

Bob reported that the CSDA Board of Directors will be meeting on March 13, 1998 in Ontario.

7. Legislative Report

No report.

8. Other Concerns/Comments

Phil Anthony reminded everyone of the Salton Sea tour on April 2 & 3. This is a combined meeting of the ACWA Regions 8,9, & 10. Also of note, bus transportation will be available from MWDOC to the meeting site.

Arlene Schafer indicated interest in more information regarding COG.

Phil Anthony distributed pamphlets announcing a Water Policy Seminar on March 12, 1998 at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine. The seminar will be co-sponsored by:

Metropolitan Water District (MWD)
J.P. Morgan
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Orange County Business Council
Orange County Water District
Southern California Water Committee
Urban Water Institute

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Dated March 3, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Ronald E. Kennedy
Secretary, Independent Special
Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)

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INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 1998: \$ 3,841.66

RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues Paid:

Carpenter Irrigation District	\$50.00
Dana Point Sanitary District	\$50.00
Midway City Sanitary District	\$25.00
\$25.00 Due	
Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Sewer District	<u>\$50.00</u>

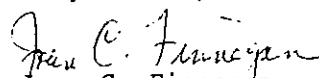
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR PERIOD 2/2/98 - 2/26/98 \$ 175.00

EXPENSES:

None

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 1998: \$ 4,016.66

Respectfully submitted,


Joan C. Finnegan
ISDOC Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 1998: \$ 4,016.66

RECEIPTS:

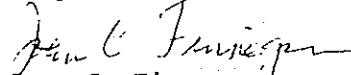
2/26/98 Luncheon Meeting 41 Paid & 1 Guest Speaker
@ \$10.00 each \$ 410.00

EXPENSES:

None

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MARCH 2, 1998 \$ 4,426.66

Respectfully submitted,


Joan C. Finnegan
ISDOC Treasurer



SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: March 11, 1998

FROM: Michael Dunbar

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 1998 MINUTES

I. General

A. Introduction

1. Vice President Bob Hanson called the meeting to order in the absence of President Sterling Fox.
2. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

II. Member Agency Profile - Orange County Water District (Jim van Haun)

A. Mission and Background

1. The mission of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) is to provide local groundwater to its members through a reliable, adequate, high quality water supply.
2. The service area of OCWD is approximately the El Toro "Y" to Los Angeles County. It supplies the northern 60% of the county.

B. Benefits

1. The benefits are a low cost, highly dependable supply of water.
2. Approximately 330,000 acre feet are pumped on an annual basis. This provides 75% of the water needs for almost 2 million customers.

C. Source of Water Supply

1. The source of the water supply for OCWD is as follows:

Santa Ana River	-	70%
Imported from MWD	-	10%
Local (rain/irrigation)	-	20%

2. Approximately 1600 acres of land are set aside for recharge basins in Anaheim.

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3. The OCWD has currently set a basin production of 75% for its member agencies.
4. The cost of the groundwater from OCWD is \$150 per acre foot. \$91 are set aside for replenishment and \$60 are set aside for energy.
5. The quality of the groundwater is better due to the lower total dissolved solids (TDS).

D. Recycled Water

1. Water Factory 21 produces 15 mgd of tertiary water that is injected as a seawater barrier.
2. The recently completed Greed Acres project will provide approximately 7000 acre feet of recycled water for irrigation throughout central coastal Orange County.
3. A future project, Groundwater Replenishment System, is projected for 2003/2004 to pump recycled water to the recharge basins in Anaheim. The capacity would be on the order of 100,000 acre feet.

III. Council of Governments (COG) - Director Phil Anthony (OCWD)**A. Regional Transportation Plan**

1. There are two freeways planned for Orange County. One would be a freeway from the Lake Elsinore area through the Cleveland National Forest. The other would be from the Chino area to north Orange County.

B. Population

1. The discussion at COG is to look at "infill redevelopment." Rather than continual outward sprawl (which pushes infrastructure further out), the COG is looking at filling in every area of Orange County.
2. The idea would be to clump people close to the transportation systems.

IV. LAFCO: Cities Perspective - Mayor Peter Herzog (Lake Forest)**A. Is there a city or any other perspective?**

1. Mr. Herzog questioned whether each group (cities, county, special districts) should have a separate viewpoint.
2. He opined that the viewpoint is basically the same; only that each Commissioner has a different background.
3. He stated that we (public agencies) are all in the same business (to serve the public, our customers). It is our job to provide services to the public.

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4. We should provide the delivery of services that the public wants in an efficient, cost effective manner.

B. LAFCO

1. LAFCO is the vehicle to provide for the orderly fashioning of boundaries. Each situation must be looked at locally to determine the reasonable, logical boundaries.
2. There are currently two new city applications. In addition, there are several special district applications.
3. The process to date has involved the agencies coming to LAFCO through the application process on a voluntary basis. There has been no time for LAFCO to initiate any applications on its own.
4. The focus of LAFCO should be to bring people together and to use the talent and resources available. The involved agencies need to come together and then bring an application to LAFCO.
5. The LAFCO Commissioners do not want controversies. They can be very difficult and ugly. The Commissioners, however, know there will be controversy. If possible, there should be consensus. When there is controversy, there is a waste of taxpayer's money and effort.
6. The Commission makeup is two county representatives, two city representatives and two special district representatives. Those six (6) representatives then chose a public representative. Any application must receive four (4) votes to be approved so there is a need among the Commissioners to work together.

C. City/Special District Relationship

1. There is no overriding agenda by the cities.
2. There is no pulse/mandate to have multi-purpose agencies.
3. There appears to be a general misunderstanding between cities/special districts due primarily to a lack of contact. Bottom line is that we are all in the same overall business (to serve the public) and serve the same taxpayers.

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**BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENTATION TO CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 28, 1998**

BY JANET MORNINGSTAR, PARTNER

- I. The Essence of the Ralph M. Brown Act - California's Open Meeting Law.
 - A. All meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend, except as otherwise provided in the Brown Act (Government Code §54953(a)).
 - B. Any attempt by a majority of a legislative body to discuss, or reach concurrence on a matter within the jurisdiction of the body, outside of a properly conducted public meeting, is a violation of the Brown Act (Government Code §54952.2). A public official knowingly taking action in violation of the Brown Act may be guilty of a misdemeanor (Government Code §54959) and the action may be invalidated (Government Code §54960.1).
 - C. Compliance with the Brown Act requires compliance with procedures including:
 - 1. formally established time and place for regular meetings, time and place of meeting specified in notice of special meetings (Government Code §§54954 and 54956);
 - 2. preparation and posting of an agenda (Government Code §54954.2); no discussion or action on non-agenda items (some exceptions);
 - 3. opportunity for public comment on items on the agenda and on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency which are not on the agenda (Government Code §54954.2). Public criticism of the legislative body may

not be prohibited (Government Code §54954.3);

4. public access to meeting place - no admission fee, no restrictions based upon race, religion, national origin, sex, must be handicapped accessible (Government Code §54961); persons attending a public meeting may not be required to sign in or identify themselves (Government Code §54953.3).

