmont Healthcare District
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Barry Jantz was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2004, after serving as a community relations consultant, managing the District's annual grants program. His prior experience includes financial services manager of the Facilities Development Department at Kaiser Permanente and as district chief of staff to California Assemblyman Jay La Suer. Jantz was a member of the La Mesa City

Council from 1990 to 2006, and currently serves on the boards of the East County Economic Development Council, East County Chamber of Commerce and San Diego County Taxpayers Educational Foundation. His educational background includes journalism and political science at Grossmont College and San Diego State University. In his years as CEO of the District, Jantz led the effort to complete over \$260 million in Proposition G improvements at Grossmont Hospital, as well as a successful 2014 ballot measure to continue the lease of the hospital to Sharp HealthCare until 2051.



President Tom Kennedy's Message

Greetings San Diego CSDA Chapter Members:

I hope that you are all doing what you can to remain safe – and sane – during this ongoing struggle with COVID-19. While many experts predicted that the virus would linger around, six months ago I don't think any of us thought we would be where we are now. Our worlds have been turned upside down and appear likely to stay inverted for some time to come.

Through all of this turmoil, the essential work that Special Districts do carries on. I know that many of your organizations are like mine – finding new ways to deliver service, innovating as we go. We can't just close up shop – we need to deliver, and the dedication of our Special District Community has been impressive to watch.

In the spring we were not able to meet in person so we held a virtual happy hour on Zoom. It was a fun time for all involved, but we are going to do things a little differently for our summer quarterly meeting. We will still have 30-45 minutes of a Zoom happy hour, but we are also going to conduct our meeting as we have in the past – only virtually. Perhaps our November meeting can be held in person in some manner, but for now a virtual meeting is our only option.

I am pleased to announce that our keynote speaker will be Barry Jantz, CEO of Grossmont Healthcare District. Barry will fill us in on the tremendous impact COVID-19 has had on our community and how one of our San Diego CSDA members has risen to the challenge. None of us alive today have ever experienced anything on this scale, so if you thought your special district had challenges, Barry can show you the incredible challenges facing health care districts.

Keep an eye out for information on how to log in - that information will be coming your way in the next week or so.

I would also like to comment on the recent passing of David Kulchin. David was a fine example of how to serve your community as he sat on many boards and councils and was instrumental in making the Carlsbad area what it is today. His latest post was on the Leucadia Wastewater District Board where he served for many, many years. In my experience he was always collegial and solution oriented – traits that can be in short supply these days. Our warmest regards go out to Ann and the rest of their family as they work through this loss.



~ Tom

Treasurer's Report

04/01/2020 through 06/30/2020



Income for the period was **\$0.00** due to no activity for the period.

Expenditures for the period were \$0.00 due to no activity for the period,

The fund balances as of March 31, 2020 were as follows: the Grant Scholarship Fund remained unchanged with a balance of \$16,414.94; the Speaker Program fund remained unchanged with a balance of \$2,500.00; and the General Fund balance remained unchanged with a **Fund balance of \$30,774.58**. The bank balance as of June 30, 2020 was \$31,524.58 pending three outstanding checks in the total amount of \$750.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Stevenson, CSDA Treasurer

A Report from Our CSDA Representative - Jo MacKenzie



CSDA ELECTION RESULTS

California Special Districts Association has counted the votes for Seat C in the Southern Region (San Diego, Imperial, Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside). Arlene Schafer was

reelected to the Board and will serve a 3-year term (2023). Director Schafer has served 20 years as a Board Member on the Costa Mesa Sanitary District in Orange County. The CSDA Board of Directors has 18 members consisting of three directors from each of the six networks in California. The Board Members serve a rotating 3-year term within their Network. Listed below are the Board Members representing the Southern Network: **San Diego County:** Jo MacKenzie, Dir, VID, Term 2021-Seat A, **San Bernardino County:** Don Bartz, GM, Phelan Pinon Hill Community Services District, Term 2022-Seat B, and **Orange County:** **Arlene Schafer**, Dir, Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Term 2023, Seat C.

CSDA UPDATES - The Virtual Awards Presentation scheduled for August 26 has been cancelled. Field Coordinator, Chris Palmer, will be making virtual and live presentations to the winners as they are able. Winners will be featured in the magazine, e-news and CSDA social media. If you are a winner, Chris will be coordinating directly with you.

The CSDA Virtual District Network meetings will still be happening on August 26. The field coordinators have, as of this writing, not confirmed hours or session description---Stay Tuned! An email from CSDA and the Chapter with a link to online register will be sent to the districts in the Southern Network.

LEGISLATURE - The Legislature is back from their extended recess which was due to several people, legislators and staff, coming down with the Covid-19.

August 31 is still the last day for each house to pass bills. On July 20, there was a memo stating that lawmakers will be able to vote remotely but won't get a per diem. This idea was to be voted on July 27.

