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SPECIAL DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Santa Fe Irrigation District Celebrates the San Dieguito Dam's Centennial and Dedication of New Pump Station

On May 30, 2018 the Santa Fe Irrigation District (SFID) and the San Dieguito Water District (SDWD) celebrated the San Dieguito Reservoir Dam's 100 year anniversary and the dedication of the new San Dieguito Reservoir Pump Station.

The event was attended by approximately 50 people, including local city, water district, regional officials, as well as members of the Community, Historical Societies, and other key stakeholders. Jointly owned by the Santa Fe Irrigation District (SFID) and the San Dieguito Water District, the San Dieguito Reservoir Dam (SDRD) and the San Dieguito Reservoir Pump Station (Pump Station) are important assets providing local water for over 60,000 customers in the North Coastal region of San Diego County.

Built in 1918, the SDRD was constructed in a mere four months in conjunction with the Lake Hodges Dam. Water was gravity fed from Lake Hodges through an open flume to the SDRD to provide irrigation water to customers within the Rancho Santa Fe and Solana Beach areas.

Today, the San Dieguito Reservoir (Reservoir) continues to receive water from Lake Hodges, and is used to pre-treat the local water before being pumped to the R.E. Badger Filtration Plant (Plant) for treatment into drinking water for customers in the cities of Solana Beach and Encinitas, and the communities of Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch. The SDRD was evaluated in 2015 and found to be in very good condition, just reaching its mid-life with another 100 years of useful life ahead.



The ribbon cutting ceremony for new reservoir pump station at the San Dieguito Reservoir. L to R: Mike Bardin, SFID GM; Ken Dunford, SFID Board Vice President; Andy Menshek, SFID Board Director; Michael T. Hogan, SFID Board President; Joe Mosca, SDWD Board President (and Encinitas City Council); Tasha Boerner Horvath, SDWD Board Director (and Encinitas City Council); and, Bill O'Donnell, SDWD GM.

The Pump Station was originally built in 1964 to convey raw water from the Reservoir to irrigation customers. It was upgraded just a few short years later, in 1967, at the same time that the Plant was being constructed. The Plant is a conventional drinking water plant that went into operation in 1970. At that time, the Pump Station began pumping the local water from the Reservoir to the Plant for filtration and delivery to customers. By 2015, the Pump Station had reached the end of its useful life and required replacement. The new Pump Station was completed and began service in September 2017.

"The pump station at the reservoir is a part of our local water supply system that we have continued to improve throughout the years," said SFID Board President, Michael Hogan, "and it has been an

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San Diego Chapter Quarterly Dinner Meeting

Thursday – August 16, 2018

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Dinner served at 6:45 pm

Location

The Butcher Shop Steakhouse
Kearny Mesa
5255 Kearny Villa Road
San Diego, CA (858) 565-2272

<http://butchershopsd.signonsandiego.com>



Join us for a dynamic, interactive, and educational evening as CSDASD welcomes its guest speaker **Joseph “Joey” Sanchez from Best Best & Krieger, Attorneys at Law (BB&K)**. He will be providing an overview on ‘The Janus Decision and SB866: Discussing the Impacts.’

Partner Joseph (Joey) Sanchez is the chair of Best Best & Krieger LLP's Labor & Employment practice group, and is also a member of the firm's Education Law practice group. Joey advises clients on a variety of labor and employment issues including collective bargaining, employee discipline and termination, family medical leave laws, wage and hour issues, disability leaves, equal employment opportunity laws and federal transit labor law. Joey also serves as general counsel for public school districts and fire districts.

Mr. Sanchez has significant experience in representing public agencies as labor counsel. Prior to joining BB&K, Joey served as lead labor counsel for the City of San Diego and represented the City in negotiating with its five labor unions. He represents numerous special districts, cities, schools and other public agencies in a broad range of labor and employment issues, including policies and procedures, employee discipline, employee leave, collective bargaining, wage and hour, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission laws, administrative hearings and Peace Officer Bill of Rights/Firefighter Bill of Rights.

Joey also serves as lead labor negotiator for several public agencies. He has significant experience representing districts in administrative proceedings, including successfully defending unfair labor practice charges before the Public Employment Relations Board and in grievance arbitrations and mediations. He also has experience

Mark Your Calendar!