II. Who is Required to Comply with the Brown Act.

- A. A "legislative body" required to comply with the Brown Act includes the governing body of a county, city, school district, municipal corporation, district, political subdivision, or any other local body created by state or federal statute, or any board, commission, or agency thereof, or other local public agency (Government Code §54951 and §54952(a)).
- B. A commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether decision-making or advisory created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body.
 1. Standing committees with continuing subject matter jurisdiction *or* a meeting schedule fixed by formal action of the board are subject to the Brown Act.
 2. Ad hoc committees composed solely of less than a quorum of a legislative body are *not* subject to the Brown Act (Government Code §54952(b)).
 3. A board, commission, committee, or other multi-member body that governs a private entity *is* subject to the Brown Act if it was created by a local agency to exercise authority delegated by the public agency *or* it receives funds from a local public agency and has a voting member appointed by the local agency (Government Code §54952(e)).

III. The Agenda Requirement.

- A. An agenda must be prepared for each meeting giving a brief general description of *every* item of business to be *transacted* or *discussed* at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session (Government Code §54954.2).
- B. The agenda must be posted in a location freely accessible to the public at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting (Government Code §54954.2). Special meeting notices must be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (Government Code §54956).
- C. No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted

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agenda, except:

1. brief responses to questions or comments from the public;
2. in response to a public comment or question, a member of the legislative body or staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or a brief report on his or her own activities;
3. request to staff to report back on any matter or direction to staff to place a matter on a future agenda;
4. the legislative body may authorize action to be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda
 - a. upon a majority vote that an emergency situation exists (disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities);
 - b. upon a two-thirds vote of the members present or, if less than two-thirds are present, a unanimous vote of those present, that there is a need for immediate action which came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the posting of the agenda;
 - c. the item has been continued from a prior meeting occurring not more than five days before the meeting at which action is taken (Government Code §54954.2).

IV. Closed Sessions - Where the public is excluded from a Meeting of the Legislative Body - Are Permitted under Limited Circumstances.

A. Justifications.

1. To Protect the Public Interest - Where disclosure would be detrimental to the public agency in negotiations or to the ability of the agency to carry out its functions.
2. To Protect Individual Privacy Rights - The individual's right to privacy outweighs the public's interest in disclosure.

B. Specific Closed Session Authorization.

1. Real Property Negotiations - To confer with the agency's negotiator regarding price and terms (Government Code §54956.8).

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2. Litigation - To confer with legal counsel in legal proceedings or administrative proceeding of an adjudicatory nature (Government Code §54956.9).
3. Joint Powers Insurance Authority - Discussion of claims (Government Code §54956.95).
4. Threats to Public Security (Government Code §54957.6).
5. Examination of Witnesses, Drug Law Enforcement (Government Code §54957 and §54957.8).
6. License Issuance or Renewal for Persons with Criminal Records (Government Code §54956.7).
7. Public Employee Performance Evaluations (Note: Specific complaints must be heard in open session if the employee requests.) (Government Code §54957).

C. Actions Taken in Closed Session must be reported in open session along with the vote or abstention of each member present (Government Code §54957.1).

1. Final approval of real estate transactions.
2. Approval to defend, appeal, or not appeal in a lawsuit.
3. Approval to initiate or intervene in litigation unless announcement will prejudice ability to effect service of process or conclude settlement.
4. Settlements of lawsuits or claims.
5. Actions taken to employ, appoint, accept the resignation of or otherwise affect the employment status of a public employee. Employee discipline or termination of employment shall not be announced until the opportunity for appeal has been exhausted.

V. Brown Act Enforcement.

- A. Misdemeanor Penalties. A member of a legislative body who attends a meeting where action is taken in violation of the Brown Act with the intent to deprive the public of information to which he knows or has reason to know the public is entitled under the Brown Act, is guilty of a misdemeanor (Government Code §54959). Punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00, six months in jail, or both (Penal Code §19).

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- B. Mandamus, Injunction, or Declaratory Relief (Government Code §54960).
1. To present future violations.
 2. To determine the applicability of the Brown Act to any meeting or action.
 3. To invalidate a rule or action intended to discourage expression by a member of the legislative body.
 4. To compel the legislative body to tape record closed sessions.
- C. Invalidation of Actions Taken in Violation of the Brown Act (Government Code §54960.1).
1. As a prerequisite to bringing a lawsuit, the challenging party must demand that the agency correct the violation and give the agency an opportunity to cure.
 2. Action will not be invalidated if:
 - a. there was substantial compliance;
 - b. it was an action in connection with the sale or issuance of bonds;
 - c. the action gave rise to a contractual agreement in which there has been good faith reliance by the other party;
 - d. it was in connection with a tax;
 - e. the party challenging the action on the basis of inadequate notice had actual notice;
 - f. the agency cured the violation after commencement of the suit.

auxiliary officer by that sheriff or chief of police and to waive license fees.

Chapter 127 - S.B. No. 786: Reserve or Auxiliary Officers

Penal Code § 832.6 states that deputized or appointed reserve peace officers shall have peace officer duties after completing specified training and are (1) deputized or appointed as a Level I reserve officer and assigned, or when assigned, to crime prevention and detection; (2) assigned to crime prevention and detection along with the immediate supervision of a peace officer engaged in a field training program; or (3) deployed and authorized only to carry out limited duties without requiring law enforcement powers while under direct peace officer supervision.

This bill amends Penal Code § 832.6, to consolidate the training requirements and peace officer authority of Level I reserve officers and revise the training and supervision requirements of Level II and III reserve officers.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Chapter 60 - A.B. No. 286

The Public Employees' Retirement Law designates different levels of benefits for various categories of its members. This bill adds Government Code § 20434.5, to define a "local firefighter" as any officer or employee of a fire department, except one whose principal duties are those of a telephone operator, clerk, stenographer, machinist, mechanic or otherwise, and whose functions do not clearly fall within the scope of hazardous materials services, even though that employee is subject to occasional call, or is occasionally called upon to perform hazardous material duties.

Chapter 951 - A.B. No. 1595: Years of Credit

Government Code § 20903 permits contracting agencies to encourage retirements by adding up to two years of service credit to members who retire during designated periods. This law is repealed on January 1, 1998. This bill amends Government

Code § 20903, to extend the service credit option until January 1, 1999.

Chapter 458 - S.B. No. 1192: Public Employees' Retirement (Urgency)

Government Code § 20903.5 of the Public Employees' Retirement Law, authorizes contracting agencies to encourage employee retirement by granting up to an additional four years of service credit during certain fiscal years. That authorization expired on July 1, 1997. This bill amends Government Code § 20903.5, to extend that authority for the 1997 - 98 and 1998 - 99 fiscal years.

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT LAW**

Chapter 458 - S.B. No. 1192: Public Employees' Retirement (Urgency)

Government Code § 31641.05 of the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937, authorizes a board of supervisors to encourage employees to retire by offering an additional four years of service credit during specified fiscal years. That authorization expired on July 1, 1997. This bill amends Government Code § 31641.05, to extend that authority for the 1997 - 98 and 1998 - 99 fiscal years.

Chapter 439 - A.B. No. 409: Death Payments

The County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 prescribes a \$750 retired death payment. This bill adds Government Code §§ 31789.3 and 31789.5, to authorize boards of supervisors to increase that amount up to \$5,000.

OPEN MEETINGS

Chapter 253 - S.B. No. 138: Brown Act Amendments

Government Code §§ 54950, et. seq., the "Brown Act," generally requires legislative bodies of local agencies to hold open meetings. This bill amends Government Code § 54952.2, to make the Brown

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Act not applicable where a majority of a legislative body attends an open and noticed meeting of another agency's legislative body. The Brown Act would also not apply to a majority of a legislative body that attends an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee provided that the attending members of the legislative body attend as observers, not committee members.

