

# OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



#### **ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE REPORT**

**DATE**: October 29, 2024

**TO**: District Board Members

**FROM**: Jessica Asher, Board Secretary

**SUBJECT**: Administration & Office Report – Information Only

**BACKGROUND:** The following is a discussion of office activities and brief status reports regarding

administration that are not the subject of a separate report. This report is

formatted to provide new information and recent progress only.

#### **DISCUSSION**: Utility Statements

In early July, staff sent 1,078 utility bills to residential and commercial customers for water, sewer, and/or garbage services. Last year, staff sent out 1,071 utility bills. In early September, staff sent 158 utility statements that are overdue for a cumulative total of \$322,406.82. Last year, staff sent 145 unpaid utility statements that were overdue for a cumulative total of \$500,897. The decrease from last year to this year was due to a large commercial account.

#### California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

The District's membership with CSDA runs on a calendar year and the District recently received the 2025 membership renewal fees. The cost of membership is \$9,495 annually, which is a 5.5% increase over the prior year. The District greatly benefits from the CSDA's legislative advocacy work and professional development opportunities. A pamphlet of the 2024 CSDA highlights is attached to this report.

#### SDRMA Worker's Compensation Refund

After completing our annual workers compensation audit, the District received a refund of \$3,756 from fiscal year 2024. The District prepays worker's compensation every year and then normally receives a refund at the end of the fiscal year based on the actual wages paid.

#### Winter Newsletter Topics

Staff is seeking topic suggestions for the upcoming winter newsletter. If any Board members have newsletter suggestions, please contact Jessica Asher, Board Secretary.

**ATTACHMENTS**: 2024 CSDA Highlights **DATE PREPARED**: October 21, 2024



## **Membership**

New Members

70+....

Nearly

organizations using Member Services



- VC3 provides discounted IT and cyber security services to CSDA members
- A great year of growth for California CLASS
  - » Nearly 200 participants
  - » Nearly \$2 billion in assets managed



Newly revised California
Public Records Act Manual
Printing made possible by the
California Special Districts Alliance

## **Professional Development**

of exhibitors were first-time : :

Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase

of attendees were first-time



increase in on-demand

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**CSDA** Training

6300+

people received training



## **CSDA** - The Hub mobile App

Launched CSDA – The Hub mobile app for iOS and Android, bringing year-round membership access to the palm of your hand

- Daily news updates
- Exclusive content
- Event customization
- Communities access
- CSDA calendar

### **Social Media**



2115 Followers



853 Followers



3574 Followers



2440 Followers

52% ......

of LinkedIn posts

Followers engaged with

#### **Awards**



10

CSDA
Annual Awards
presented to districts
and individuals
statewide

## **Court Representation for Special District Interests**

## Cases Approved

with amicus action related to

- Impact Fees
- Proposition 218 Rate Setting
- · Ballot Initiatives
- Class Action against Water Agencies
- Government Claims Act
- Labor Code & Private Attorneys General Act



144

#### **Cases of Interest Tracked**

California Courts of Appeal; California Supreme Court; U.S. Supreme Court

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NSDC NATIONAL SPECIAL DISTRICTS COALITION **PROGRESS:** Principal founder of the *National Special Districts Coalition* that secured the introduction of the *Special Districts Grant Accessibility Act* to codify into federal law a definition of special districts to ensure districts are eligible for federal grants and resources.

300+

Organizations Recruited for CA Coalition Support

14

Representatives From CA Congressional Delegation Secured for Co-Sponsorship

## The Leading Voice of All Special Districts

**DEFEATED:** Initiative 1935, known by opponents as 'Taxpayer Deception Act' would have devastated local infrastructure and essential services by retroactively invalidating billions of dollars in funding and invited paralyzing litigation. CSDA was a leading partner in the primary opposition coalition.

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

"The Taxpayer Deception Act is a complete revision to the Constitution and to how we currently do government in the state of California"

— Kyle Packham, CSDA Chief Advocacy & External Affairs Officer



Special Districts Adopted

**Oppose Resolutions** 

- Presence in significant media including the Wall Street Journal
- Submitted joint amicus brief cited in CA Supreme Court decision to remove initiative from the ballot

**2024 CSDA HIGHLIGHTS** 



COALITION LEADER OR CO-LEADER against employment bills which would have imposed expensive challenges for special districts

- Independent Contracting Bills AB 2557 & AB 2489 - **DEFEATED**
- Employee Representative Privileges AB 2421 DEFEATED
- Strike Benefits SB 1116 DEFEATED

#### **OPPOSED** costly mandates

- Gate Mandate AB 2149 DEFEATED
- Sympathy Strikes AB 2404 DEFEATED
- Employee Communications AB 2751 **DEFEATED**

#### **PROTECTED** local control over local revenue

- Defunding ADU Property Tax Revenue SB 1164 DEFEATED
- Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) Budget Trailer Bill - DEFEATED

**SECURED AMENDMENTS** to protect infrastructure funding for growing communities

- Utility-Related Development Fees SB 1210
- Adaptive Reuse Residential Impact Fees AB 3068
- Development Related Fee Reports AB 1820

PROMOTED effective public works ensuring agencies can plan and construct long-term infrastructure and services

- Bid Threshold Increases AB 2192 SIGNED
- Change Orders AB 1890 AMENDED TO ADDRESS CONCERNS
- Prevailing Wage AB 2182 DEFEATED



#### Of the 117 Bills Supported by CSDA...



#### Of the 78 Bills **Opposed by CSDA...**





## 62 Became Laws.

### **Only 13 Became Laws.**



Strengthening Relationships in the



**Expanded CSDA Affiliated Chapters** 

**Capitol & Across the State** 

**Special District Leaders** Meeting with 86 legislative offices facilitated by CSDA at Special District Legislative Days

**Coordinated Lawmaker** Roundtables with **CSDA Members** 

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### **Business Affiliates**













































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