- 10/15/18 - **SDCSDA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
- 11/15/18 - **SDCSDA QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING**
- 08/10/18 - Webinar: Save Money, Time & Effort with Value-Added Benefits (Free)
- 09/05/18 - Coaching within the Workplace (Costa Mesa)
- 09/24/18 - 2018 Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase (Indian Wells)
- 10/04/18 - The Public Records Act and Records Retention (Vista—Free)
- 10/10/18 - Webinar: Disaster Planning (\$65; SDRMA –FREE)



responding to complaints made to the EEOC and Department of Fair Employment and Housing office. Joey can provide representation in all matters of labor relations, personnel administration and collective bargaining.

Joey has significant experience in representing fire districts and city fire departments. He is general counsel and labor counsel for the largest fire district in San Diego County, San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, and serves as labor and employment counsel for several fire protection districts throughout the state, including Borrego Springs and Twentynine Palms Fire Departments. He has also provided legal advice to the City of Redlands and the National City fire departments and served as labor negotiator and labor counsel for the City of Vernon Fire Department. Prior to coming to BB&K, he worked for the City of San Diego as a deputy city attorney and served as lead legal advisor to the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and San Diego Medical Services LLC. Joey also has significant experience with the Peace Officer Bill of Rights/Firefighter Bill of Rights.

Education: University of San Diego School of Law, J.D.; Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX., B.A., history and sociology, magna cum laude.

Please send in your RSVP form to our CSDA Treasurer, [Rich Stevenson at Sweetwater Authority](#)
RSVP Deadline: Thursday, August 10, 2018.



President Tom Kennedy's Message



Greetings CSDA members!

Mark your calendars now for our next meeting in a few weeks – August 16th. We had a great turnout at our last meeting – a full room for sure and I look forward to another banner turnout this month. We will have speakers from LAFCO, CSDA, and a special presentation on the progress being made by Joseph “Joey” Sanchez from BB&K about the recent Janus Decision and SB866. Combined, these actions create some new challenges for agencies who deduct union dues from paychecks. Implementation will be complex, so this presentation should include great information for most CSDA members.

We also have elections coming up this fall for the SDCSDA Board. We are filling two seats this time around, President and First Vice President. If you want to get involved, please contact Jim Peasely (jfpeasely@cox.net) and he can get you the nomination form. There is a bit more to what our organization does than the four dinner meetings and this is your chance to help chart the path forward for the Chapter. We have four board meetings a year in addition to the quarterly dinner meetings and sometimes we hold a special meeting for a particular topic. Jim is not running again this year so it is a wide open race for First Vice President. I have agreed to stand for another term as President but welcome anyone else who wants to run as well – the more the merrier!

Our Chapter has had a significant impact statewide with respect to Special Districts. From our meeting in February 2017 where a member of the Little Hoover Commission started a statewide discussion about Special Districts, to our formation of the Districts Make the Difference video contest that has now gone statewide, the San Diego Chapter continues to lead the way in building stronger local governments. I encourage you all to consider joining the board so you can help continue this work.

I also encourage you to read the Grassroots Briefs that CSDA sends out periodically. This is a great resource to keep you up to date on some of the zany things that are going on in Sacramento. From time to time CSDA will ask for letters of support or opposition on particular matters and it is very important that we work together to let the folks in Sacramento know what we think about their ideas. We have been very successful in this area, but only because people like YOU take the time to understand the issues and provide appropriate feedback. If you don't who will?

~ Tom



Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018



Income for the period was from the May 2018 dinner meeting \$1,820 (73 attendees) for a total of **\$1,820.00**.

Expenditures for the period included Butcher Shop Restaurant for May 2018 dinner meeting \$2,786.87; postage for 2018-19 membership invoices \$25.50; and for the following video/essay contest awards: Andrew Simon \$1,000; Helix Charter High School (La Mesa) \$250; Heath Dunbar \$750; Oak Crest Middle School (Encinitas) \$250; Carson Saflar \$500; Granite Hills High School (El Cajon) \$250; and, Escondido Unified School District \$555.60.