Government Code § 54953 permits a legislative body to video teleconference receipt of public comments or testimony. This bill amends Government Code § 54953, to expand permitted teleconferencing for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of a legislative body. The amendment also requires that each teleconference location be identified in the notice and agenda or proceeding and that each teleconference location be accessible to the public.

Government Code § 54954 requires a legislative body of a local agency to provide the time and place for holding regular meetings. This bill amends Government Code § 54954, to require each legislative body of a local agency, except for advisory and standing committees, to provide the time and place for holding regular meetings.

Government Code § 54954.1 requires a local agency's legislative body to provide mailed notice of regular meetings and special meetings to any person who has filed a written request for the notice.

This bill amends Government Code § 54954.1, to authorize any person to request and receive a mailed copy of the agenda and all agenda documents. Any request for mailed copies of the agendas or agenda packet shall be valid for the calendar year in which the request is filed and must be renewed following January 1 of each year.

The legislative body may establish a mailing fee, which shall not exceed service costs. A requesting person's failure to receive the agenda or packet is not grounds for invalidating a legislative body's actions.

Government Code § 54954.2 allows a legislative body to take action on an item not on the agenda when 2/3 of a legislative body or all of the legislative body if less than 2/3 are present, determines if there is a need for immediate action on an item that came to the attention of the body subsequent to posting the agenda.

This bill amends Government Code § 54954.2, to allow the determination to be made by a 2/3 vote of the present members at the meeting or by all the members if less than 2/3 are present.

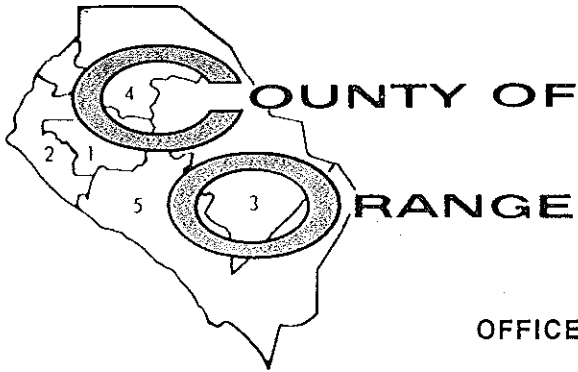
Government Code § 54956 permits a special meeting to be called by the presiding officer of the legislative body or by a majority of the members of the legislative body by delivering personally or by mail, written notice to each member and local news media requesting notice in writing. This bill amends Government Code § 54956, to permit the notice to be delivered personally or by any other means.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Chapter 193 - S.B. 563: Health Benefits For Firefighters and Peace Officers

Labor Code § 4856, which became effective September 30, 1996, provides health benefits to a deceased firefighter or peace officer employee's spouse and minor dependants. Benefits are payable whenever a firefighter or peace officer as defined in Penal Code §§ 830, et. seq., is killed on duty or dies because of an accident or injury caused by external violence or physical force incurred on duty, unless the surviving spouse chooses a lump-sum survivors benefit in lieu of monthly health benefits.

This bill amends Labor Code § 4856, to obligate the employer to continue providing health benefits to a deceased employee's spouse and minor dependants before the employee's death or prior to the accident or injury that caused the death. The new law would also require employers to continue these health benefits to the spouses and dependants of deceased firefighters or peace officers who died in the line of duty before September 30, 1996.



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OFFICE OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

April 8, 1998

TO: All Orange County Taxing Agencies: Cities, Schools, Special Districts

ATTENTION: City Manager/School District Superintendent/Special District Director, and
Manager of Special Assessments/Special Taxes/User Fees Added to Tax Roll

By Resolution No. 98-74 dated March 10, 1998 (copy enclosed), the Orange County Board of Supervisors reduced the charge for adding special assessments, special taxes, and user fees to the property tax roll from 0.32 percent (0.0032) to 0.30 percent (0.0030) of the dollar value of the special assessments/special taxes/user fees added to the roll. This lower rate will go into effect for the upcoming FY 1998-99 property tax roll.

In addition, the Board modified the \$15 fee for corrections and cancellations of special assessments/special taxes/user fees, effectively immediately, as follows:

1. The County Auditor-Controller is authorized to waive the \$15 correction/cancellation fee in any case where the County Treasurer-Tax Collector has requested the levying agency to cancel the special tax, special assessment, or user fee because:
 - (a) The property on which it is levied is a zero-value, wholly exempt, or common area parcel for which the foreclosure process for collection of the special tax, special assessment, or user fee is not cost justified; or
 - (b) Collection of and foreclosure for the delinquent special tax, special assessment, or user fee is not feasible because the delinquent taxpayer is a governmental agency; or
 - (c) The special tax, special assessment, or user fee is the only amount owing on the tax bill.
2. The County Auditor-Controller is authorized to charge the actual cost of correction or cancellation of special assessments, special taxes, and user fees in lieu of the \$15 per cancellation/correction fee when the Auditor-Controller determines that mass electronic file updates can accomplish the corrections or cancellations for less cost than the individual manual process.

If you have any questions on these changes, please contact our Property Tax Unit at 714-834-2455.

Steven E. Lewis
Auditor-Controller

JMM:lr (Spec.Assess01 ops)
Attachment

cc: John M.W. Moorlach, County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Gary Cowan, Assistant Tax Collector
Gary Burton, Chief Financial Officer, County Executive Office
Mike Ruane, Assistant CEO, Strategic Affairs, County Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

March 10, 1998

On motion of Supervisor Smith, duly seconded and carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 93-776 dated July 13, 1993, this Board authorized the Auditor-Controller to increase the charge for adding special taxes/special assessments/user fees to the property tax bills from 0.25 percent (0.0025) to 0.32 percent (0.0032) of the dollar amount of the special taxes/special assessments/user fees, and authorized the Auditor-Controller to charge a roll change processing fee of \$15.00 for each correction or cancellation of a special tax/special assessment/user fee on the property tax roll; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor-Controller has performed an updated cost study for the special taxes/special assessments/user fees charge, revising the charge from 0.32 percent (0.0032) to 0.30 percent (0.0030) of the dollar amount of the special taxes/special assessments/user fees; and

WHEREAS, on occasion, a city, special district, or school district must correct or cancel large numbers of special taxes, special assessments or user fees as a result of an error, change in budget requirements, or legal change, and these types of mass corrections and cancellations can usually be handled via a tape update rather than manually at a cost of less than \$15 per transaction; and

WHEREAS, in some instances, due to incomplete information received by cities and districts regarding zero-value, wholly exempt, and common area parcels, assessments are added to these types of parcels incorrectly, and, some cities and districts have levied special taxes, special assessments, or user fees on parcels which are wholly exempt from property taxes because they are owned by governmental agencies such as school districts; and

WHEREAS, in these cases, if the property tax bills become delinquent, with the only item on the delinquent bill being the special tax, special assessment, or user fee, it is in the best interests of the County to request the agency levying the special tax, special assessment, or user fee to request a cancellation so that the delinquent bill can be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the levying agencies have been willing to cancel such special taxes, special assessments, or user fees but are not willing to pay the \$15 cancellation fee for each cancellation required by Board Resolution No. 93-776, on the basis that the County has requested them to cancel the assessment or user fee; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the revised fee is the reasonable cost of providing these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby:

1. Rescind Board Resolution No. 93-776 dated July 13, 1993.
RESOLUTION NO. 98-74
Revise fees;
Rescind Resol. 93-776

1 2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to charge agencies which request the addition of special
2 taxes/special assessments/user fees to the property tax bills a rate of 0.30 percent (0.0030) of the dollar
3 amount of special taxes/special assessments/user fees billed or levied, commencing with the FY 1998-
99 property tax year.

