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SPECIAL DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Fallbrook Regional HEALTH DISTRICT

What's Up in Fallbrook?

The Fallbrook Regional Health District has spent 2020 doing much the same thing as other Special Districts: being creative in how we can support our community during these strange days. When the pandemic hit, we like everyone else had to adjust our staffing, our formats, and our efforts in supporting the health and wellbeing needs of our community. We had just opened our grant application window when the stay-at-home orders were announced and like many other health professionals began looking for ways to adjust our services to accommodate the needs of our vulnerable populations, support our first responders, and navigate holding public meetings via Zoom. Here's a summary of how that went.

First, the grants – The District began making grants to health and wellness focused nonprofit groups in 1999. Since then we have provided over \$11M in grant funding in support of our seniors, children, and special needs populations. For fiscal year 2020-21 we anticipate funding \$1.4M toward health and wellness services and assisting the North County Fire Protection District's ambulances and medical services officer. Our Board of Directors knew this was the time for the District to ensure that the community could access services by making sure these nonprofit providers were appropriately funded; thus, we approved grants to 17 organizations who collectively will support nearly 30,000 of our residents. Together these programs and services are able to ensure that our community members (Fallbrook, Rainbow, De Luz, and Bonsall) have access to services and care in our rural area.



Checking in at the COVID-19 drive-in testing site at the District's wellness center.

Second, the scramble – March saw a large number of our service and agricultural workers become unemployed. This quickly impacted our local Food Pantry, which is largely staffed by volunteers who are seniors and thus, were unable to provide their typical volunteer services. Schools closed, and the support services that help these kids and their families suddenly couldn't access this group to provide programming. Seniors were told to stay home and stay safe, yet the "Friendly Village" relies on senior volunteers, and two of our largest nonprofits support a large number of seniors as well. Soon, the senior lunch program, the senior transportation services, and the adult day care were put on hold. The Health District funds each of these services and was in a unique position to see where resources were missing and where they were not being utilized. In response, the Board of

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San Diego Chapter

Virtual

November 19th
6:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Location:

Zoom Meeting Site: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88477471627?pwd=ZSs2cHJjYURNMUI2QWRMQkQ0M2VVUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 7747 1627

Password: 884534

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.



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

Airport Development Plan: Replacing Terminal One

Dennis Probst

*Vice President of Development
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority*



Dennis Probst is the Vice President of Development for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. In this role, Probst oversees all aspects of planning, environmental affairs, capital improvements and facilities development.

Major projects completed under Probst's leadership include the new international arrivals facility and Terminal 2 Parking Plaza. Probst is also overseeing the largest planned development program in the airport's history, the Airport Development Plan, which envisions the replacement of Terminal 1 and other improvements.

Probst came to the Airport Authority in December 2017 from the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), where he most recently served as Chief Operating Officer. In that role, he was responsible for airport planning and development activities, information technology functions, and management and operation of Minneapolis-St. Paul International and six general aviation airports in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Mr. Probst holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering, a Bachelor of Arts architecture degree and a master of architecture degree from Iowa State University.





President Tom Kennedy's Message

Greetings San Diego CSDA Chapter Members:

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you safe and healthy in this rather unusual year of 2020. Looking back at my messages to all of you from “before COVID”, I was struck by how none of us could have predicted the twists and turns that would come before us in this most unusual year. What was unthinkable has become “normal” and each of us, and our respective agencies, has had to adapt our lifestyles and our organizations to meet the challenge.

Once the full scale of the situation became clear, I have observed the whole of our special districts group come together to focus on what we do best – serve our communities. As I have noted throughout this year, I could not be more proud of the resiliency and professionalism demonstrated across the board by our members as they focused on providing essential services in uncertain times.

Now as our election season comes upon us, we will continue to meet the needs of our communities even as the larger political landscapes go through a transformation. Politicians come and go, but the work of Special Districts carries on despite any obstacles thrown our way. All of us look forward to a return to “normal”, but it looks like we have a long road ahead of us before we get there.