The fund balances as of June 30, 2018 were as follows: the Grant Scholarship Fund balance was reduced by the grant awards made in May 2018 \$3,000.00 leaving a balance of \$13,209.94; the Speaker Program fund remained unchanged with a balance of \$4,000.00; and the General Fund balance after adjustments for income and expenses was \$11,920.32 for a total **Fund balance of \$29,130.26**. The bank balance as of June 30, 2018 was \$29,880.26 pending three outstanding checks in the total amount of \$750.00.

The 2017 calendar year bank statements, financial transactions, and quarterly Treasurer's Reports were reviewed by third-party and the Treasurer's Reports were found to be presented accurately. The full details of the review were presented to the Executive Committee on July 16, 2018.

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important asset from the beginning for ensuring customers of our two districts have high-quality water.”

The celebration included both the recognition of the SDRD’s 100 year anniversary and dedication of the new Pump Station with a ribbon-cutting.



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Donating to a Worthy Cause

The Chapter’s Board of Directors unanimously agreed to make another contribution to the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) Scholarship Fund but this year the contribution has doubled from \$500 to \$1000!

Our San Diego Chapter is one of CSDA’s busiest and active, and it is generally felt that the educational programs offered by the SDLF are beneficial, productive and educational. Donations such as ours help provide said training to those special districts with limited available funding (budgets less than \$8M) for educational programs for staff and board members.

The “big check” will be presented at this year’s Annual Conference Taste of the City being held in Indian Wells, September 24 through 27. The Special District Leadership Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, formed to provide educational opportunities to special district officials and employees to enhance service to the public. It is dedicated to excellence in local government.

SDLF offers scholarships based on donations and grants received from SDRMA, CSDA, businesses, and private individuals. Being a 501c(3), donations to SDLF are tax deductible.



CSDA “Districts Make the Difference” 2018 Student Video Contest is Approaching \$3,500 in scholarship money is up for grabs



On Monday, August 27, the Statewide Districts Make the Difference 2018 Student Video Contest submission period will open for students to submit a video showing how special districts ‘**Make the Difference**’ in California.

The Student Video Contest is part of the CSDA Statewide public outreach campaign created to increase public awareness and understanding of special districts.

Do you know a student who may be interested? Do you know a teacher, principal, superintendent, or school board member that could help promote the contest? Spread the word!

There is plenty of time for students to create a 60-second video and enter the competition at www.DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/video-contest. The submission period ends Sunday, September 30.

After all entries are received, the top five finalists will be selected and featured on the CSDA Districts Make the Difference website. The public will then have the opportunity to vote for their favorite video and the top three vote-winners will receive scholarship prizes. In December, \$2,000 will be awarded to the first place winner, \$1,000 to the second place winner, and \$500 to the third place winner.

Watch the 2017 winning videos, get additional information, and read the official contest rules at www.DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/video-contest.

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR?

Under Robert's Rule of Order, the chair of a meeting has 11 duties

Open meeting	To open the meeting at the appointed time by taking the chair (sitting in the seat reserved for the presiding officer), after finding that a quorum is present, and calling the meeting to order.
Announce next activity	To announce in proper sequence the next activity before the group in accordance with the prescribed order of business.
Recognize members	To recognize group members who are entitled to the floor (who have the exclusive right to be heard at that time).
State questions and put to vote	To state and put to vote all questions that legitimately come before the group as motions or that otherwise arise in the course of proceedings, and to announce the result of each vote; or, if a motion that is not in order is made, to rule it out of order.
Refuse to recognize dilatory motions	To protect the group from obviously dilatory (time-wasting or obstructive) motions by refusing to recognize them.
Enforce order and decorum	To enforce the rule relating to debate and those relating to order and decorum within the group.
Expedite business	To expedite business in every way compatible with the rights of group members and the group rules.
Decide all questions or order	To decide all questions of order subject to appeal – unless, when in doubt, the chair prefers initially to submit such a question to the group for decision.
Respond to inquiries	To respond to inquiries of group members relating to parliamentary procedure or factual information bearing on the business of the group.
Authenticate documents	To authenticate by signature, when necessary, all acts, orders and proceedings of the group.
Close meeting	To declare the meeting adjourned when the group so votes or – where applicable – at the time prescribed in the agenda, or at any time in the event of a sudden emergency affecting the safety of those present.

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Jurassic Parliament — Quick Tip

The duties above are listed in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition*, the only official and current version of Robert's Rules, on pages 449-450.