4 3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to continue charging a roll change processing fee of
5 \$15.00 for each correction or cancellation of a special tax/special assessment/user fee on the property
tax roll.

6 4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to waive the \$15.00 fee, and instead charge the actual
7 cost of correction or cancellation of special taxes, special assessments, and user fees added to the
8 property tax bills, when the Auditor-Controller determines that mass electronic file updates can
accomplish the corrections or cancellations for less cost than the individual manual process, effective
immediately.

9 5. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to waive the \$15 fee for correction or cancellation of
10 special taxes, special assessments, and user fees on the property tax bills, effective immediately, in cases
11 where the Treasurer-Tax Collector has requested the levying agency to cancel the special tax, special
assessment, or user fee because:

12 (a) The property on which it is levied is a zero-value, wholly exempt, or common area
13 parcel for which the foreclosure process for collection of the special tax, special assessment, or
user fee is not cost justified; or

14 (b) Collection of and foreclosure for the delinquent special tax, special assessment, or
15 user fee is not feasible because the delinquent taxpayer is a governmental agency; or

16 (c) The special tax, special assessment, or user fee is the only amount owing on the tax
17 bill.

18 6. Find that, in accordance with Section 21080(b)(8) of the California Public Resources Code,
19 the proposed fees are only for the purpose of meeting expenses and are, therefore, exempt from
20 compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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PAUL BRADY, JR., City Manager

City of Irvine, One Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, California 92623-9575 (714) 724-6000

February 17, 1998

Mr. Ray Silver
Acting City Administrator
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dear ^{Ray} Mr. Silver:

SUBJECT: ANNEXATION OF REMAINDER OF IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT AND YORBA LINDA WATER DISTRICT INTO ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

In your letter of December 12, 1997, you note that the proposed annexation of the remainder of the Irvine Ranch Water District and Yorba Linda Water District into the Orange County Water District (OCWD) has met with "...a great deal of opposition from many of the water agencies in OCWD..." Much of the disagreement has centered on whether OCWD should continue its historical policy pursuant to the legal authority contained in the OCWD Act which is to "*provide uniformity of cost of and access to groundwater throughout the District...*" or whether the very foundation of the OCWD Act should be changed to limit access to groundwater through a new policy. This proposed concept sounds appealing at first glance, but upon examination it is very troubling and it is further adding to a very divisive environment in the County.

Historically, annexations are accomplished on a piece by piece basis, just the way the County has grown since the beginning of the OCWD in 1933. The City of Irvine is responsible for land use decisions and whether certain lands are to be annexed to the City. Along with these annexations related water rights are expected. We see no good reason for changing this process now.

Some historical background would help to explain the development of the Orange County Water District. The OCWD was formed in 1933 with the Irvine Ranch playing a major role in the organization of the District and protection of Orange County water rights from upstream appropriation. By 1953, the total area of OCWD was about 153,000 acres and

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by 1997 an additional 74,730 acres were annexed to OCWD, bringing the total to 227,730 acres. These areas were permitted to annex under the OCWD Act's uniform annexation policy. The remaining annexation areas within Cities/Agencies that are members of OCWD have a total area of about 52,000 acres, with more than half this acreage protected under conservancy status. We believe that to now change this process would be grossly inequitable and unfair.

Industrial, commercial and residential development in the City of Irvine adds substantial economic benefit to all areas of the County through the creation of construction related jobs, wholesale and retail trade growth, furnishing requirements of new homes and offices, expanded needs for residential and business services, and the creation of permanent jobs in the County, with many of the job holders living in the older cities in north Orange County. The idea of imposing additional financial burdens to one of the major engines of economic development in the County through higher water rates and connection charges is short-sighted, ill-advised and adverse to the long-term economy of the County. The City of Irvine has absorbed more than its fair share of the County's infrastructure needs (e.g., tollroads, jails, military base closures, landfills, UCI, etc.) It seems odd that the north county now wants to shift more burden unfairly on the City of Irvine.

Your letter also raised the issue of the ability of the groundwater basin to support projected growth levels. According to OCWD staff, replenishment of the basin can be readily increased to support the future production levels necessary to accommodate projected growth. The issue is not one of shortages, but one of fairness.

At the heart of this matter is the intent of some cities to now deny access to the groundwater resource for the remaining portions of OCWD member agencies, in order to keep water rates lower in certain established areas. This is a breach of OCWD's long-standing policy that the resource would be used in cooperation and not in competition. In effect, the change in policy would amount to a defacto adjudication of the groundwater basin which would lead to a costly adjudication and decades of battle to resolve basin production rights and accessibility.


The fundamental basic philosophy behind the OCWD Act is to assure that the basin can be managed and groundwater developed to a mutual benefit of all agencies within the boundary of the District. The concept is not one of limitation, the primary reason for adjudications elsewhere in Southern California, but one of managing for sufficiency. The "founding fathers" of OCWD realized in the early 1930's that a collaborative effort was essential and that open and hostile competition for individual pumping rights would be detrimental and extremely costly to all present and fixture users. That is why all users jointly share in the cost of the operations of the OCWD through both property taxes and collection of a replenishment assessment. Many facilities have been constructed in

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different areas of the basin, providing both local and regional benefits. All have allowed the expanded utilization of this valuable groundwater resource.

We urge that your City retract its resolution and instead support the OCWD Act and long-standing OCWD policy of uniformity of cost and access to groundwater, thus taking the broader, more important regional water management view that is essential to the long-term water and economic future of Orange County.

Sincerely,


PAUL BRADY, JR.
City Manager

PB/AH/MC:tf

- c: All Orange County Cities/Council Members
OCWD Retail Water District/Private Water Companies
Orange County Legislators
Orange County Water District
Allison Hart, Assistant City Manager
Mark Carroll, City Engineer
Rich Monroe, Senior Engineer



PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

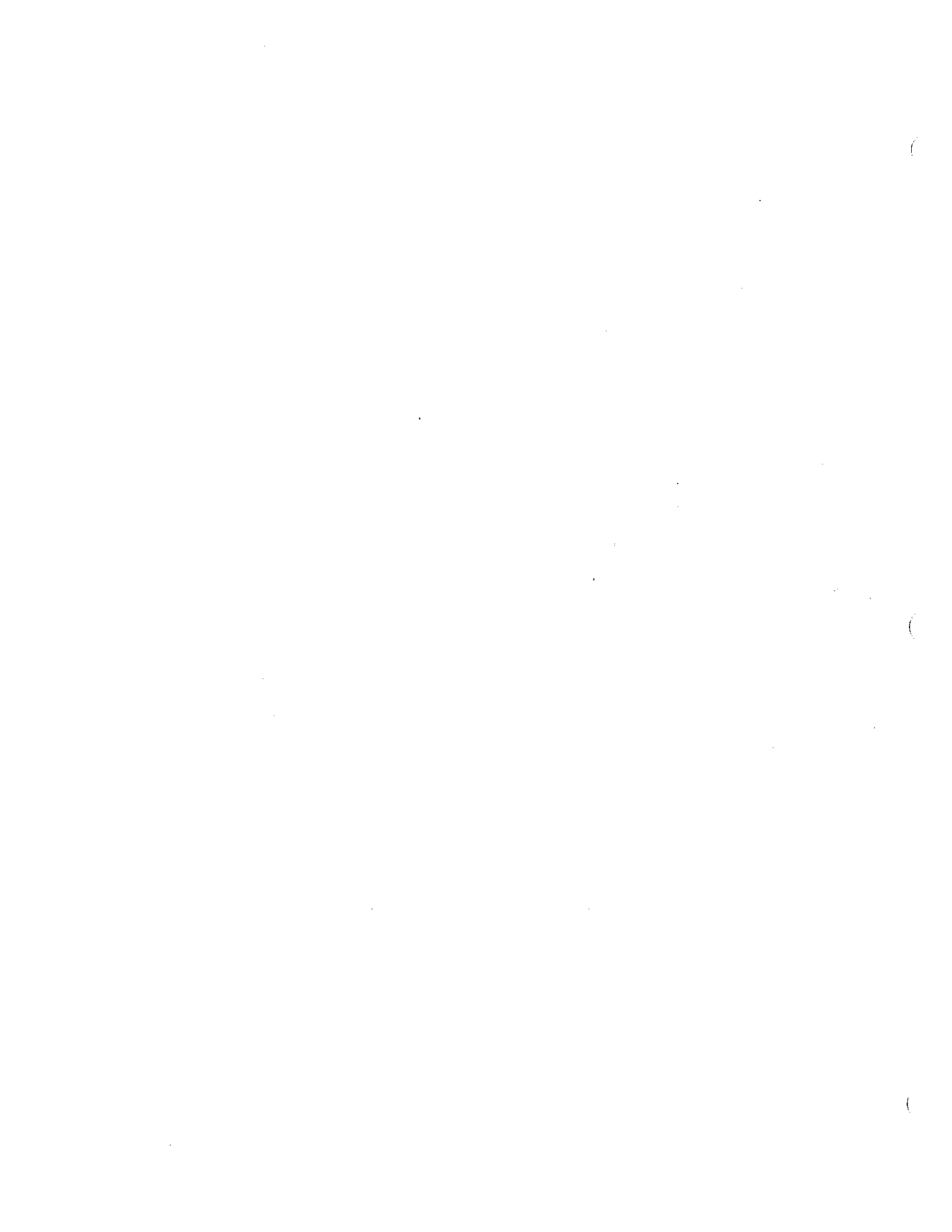
TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *edm*
SUBJECT: Status Report on Strategic Plan for Placentia Library District
DATE: April 21, 1998

BACKGROUND:

The presidents of the three Library organizations (Library Board, Friends and Foundation) met on March 18, 1998. A meeting scheduled for March 25 was canceled because one of the members was out of town. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

The Library Director met with the Facilitator, City Community Development Director Joyce Rosenthal, on March 30 to refine the agenda for the Joint Planning Workshop on Saturday, June 20.

Placentia Linda Hospital Meeting will not be able to host the planning session because of other commitments for its meeting room on June 20.



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Suad Ammar, Principal Librarian
DATE: April 21, 1998
SUBJECT: **Ratification of acceptance of History Alive: Chautauqua Program Grant from the California Council for the Humanities**

BACKGROUND:

The Library applied for and was awarded a grant from the California Council for the Humanities for a History Alive: Chautauqua Program for April 2 and 13, 1999.

The Council made only one award available for each California Assembly District during the duration of the "Rediscovering California at 150" California Sesquicentennial initiative (1998-2000). The Placentia Library was the recipient of this award.

As part of the "Rediscovering California at 150" California Sesquicentennial initiative, the California Council for the Humanities has created the History Alive! Chautauqua Program, which features in-person portrayals of thirteen of the most important figures of California Gold Rush era history.

Scholar/performer Sandra Kamusikiri will portray Bidy Mason, an African American woman prominent in the early urban history of Los Angeles, her story exemplifies how Californians struggled with issues of slavery in the 1850's.

The program will have three components:

A presentation at the Placentia Round Table Women's Club.

A presentation at the Library, for the Tynes Elementary School fourth grade students.

A presentation at the Library for the Friends' "Annual Meeting and 1999 National Library Week Program".

The Friends of the Library agreed to fund the performer's accommodations which are not covered by the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive & File

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*
SUBJECT: Trustee Handbook Revision
DATE: April 21, 1998

BACKGROUND:

Attachment A contains the text for the entire Trustee Handbook for Placentia Library District, incorporating the changes made at the December and January Board Meetings. The document was presented at the February Board Meeting and referred to the Library Director and Trustee Pappas for review.

This document should now be ready for final review, revision and adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review, Revise and Adopt



1 PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

2 MISSION STATEMENT

3 Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees

4 June 15, 1992

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6 To provide library services and materials that are responsive to the informational,
7 recreational, educational, and cultural needs of all member of the community.

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9 THE PURPOSE OF THE PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT IS TO:

- 10
- 11 • Acquire, organize and maintain a collection of print and non print materials to meet
12 the informational, recreational, educational, and cultural reading, listening and
13 viewing needs of the residents of the District and other eligible users.
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 - 15 • Provide qualified staff to assist the public with the use of the collection and the
16 information contained therein.
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 - 18 • Provide and operate a library facility that is free of physical barriers, to house the
19 collection and services, to provide reading and study space for users, and to provide
20 space for library and community programs.,
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 - 22 • Collect, preserve and maintain a collection of published and unpublished material
23 about the City of Placentia and contiguous communities, about current and prior
24 residents of Placentia, and published materials by authors who reside or have resided
25 in Placentia.
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1 PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 HANDBOOK
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6 I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY
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8 A. Definition of an Independent Special District
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10 Independent special districts are the most local form of government in the State of
11 California. There are over 2,000 independent special districts in California. They
12 provide many essential services to areas embracing both incorporated and unincorporated
13 territories, sometimes within and sometimes across county boundaries.
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15 In most cases independent special districts were organized by local citizens seeking
16 solutions to their many service and utility problems. The independent special districts
17 thus established created service areas not necessarily limited to, or encompassed by, the
18 other political boundaries of existing cities and counties. In the case of the Placentia
19 Library District there was neither a county library nor an incorporated city with which to
20 affiliate when the District was established on September 2, 1919.
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22 Today in the State of California there are five independent special library districts with
23 exclusively elected boards, and five more special district libraries that use school board
24 members as their governing body.
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26 B. History
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28 The Placentia Library District was formed in September 1919, pursuant to the Library
29 District Act of 1909 (California State Education Code, Chapter Four (4), Sections 27501
30 through 27707).

1 In 1926, the board started their first non-storefront library located on the northwest corner
2 of Bradford and Center. In 1927, they moved into the 4,500 square foot library. This
3 building was designed by Carlton Monroe Winslow of Los Angeles. At that time, the
4 population of the District was approximately 800 people.

5 September of 1974 saw the doors open to the present library at 411 East Chapman in the
6 Civic Center. The District joined the City in a joint-powers authority to construct the
7 28,800 square foot structure to serve a growing population of 31,000 people.