This year will also mark changes at the San Diego CSDA Chapter. We have new candidates stepping up to present themselves for election to our Executive Board. Shortly you will all receive ballots for our election of a new President and First Vice President. Jim Peasley and I will be stepping aside to allow others to take the Chapter into the future. Make sure to vote!

Even through this year of change and uncertainty, our work as a Chapter remains as it was - to bring our membership together to advance the interests of special districts as a whole. Due to the ongoing COVID situation we will be holding our fall 2020 meeting virtually, again, so be on the lookout for meeting information. At our November 19th chapter meeting we will have Dennis Probst, Vice President of Development for the Airport Authority address our group. As you all know the airport has been undergoing significant upgrades with more in the works, so I am confident that his presentation will be of great interest to all.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as Chapter President for the last four years and I look forward to continuing to serve the Chapter as Immediate Past President on the Executive Board. Our new leadership will help steer the Chapter through to the end of the COVID situation – whenever that will be - and ensure that our group of Special Districts remains ready to meet the needs of our communities despite whatever 2021 brings upon us. It can't get worse, can it?

~ Tom

DID YOU KNOW??

The world's total population is more than 7.5 billion. And obviously, that number sounds *huge*. However, it might feel a little more manageable once you learn that if every single one of those people stood shoulder-to-shoulder, they could all fit within the 500 square miles of Los Angeles, according to *National Geographic*.



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Directors made additional grants funds available, so we funded staff from the Boys & Girls Club to cover unfilled positions at the Food Pantry. We helped the senior care advocates and transportation programs at the Foundation for Senior Care to reorganize and provide seniors with grocery delivery and get connected to online services. Funding to the local senior center went from prepping congregate lunches to curbside pickup. While those dealing with cancer were connected to groceries, basic toiletries and other essentials without the need to leave their homes. We helped the Urgent Care center stay open and gain the ability to provide telemedicine visits too.



Third, we washed produce – Fallbrook is the Avocado Capital (*unofficially*), and our local growers wanted to donate produce to the hungry. However, the Food Pantry, inundated with those in-need and not having enough volunteers, had to turn donations away for lack of space and volunteers to manage the process. So, the Health

District rerouted the donated produce to the District office, where we accepted and washed the produce before it was repackaged and distributed back out to those in need.

Fourth, information is key - Our remote District staff went online and made sure our website was a one-stop shop for local, regional, state and national COVID-19 information. We monitored valid information sources, promoted local resources, and used our social media connections to help the community get and understand the best information possible.

Those first three months were all about triage and reorganization, but that was just to catch our breath. June saw our partnership with North County Fire Protection District and CalFire evolve into the area's largest testing site. Since June 15th we've held bi-monthly, drive-in testing sites at the District's, still under development, wellness center. We were able to secure over 2,000 face shields, masks, and touchless thermometers so that our small businesses could reopen safely. Obviously, we are not done yet. Flu season is around the corner and we'll soon be holding joint COVID testing and Flu Shot clinics. We are still promoting other health screening events and looking for new ways we can engage the community. When the District closed and subsequently sold the old Fallbrook Hospital building in 2017, we began reshaping what and how the District's mission would be fulfilled. In June we celebrated the District's 70th Anniversary, and we are proud to continue to be able to serve as a partner and leader to our community during these strange days. Our ability to connect, provide, and guide is what we are doing every day to ensure the health and wellbeing of our community.



Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020

Income for the period was from the 2020-21 Membership Payments **\$6,800.00** for a total of **\$6,800.00**.

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

The fund balances as of September 30, 2020 were as follows: the Grant Scholarship Fund balance received 50% of annual membership payments and increased by \$3,400.00 to a balance of \$19,814.94; the Speaker Program fund remained unchanged with a balance of \$2,500.00; and the General Fund balance after adjustments for income, transfer to Grant Scholarship fund, and expenses increased by \$3,400.00 to a balance of \$15,259.64 for a total **Fund balance of \$37,574.58**. The bank balance as of September 30, 2020 was \$37,574.58.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Stevenson, CSDA Treasurer

Happy Fall Y'all!