Toni Atkins, President Pro Tem, stated: "As California continues making its way through this pandemic, the Legislature has to keep exploring ways to conduct the people's business safely and in keeping with our Constitution."

The next five weeks will be a race to the finish! CSDA and ACWA and other associations will be sending Legislative Alerts asking for your responses. Please take the time to read and respond.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Jul 27	Legislators return
Jul 31	Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills
Aug 7	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills
Aug 14	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills
Aug 17-31	Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose
Aug 21	Last day to amend bills on the floor
Aug 31	Last day for each house to pass bills Final Recess begins upon adjournment



AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

13 National Filet Mignon Day	1 National No Rhyme or Reason Day
15 World Honey Bee Day	4 National Wildlife Day
16 National Tell a Joke Day	5 National Cheese Pizza Day
17 National Non-Profit Day	7 National Beer Lover's Day
18 National Fajita Day	11 Patriot's Day and National Day of Service & Remembrance
21 National Senior Citizens Day	13 National Peanut Day
22 National Be an Angel Day	15 National Double Cheese-burger Day
24 National Peach Pie Day	18 Air Force Birthday
26 National Dog Day	19 National Talk Like a Pirate Day
28 National Red Wine Day	
30 National Beach Day	
31 National Trail Mix Day	

Election Time

The San Diego Chapter of CSDA is seeking qualified candidates to fill the board positions of **President, 1st Vice President, and Treasurer.**

Duties of the President are (1) to preside over all meetings, (2) oversee the Scholarship/Grant Committee activities, (3) sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer, and (4) assume the board position of Immediate Past President after term(s) served.

Duties of the 1st Vice President are (1) to be responsible for speakers and programs for the regular meetings, (2) act in the place of the President as necessary.

Duties of the Treasurer are (1) be responsible for collecting and depositing all funds, (2) dispense funds as specified by the Board of Directors, (3) keep current records of members' names and addresses for invoice purposes, and (4) provide quarterly reports and one annual audit report.

"Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting to be held in the fourth quarter of each year. The slate of officers will be presented by the Nomination Committee. Nominees from the floor are permissible. In the event there is more than one nominee for an office, a secret ballot will be conducted." Bylaws, rev. 10-19-2019

Term of Office: Two years, beginning January 1 of the following year.

If you are interested - and we hope you are - please complete a nomination form and send it to Jo MacKenzie via email at: mackgroup@cox.net.

Deadline for the nomination form is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020.

STEP UP - TAKE PART - BE A PARTICIPANT - MAKE A DIFFERENCE - GET INVOLVED

NOMINATE YOUR CANDIDATE FOR CSDA CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOW!

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

WHEN COMPLETED, SEND VIA EMAIL TO JO MACKENZIE AT: mackgroup@cox.net

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

AGENCY: _____

TITLE/POSITION: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS WITH AGENCY: _____

AGENCY PHONE: _____

CANDIDATE PHONE: _____

CANDIDATE EMAIL: _____

Board members and staff are eligible. **CHECK ONLY ONE (1) BOARD POSITION.** One nomination per district. PLEASE INCLUDE A SHORT BIO. (One page, 12 point font)

____ PRESIDENT

____ 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

____ TREASURER

[In accordance with the Bylaws of the San Diego County Chapter of CSDA, the Chapter Officers' District MUST be a member of the California Special District Association AND the San Diego Chapter at the time of election. *Article IV, Sec 4.2*]

Questions: 760-743-7969 (Jo MacKenzie)

David Kulchin

A Life Well Remembered



David Kulchin, a longtime community volunteer, Leucadia Wastewater District board member, and 2013 Carlsbad Citizen of the Year, died suddenly and peacefully at his home July 12, 2020. He was 91. David and his wife, Ann, were married for 66 years.

In addition to being an elected member of the Leucadia water board since 1996, David Kulchin served on nonprofits including the Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA in Encinitas, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Carlsbad, Hospice of the North Coast, the Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas Community Advisory Board, and the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. Kulchin led a campaign that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to build the Boys and Girls club-house that opened in 2011 in the new residential community of Bressi Ranch. As chair of the Scripps hospital advisory board, he helped raise money to build a critical-care wing there in Encinitas.

"The key to community progress is volunteerism," Kulchin said when he was named Citizen of the Year. "If it wasn't for the talent and time and money that people put into community-based and city-based organizations, we wouldn't have the quality of life we have today. "When a community is able to pull together a variety of people to help achieve goals, everybody is richer," he said.

CSDA San Diego Chapter Board of Directors

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Water	Fire	Earth	
Vista Irrigation District	Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District	Upper San Luis Rey Conserva-tion District	\$200
Ramona Muni-cipal Water Dis-trict	Alpine Fire Pro-tection District	North County Cemetery Dis-trict	\$600