8 In 1966, the Placentia Library District worked in conjunction with the Yorba Linda
9 Library District and the Orange County Public Library to form the Santiago Library
10 System.

11 In 1974, Santiago Library System, in conjunction with local universities and colleges,
12 formed a network called Libraries of Orange County Network (LOCNET).

13 Membership in the System and Network provides an expanded source of books reference
14 services, audiovisual and technical processing for all patrons. Autonomy is still
15 maintained by each member library of the System.

16 Placentia Library District was the first public library in Orange County to sponsor and
17 operate a literacy program for adults.

18 C. Administration

19 The Placentia Library District is governed by a five member elected Board of Trustees.
20 The governing board promulgates policies and regulations for the District, as well as
21 establishing the budget for tax rate.

22 Memberships are maintained for the District in the California Special Districts
23 Association (CSDA) and the Orange County Volunteer Center. Staff memberships
24 include the American Library Association (ALA), California Library Association (CLA),
25 Public Library Executives Association of Southern California (PLEASC), Southern
26 California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN), and the National Society of Fundraising
27 Executives (NSFRE).

1 II. BOARD MEMBERS ARE TRUSTEES

2 A. Qualification of Library Trustees

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4 Service on a Board of Library Trustees constitutes a public trust. It carries with it the
5 responsibility to render faithful service, and to provide enlightened leadership, which will
6 promote the best library service the community, can afford.

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8 The Board of Library Trustees should be composed of men and women representing the
9 highest standards of the community. An ideal board member is an able and dedicated
10 person with integrity, imagination, and enthusiasm, a sense of humor, and love and
11 respect of books. Additional qualities, which will enhance the value of an individual as a
12 board member, are:

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14 1. Understanding of cultural, social and economic conditions in the
15 community.

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17 2. Appreciation of the role of the library as an educational center for the
18 whole community.

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20 3. Ability to help make the library appreciated and respected in the
21 community.

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23 4. Availability to give the time and effort required for board and committee
24 meetings.

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26 5. Willingness to keep informed on library trends, developments, and
27 progress so that the program will constantly grow according to modern
28 requirements.

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30 6. Willingness to present the library fiscal, building, and program needs to
31 appropriating bodies and the community.

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B. Authority

Libraries in unincorporated towns and villages may be established and operated under the Unincorporated Towns Library Act. This is found in the California Education Code, Sections 27501-27665. Upon the establishment of the library district, the Board of Trustees consisting of five members, is constituted and continued in the manner prescribed in the Education code.

C. Selection and Appointment

1. Election-Section 27601 of the Education Code in part, is amended to read: (8-20-74)

- a. Elections shall be held biennially, in the odd numbered years, at the General Election.
- b. The Trustees shall hold office for a term of four years beginning on the first Friday in December after their election, or in the case of names not appearing on the ballot, appointment by the Orange County Board of Supervisors

2. Vacancies of Unexpired Term-Notice of Vacancy is announced to the local newspapers and posted in three (3) conspicuous locations. Applications are available at the library director's office. The Library Board will screen all applications and make an appointment. The Orange County Board of Supervisors will be informed of the appointment. (Govt. Code 1780.)

D. Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and powers of boards of library trustees are set forth in the following section of the Education Code of California, libraries in unincorporated towns and villages, Sections 27501-27665.

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2 Generally, the board of library trustees is responsible for maintaining the total
3 effectiveness of the library service, and for keeping the public informed of the library's
4 policies, services, and needs. The board has a public relations responsibility to interpret
5 the library to the community it serves.

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7 The following duties and responsibilities are prescribed by law:

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- 9 1. The board manages the affairs of the library district. (In practice, the board
10 determines policy, and delegates administration to the director.)
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 - 12 2. The board meets at least once each month, with special meetings subject to
13 call by request of a majority of the board's membership, or by the president of
14 the board.
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 - 16 3. The board keeps a record of its proceedings.
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 - 18 4. The board makes and enforces rules and regulations necessary for the
19 administration and protection of libraries and library properties.
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 - 21 5. The board administers trusts, gifts and property received by the library, and
22 may, in some cases, dispose of property for the benefit of the library. It also
23 purchases, builds, or rents, and equips such real property as is necessary for
24 library operations.
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 - 26 6. The Board prescribes the duties and powers of the director and other
27 employees of the library, determines the number of and appoints all officers
28 and employees, and fixes their compensation. The officers and employees
29 hold their offices or positions at the pleasure of the board.
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1 7. The board purchases necessary library materials and other personal property.
 2 The board may borrow, lend and exchange books by arrangement with other
 3 libraries, and may allow non-residents to borrow books upon such conditions
 4 as may be prescribed.

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 6 8. The board delegates to the director the rendering of an annual report to the
 7 State Librarian on the condition of the library for the period ending June 30 of
 8 each year.

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 10 9. The board adopts a yearly budget with the advice and assistance of the
 11 director, presents the budget requirements to the appropriating body, and is
 12 prepared to explain and justify the allocation of amounts to be spent for the
 13 various items in the budget.

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 15 10. The board has the power to make a contract with a city or county for library
 16 service, and determine the compensation to be paid for such service.

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 18 11. The board of library trustees may do and perform any and all other acts and
 19 things necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of the Education Code
 20 relating to libraries.

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 22 E. Rules for Library Trustees

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 24 1. Each trustee should attend library board meetings regularly and carry his full
 25 share of responsibility. (Govt. Code 1770.)

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 27 2. All authority rests with a majority of the board. It must never be assumed by
 28 the president or any other member or group of members.

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- 1 3. After a policy or regulation has been adopted by a majority vote of the board,
2 it should receive the unanimous support of board members.
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- 5 4. The board is responsible for adequate financial support of the library and for
6 economical and efficient use of funds.
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- 9 5. The board should select a director who will merit and receive the confidence
10 of the board as a satisfactory administrator of the library.
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- 13 6. Directives and recommendations to the director should emanate from a
14 majority of the board at a regular or duly called special meeting.
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- 17 7. The director should attend board meetings except when his/her own salary or
18 other conditions of employment are being discussed.
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- 21 8. Complaints from the public, staff grievances, and other problems should be
22 taken up at a regular or duly called special meeting of the board. They should
23 not be handled by individual board members.
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- 26 9. News releases and other releases of information should be made by the
27 director or a designated board member. Confidential discussions of the board
28 in executive session should be respected.
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1 10. All meetings of the board shall be conducted under the laws pertaining to the
2 Brown Act. (Govt. Code 54950 to 54961.)
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5 III. BOARD ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES
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7 A. Officers
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9 The December Regular Meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting for the
10 purpose of nominating and electing the officers of the Board: the President and the
11 Secretary.
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13 The term of office shall be one year.
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15 The President and Secretary shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. In the event
16 no other member of the Board of Trustees is able to accept nomination to office, the
17 incumbent may continue in office until the next Annual Meeting when another member is
18 available to serve in the office.
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20 At the December Meeting the President will appoint two representatives from the Library
21 Board of Trustees to the Placentia Library Foundation Board of Trustees to serve for one
22 year.
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24 B. Duties of Officers
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26 President—The president of the board shall preside at all meetings, appoint all
27 committees, authorize call for any special meetings, certify (with the secretary) all
28 bills approved by the board, and generally perform the duties of a presiding officer.

29 Secretary—The secretary shall authenticate the proceedings of each board meeting,
30 write official letters on behalf of the board, and file copies of such letters with the

1 board's records. The secretary shall perform the duties of president in his/her
2 absence.