OUTSIDE THE MEETING the chair has other duties which may involve giving orders, making decisions, managing affairs and setting a direction. Jurassic Parliament encourages all chairs of nonprofit boards, and leaders in local government to keep this distinction clear. Outside the meeting, exercise all your proper powers. During the meeting, be the servant of the group, and always remember that you are not responsible for the decision the group makes. The group is responsible, and the group is the final authority.

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Awesome San Diego Chapter Quarterly Dinner Meeting Attendance

James Peasley, Program Chair & 1st VP



The May 2018 San Diego CSDA dinner meeting was observed as perhaps the largest number of attendees in memory. Great work by the SDCSDA Board, committee members, and a special big thank you to all of our chapter members along with others for attending. Continued support of the local chapter via attendance at our quarterly meetings is greatly appreciated.

At the May meeting we had a full, busy, and fast paced agenda. A dynamic, interactive, and educational evening occurred as CSDA welcomed its special guest speaker District Attorney Summer Stephan. She shared the key public safety challenges that face San Diego County and the ethical responsibilities of public agencies. She was recently recognized as "District Attorney of the Year" by the crime victim support group Crime Victims United of CA. By the way congratulations for her big win in the June primary.

We added a new feature to our Quarterly Dinner Meetings. At each meeting we will be having Keene Simonds, the new Executive Officer at San Diego LAFCO, speak for a few minutes about LAFCO issues and how we can participate in LAFCO decision making. Special Districts are a big part of LAFCO so Mr. Simonds wants to use this as an opportunity to ensure regular communications with our membership.

We will be having elections this fall for our San Diego Chapter Board of Directors. Our President, Tom Kennedy, mentioned that because this is an even numbered year we will be electing a new President, First Vice President (my current position), and Treasurer. Because I am not seeking office again, I will be chairing the nominating committee.

Board members are elected to two-year terms. If you are wondering, the First Vice President position has several responsibilities according to our bylaws, but the primary role is signing up speakers for our quarterly meetings. We look forward to seeing several nominations for each position up for re-election this year. More information will come out later in the summer. We also had a visit by Dillon Gibbons, CSDA's Senior

Legislative Representative. Mr. Gibbons gave us up to date on what is going on in Sacramento and how we can all help fight some of the crazy legislation that gets introduced each year. As members of CSDA, sometimes it is our local contacts with legislators that can make the difference in whether a bill gets through or not.

As you may know this is our effort to continue our educational outreach and awareness of special districts, the San Diego Chapter 2018 Scholarship/Grant Committee continued the annual Video Contest, targeting junior high and high school students, and reintroduced the Essay Contest. We presented awards for the high school video contest. Several of the winners and their families were present to see these remarkable students get their recognition. These students are amazing in what they can do with a cell phone and some creativity.

The third annual Chapter video contest, invited techno-savvy students to use their creativity to incorporate the theme, "What's so special about Special Districts" into a one-minute informational video aimed to educate people about special districts. The video winners receive \$1000 for first place, \$750 second place, and \$500 third place, with an additional \$250 awarded to each school. The video winners are: 1st place - Andrew Simon (Helix Charter, La Mesa) 2nd place - Heath Dunbar (Oak Crest Middle School, Encinitas) 3rd place - Carson Saflar (The Bishop's School, La Jolla). Returning to the 2018 program was an Essay Contest, administered by Rincon MWD. The winning essay was: Mrs. McCann's 4th grade class at Reidy Creek Elementary. This elementary school in Escondido received a field trip to one of six local special district facilities of their choice. They selected the Olivenhain Recycled Water Facility in 4S Ranch for their tour. Congratulations to all the winners!

Update Your Email

Contact Elaine Sullivan at esullivan@lwvd.org

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Santa Fe Irrigation District

Located at 5920 Linea del Cielo in Rancho Santa Fe, CA was established January 26, 1923, and serves an area of 10,200 acres and a population of 19,900 people in Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch and the City of Solana Beach. Michael J. Bardin is General Manager, and the Board of Directors includes Michael T. Hogan, Ken Dunford, Andrew Menshek, Marlene King and David Petree. www.sfidwater.org.

SAN DIEGUITO RESERVOIR HISTORY

The San Dieguito Reservoir (SDR) is a jointly owned reservoir with the capacity of approximately 850 acre-feet (AF) of water. The Reservoir supplies water for the joint owners, the Santa Fe Irrigation District (SFID) and the San Dieguito Water District (SDWD).