Jo MacKenzie

A Report from Our CSDA Representative

2021 CSDA MEMBERS ONLY BENEFITS:

- Free Webinars – all webinars are FREE and unlimited once your membership renewal has been received, beginning January 1, 2021, your agency's board members, and ALL staff members can access FREE live and on-demand webinars all year long!
- Free Salary Survey – The CSDA Administrative Salary & Benefits Survey and access to all online results will be FREE for all CSDA members who provide data
- Free Access – All CSDA member benefits are available to your entire district's staff and board members. Just update your board members and staff either on the Dues Form or at membership@csda.net

A Report from Our 2nd VP and Membership Chair



Elaine Sullivan

Opportunities abound! Do you want to enhance your resume? Do you want to contribute to your industry? **Do you want to make a difference?** Do you want to make policy? Do you want to be an influencer? Your experience makes a difference! Don't keep it all to yourself, mentor others; start with contributing to your local CSDA board of directors. Share your knowledge and make a difference? It can also lead to State committees and Board memberships - put yourself out there!

Public Service Announcement

Fair Political Practices Commission:

- You must file Form 700, Economic Interest (even if you have none)
- It must be filed no later than 30 days upon ASSUMING office or after LEAVING office.
- FPPC: "Late statements are subject to a late fine of \$10 per day per position up to \$100 for each day the statement is late."



RUN FOR SOMETHING



The election of President, First Vice President and Treasurer shall be held in even years. And the duties for these positions are:

President - (1) preside over all meetings, (2) oversee the Scholarship/Grant Committee, and (3) sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer.

First Vice President - (1) be responsible for speaker/program for the regular meetings, (2) act in the place of the President as necessary, and (3) be the chairperson of the *Nomination Committee* in alternate years when not standing for election.

Treasurer - (1) be responsible for collecting and depositing all funds, (2) dispense funds as specified by the Board of Directors, and (3) keep current records showing the names and addresses of all its members.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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)

5 Thanksgiving Facts to Impress Your Family and Friends!

1. **The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days.** The settlers' first corn harvest in 1692 proved so successful that Governor William Bradford reportedly invited the Plymouth colonists' Native American allies to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Members of the Wampanoag tribe came bearing food to share. They had so much bounty, the revelers decided to extend the celebration for three days.
2. **Thomas Jefferson refused to declare Thanksgiving a holiday.** Presidents originally had to declare Thanksgiving a holiday every year, up until Lincoln made it a national holiday during his tenure. However, Jefferson refused to recognize the event, because he believed so firmly in the separation of church and state. Since Thanksgiving involved prayer and reflection, he thought designating it a national holiday would violate the First Amendment. He also thought it was better suited as a state holiday, not a federal one.
3. **In 1939, Thanksgiving was celebrated on the third Thursday in November - not the fourth.** You might think President Roosevelt could predict the future, as he channeled a "Black Friday" mindset when he decided to move Thanksgiving during his presidency. Even though the holiday had been celebrated on the fourth Thursday since Lincoln officially recognized the federal holiday decades before, Roosevelt bumped it up a week, and effectively added seven more shopping days to the holiday season to boost the economy. That angered football coaches who had Thanksgiving games already scheduled and calendar-printers who now had incorrect dates. Americans, to say the least, didn't love the change, so it was officially switched back in 1942.
4. **A Thanksgiving mix-up inspired the first TV dinners.** In 1953, a Swanson employee accidentally ordered a colossal shipment of Thanksgiving turkeys (260 tons, to be exact). To deal with the excess, salesman Gerry Thomas took inspiration from the prepared foods served on airplanes. He came up with the idea of filling 5,000 aluminum trays with the turkey – along with cornbread dressing, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes to complete the offering. The 98-cents meals were a hit, especially with kids and increasingly busy households.
5. **Americans prepare 46 million turkeys for Thanksgiving each year.** Thanksgiving without turkey would be like Christmas without a tree, and most American families wouldn't dream of foregoing the almighty bird. While not super popular the rest of the year, turkey is a huge hit for holidays, probably because it can serve large gatherings. On Christmas, an additional 22 million families host an encore with yet another turkey.



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