3 C. Meetings

4 The board of library trustees shall meet at least once a month at such time and place as
5 may be decided by the board. At the request of any three members, special meetings may
6 be called with 24 hours notice, which notice shall be written, posted, and delivered to all
7 board members.

8 1. Minutes of Meetings: A true and accurate account of all proceedings of board
9 meetings shall be recorded by the secretary or by one appointed by the board
10 from library staff for this specific purpose. All motions shall be recorded as
11 stated, and their adoption or rejection shall be shown in the minutes. The
12 minutes shall be sent to board members prior to the next meeting.

13 2. Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority
14 of the members of the board.

15 D. Duties of the Director

16 As the chief administrative officer of the library, the director is responsible for the
17 management of the library within the framework of the policies adopted by the board.

18 1. The director is responsible for preparing the annual budget request for
19 adoption by the library board, and for administering the budget after its
20 approval.

21 2. The director is in charge of library personnel, and handles such matters as
22 staff appointments, assignments of duties, service standards, promotions and
23 transfers, approval of salary increments in conformity with classification and
24 pay plans, staff development and morale, disciplinary actions, and any
25 necessary dismissal of employees.

- 1 3. The director is ultimately responsible for selecting books and other library
2 materials.
- 3 4. The director is responsible for developing a program of public relations
4 according to the community's needs.
- 5 5. The director is responsible for preparing an annual report and forwarding it to
6 the State Librarian to comply with the state law.

7 In the advisory capacity of professional expert to the board, the director is responsible for
8 attending board meetings (except when matters relating to the position of director are
9 under consideration), for recommending policies, programs, and changes, and for
10 conducting such investigations and making such reports as the board may from time to
11 time require.

12 E. The Library Board and the Director

13 The closest cooperation and harmony should be maintained between the library board and
14 the director. Each should keep the other fully informed of major decisions and actions.

15 As a body elected by the community, the library board maintains the ultimate authority
16 for the library:

- 17 1. It informs itself about general library objectives and makes plans for the
18 management of the library in the light of these objectives.
- 19 2. It establishes policies and resolutions in regard to: (a) finances, including the
20 acquisition of funds; (b) property; (c) library equipment and materials; (d)
21 personnel; (e) services, including rules and regulations; and (f) public
22 relations.
- 23 3. It selects and appoints a qualified director in whom it has confidence and to
24 whom it gives full support and encouragement to serve as the manager and
25 administrator of the library.

1 F. Miscellaneous

2 1. Telephone credit cards may be issued to each trustee for the purpose of
3 carrying on library business from home or office as required.

4 2. To encourage participation in library related activities; the District will
5 reimburse expenses incurred for travel, meals, lodging and conference fees.
6 The library board can be requested to give advance approval for
7 reimbursement.

8 3. Memberships for trustees in professional associations for public library
9 trustees and independent special district directors, are paid for by the District.
10 These provide the trustees with periodicals and bulletins to keep them aware
11 of library and special district activities within the state.

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13 IV PLACENTIA LIBRARY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

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15 A. Definition and Purpose

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17 Two independent, not-for-profit organizations have been established by Library
18 supporters to supplement the Library's revenue, public relations activities, programs, and
19 volunteer recruitment. Both of these organizations are certified as non-profit
20 corporations by the California Secretary of State, and have been granted 501 (c) (3) status
21 by the Internal Revenue Service. This means that donations to both of these
22 organizations are tax deductible. Both organization are managed by Boards of Directors
23 which are self-perpetuating and operate in close cooperation with, but administratively
24 independent of, the Library Board of Trustees. The Library Director is an *ex officio*
25 member of both Boards of Directors. Placentia's public library is designated as the sole
26 beneficiary of the activities of both of these organizations. The Library provides
27 administrative support to both of these organizations through the active participation of
28 the Library Director, Administrative Assistant, and Volunteer Coordinator.

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1 B. Friends of Placentia Library

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3 The Friends of Placentia Library was established in 1968. Its mission is to foster closer
4 relations between the Placentia Library and the citizens of Placentia, and to support the
5 functions, resources and needs of the Library.

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7 The Friends of Placentia Library is a membership organization. It conducts day-to-day
8 fundraising through book sales, membership contributions, and special events to fund
9 current-year programs and projects for the Library. The Friends conducts an annual
10 Author's Brunch in support of the Adopt-A-Book program of Placentia Library
11 Foundation.

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13 Friends of Placentia Library grants and gifts to the Library are coordinated through the
14 Library Director.

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16 The Library Board of Trustees sends a representative to each Friends of Placentia Library
17 Board Meeting to encourage the Friends in its activities, and to keep an open channel of
18 communication between the two boards. The Friends of Placentia Library President or a
19 designated representative is encouraged to attend and make a report at each Library
20 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.

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22 The Board of Directors of the Friends of Placentia Library appoints one of its members to
23 the Placentia Library Foundation Board of Directors.

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25 C. Placentia Library Foundation

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27 Placentia Library Foundation was established in 1994. Its mission is to ensure the future
28 provision of resources and services at Placentia Library District through building and
29 managing endowment and capital funds, and providing grants to the Placentia Library
30 District from these funds. Specific programs supported by the Foundation include: The
31 Library's collection of books, magazines and audiovisual materials; the Library's

1 reference and information services; the Library's facilities and equipment; and special
2 Library projects.

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4 Placentia Library Foundation is not a membership organization. It raises money through
5 an annual giving campaign for individuals and corporations, and a planned giving
6 program. The main projects of Placentia Library Foundation are the Adopt-A-Book
7 program for the purchase of current-year books and magazines, and the Book
8 Endowment Program for long term financial security. The Foundation offers named
9 endowment programs designed around each donor's specifications. The Foundation also
10 seeks grants in support of Library programs, services, and facilities.

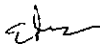
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12 Placentia Library Foundation grants and gifts to the Library are coordinated through the
13 Library Director.

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15 The Library Board of Trustees appoints at its December annual meeting each year, two
16 (2) representatives to the Placentia Library Foundation Board of Directors. The Friends
17 of Placentia Library Board of Directors appoints one (1) representative to the Placentia
18 Library Foundation Board of Directors. The Placentia Library Foundation Board of
19 Directors appoints additional directors for terms of office specified in the By-laws of the
20 Foundation.

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director 
SUBJECT: Review Library Revenue Issues, including whether to renew the services contract with California Advocates for legislative information services; and continue the discussion of the feasibility of Library Parcel Tax ballot issue reductions.
DATE: April 21, 1998

BACKGROUND:

Library Revenue Issues

At its Meeting on April 15, 1997, the Board requested that an item for the discussion of Library Revenue Issues be included on each Agenda.

1. Property Tax

Additional activity in this area is not expected until after the May revised budget has been issued by the Governor's Office. It is rumored that the budget surplus will be larger than originally anticipated.

Trustee Jean Pappas and Library Director Minter are scheduled to attend the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Government Affairs Day in Sacramento on Monday, April 27. Buena Park will be represented by Library Director McGregor and several Trustees.

2. State Funds

Library Board President Peggy Dinsmore and Library Director Minter are scheduled to attend the California Library Association Legislative Day in Sacramento on Tuesday, May 5.

The California Library Association is lobbying heavily for an increase in the Public Library Fund.