The San Dieguito Dam was constructed in 1918 and completed in just four short months at a cost of \$160K. In 1948 the Dam was thickened with the addition of 12 inches of reinforced shotcrete. The hollow gravity, multiple arch dam created the San Dieguito Reservoir, which serves as a regulating reservoir when receiving water from Lake Hodges. Originally, to connect Lake Hodges to the San Dieguito Reservoir, an open concrete lined flume was constructed, some sections are currently visible along the Del Dios Highway.

In 2004, the SFID and SDWD completed the Lade Hodges/SDR flume replacement project, replacing the 80-year-old open channel flume with a new closed pipeline.

The reservoir is not only utilized for operational storage of Lake Hodges water but also serves as emergency storage.

SAN DIEGUITO RESERVOIR TODAY

The San Dieguito Reservoir has a watershed upstream of the dam of approximately 715 acres. The Reservoir receives water from the City of San Diego's Lake Hodges and serves as a pre-treatment process for the water before being pumped up to the R.E. Badger Filtration Plant. A newly constructed pump station is located near the dam and pumps water from the SDR to the R.E. Badger Treatment Plant to be treated and distributed.

The top of the dam is at elevation 251 feet above sea level and the spillway is at elevation 250 feet above sea level.

Between October 1 and April 30 each year, the District is required by the state of California to maintain the



This is a piece of the original 26" redwood main line built in 1923, from San Dieguito Reservoir to Santa Fe Drive. Redwood was chosen because of its ability to resist weathering, insects, acids, and fungus growth. As water ran through the line, the wood swelled sealing any small gaps. The main line was replaced in 1950 with a 30" concrete coated steel distribution pipe.

water level below elevation 244 ft., providing storage space to accept local runoff from storms, with no spillage over the dam.

The Reservoir is an intricate part of the water treatment process. The Districts continue to implement improvements to the reservoir to keep water treatment costs down while improving the water quality.

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Consistent with the Santa Fe Irrigation District's continuing efforts to improve its water treatment process, the staff has been looking for ways that technology can assist with that goal. With the implementation of online water quality monitoring in 2008. Treatment Plant Operators are able to better anticipate changes

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The new pump station at the San Dieguito Dam



A peek inside the new pump station.

in raw water quality and adjust treatment parameters proactively to ensure the highest quality, finished water possible. Management of the San Dieguito Reservoir is a very important component of continuous treatment enhancement. Reducing contaminants in the water before the water is pumped to the treatment plant can result in less chemical use and reduced costs during the filtration processes.

Three environmentally friendly innovative products being used at the reservoir are Solar Bees, AquaMats, and Floating Islands made from recycled materials.

SOLAR BEES

In 2006, the Santa Fe Irrigation District installed two Solar Bees into the San Dieguito Reservoir.

A Solar Bee is a floating solar-powered, in-waterbody circulation device that draws up water from the lower depths of the lake and spreads it over the surface of the lake. This process improves the quality of water by aeration (circulation of oxygen within the water) which prevents blue-green algae blooms, reduces taste and odor problems, and de-stratifies the water column to prevent lake turnover.

The system works 24 hours a day and is energy efficient by only using solar energy to power the impeller.

The Solar Bees allow the water to be treated without the use of chemicals or additional treatment power, therefore reducing the cost to treat the water.

AQUAMATS AND FLOATING ISLANDS

As part of the Lake Management Plan, AquaMats and Floating Islands have an important role in the pretreatment process.

The AquaMat system is comprised of many strips of porous fibers that are suspended in the water column of the lake. The fabric strips provide a surface area for beneficial bacteria to grow into them. As the bacteria grow they consume organic and ammonia compounds which help in reducing the amount of chlorine needed to filter the finished water.

The Floating Islands remove harmful pollutants using natural microbial processes. The islands consist of a mat made from recycled materials and plants that flourish on phosphorous and nitrates.

The plants growing on these mats and islands naturally cleanse the water by removing nutrients that can cause algae blooms and create water treatment challenges.

In addition to reducing the number of chemicals needed to treat the water, these naturally occurring treatments allow the District to use more local water and have less dependence on expensive imported water.