3. Local Revenues

Staff is continuing to investigate a new vendor for delinquent accounts collection services.

Parcel Tax Election Considerations

A report from the Monterey Park Parcel Tax Election is Attachment A.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Give direction for future action.

lindalwilson@juno.c, 01:05 AM 4/17/199, MEASURE C

From: lindalwilson@juno.com
To: bcusten@mclsys.org
Subject: MEASURE C
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Agenda Item 31
Attachment A

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement on Tuesday. Tuesday night we thought we had lost the election. At 9:30 all the precincts were counted and we had 66.4% of the vote which meant we lost by 26 votes. There were about 100 provisional ballots and absentee ballots turned in at the polls which were yet to be counted. They had to be sent to the County Clerk to verify that the signatures were correct and the people had not voted more than once. I did not think we stood a chance as we had to have 2/3rds of the ballots cast plus 26 votes to make up for the storage from the precincts. The other absentee ballots had only had 65 % Yes. I had not idea what to expect on the provisional ballots. Well I know love provisional ballots (those are ballots of people who vote in a precinct which is not their own - There are other reasons, but that is the main one that a ballot is considered provisional). There were 45 provisional ballots and of those 41 were Yes. There were 45 absentee ballots turned in at the polls. Of those 33 were Yes, 11 were No and 1 was blank. We ended up passing the tax measure with 66.8439% of the vote. Out of 3,574 ballots cast there were 2,389 Yes and 1,185 No. About 15 percent of the registered voters voted. The tax measure is \$25 for individual homes and condos, \$75 for owners of mult-unit apartment complexes and \$75 for owners of business property. The tax would go for 20 years and would increase the library by 40 percent by adding a second story over the part of the library which was built in 1980. Tentative plans call for the Children's and LAMP Literacy Program to use the new space. The Tax Measure would also fund Sunday hours, more money for books and a new roof over the old part of the library.

If you have any questions, do give me a call (626) 307-1418 or e-mail me. I plan to do a broadcast message tomorrow to all MCLS libraries.

Patsy Springer at Mark Keppel High School is unable to attend the April 30th MCLS Annual Meeting, but she wants to become an associate member of MCLS.

Sincerely,
Linda Wilson

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April 20, 1998

To: **All Orange County Cities in the Subcommittee of Orange County Cities ("The Subcommittee")**

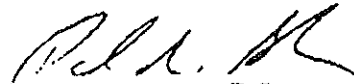
Re: In Re County of Orange / LeBouef Settlement
Case No. SA-94-22272-JR

Dear Orange County Cities and Counsel for Orange County Cities:

As you know, last week Tom Hayes issued a press release reporting on a tentative settlement with LeBouef for \$45 million. Accounts of the settlement were widely reported in the newspapers. Many of you have inquired as to the status of the settlement and the of timing and amount of any payments to the Cities and other Pool Participants. This letter will provide an update on these issues.

First, although there is an agreement in principle, the settlement has not yet been reduced to writing and will require court approval. The approval process could take up to two years and no distributions will be made until final approval is obtained.

Second, a schedule is being prepared by Price Waterhouse of potential distributions from the LeBouef settlement. However, that schedule is not yet available. As soon as it is, it will be disseminated to the Cities, hopefully within the next few days. If you have any questions concerning this letter, the schedule or the status of the LeBouef settlement, please call Paul Glassman at 310/312-9505.



Paul R. Glassman P.C.

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Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp

PRG:cp

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *edm*
SUBJECT: Performance Review for Library Director
DATE: April 21, 1998

BACKGROUND:

A copy of the Executive Management Evaluation Form was distributed at the March 17 Board Meeting. Each Trustee is to submit his/her Form to the Library Board President at the April Board Meeting.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 a closed session will be held to discuss the evaluation and give the Board President direction for preparation of the evaluation report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Action as directed from the Closed Session.

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*
SUBJECT: Preparation for voting at a meeting of the Special Districts Selection Committee on Thursday, April 30, 1998
DATE: April 21, 1998

BACKGROUND:

Attachment A is the Notice of Election for the Special Districts Selection Committee.

Trustee Masters is the Board's delegate to the Selection Committee but when he agreed to serve it was with the understanding that the elections had always been held at an evening meeting.

The date of the LAFCO election conflicts with both the State forum for library trustees and the Santiago Library System Annual Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Determine who will represent the Board at the election and give direction for balloting.

April 13, 1998

CHAIRMAN
RANDAL J. BRESSETTE
COUNCILMAN
CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

TO: Presiding Officers of Orange County's Independent Special Districts (Special District Selection Committee Members)

VICE-CHAIRMAN
CHARLES V. SMITH
SUPERVISOR
FIRST DISTRICT

FROM: Dana M. Smith, Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission

DAVID BORAN
REPRESENTATIVE OF
GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT: Meeting Scheduled for Balloting for Regular and Alternate Special District Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

PETER HERZOG
MAYOR
CITY OF LAKE FOREST

A meeting of the **SPECIAL DISTRICTS SELECTION COMMITTEE** has been called for:

JOHN B. WITHERS
DIRECTOR
IRVINE RANCH WATER
DISTRICT

April 30, 1998 at 12:00 p.m.

at

WILLIAM G. STEINER
SUPERVISOR
FOURTH DISTRICT

MWDOC (board hearing room)
10500 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley

ROBERT J. HUNTLEY
DIRECTOR
MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT

**THIS MEETING REPLACES THE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
NOTICE OF MARCH 11, 1998**

ALTERNATE
SUSAN WILSON
REPRESENTATIVE OF
GENERAL PUBLIC

At this meeting, ballots will be distributed for election of the **Regular and Alternate Special District Member** to the Local Agency Formation Commission. The Special Districts Selection Committee is made up of the presiding officer of each independent special district within Orange County. As the presiding officer of your district, if you cannot attend this meeting your board may designate one of its members to attend and vote in your place (Gov. Code Sec. 56332(b)). In this instance, proof indicating board action should be provided prior to balloting. Nominations will be accepted, in accordance with the "Adopted Rules of Procedures" until Monday April 20, 1998.

ALTERNATE
TOM HARMAN
COUNCILMAN
CITY OF HUNTINGTON
BEACH

Nominations for the regular member position submitted are:

ALTERNATE
PHILIP L. ANTHONY
DIRECTOR
ORANGE COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT

John Withers, Irvine Ranch Water District (incumbent)
Jack Rosenthal, Rossmoor / Los Alamitos Area Sewer District
Russell C. Paris, Midway City Sanitation District
Robert "Bob" Hanson, El Toro Water District
Michael F. Safranski, Trabuco Water District

ALTERNATE
TODD SPITZER
SUPERVISOR
THIRD DISTRICT

DANA M. SMITH
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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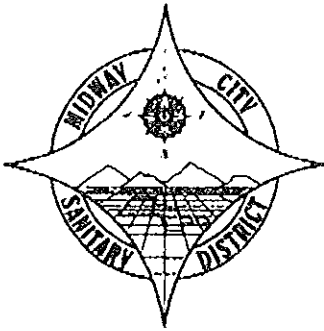
Nominations for the alternate member position submitted are:

Philip L. Anthony, Orange County Water District (incumbent)
William J. (Bill) Goodwin, Los Alisos Water District
Grace P. Epperson, Midway City Sanitation District

The meeting will be called to order at 12:00. Candidates will be provided an opportunity to address the voting members. Balloting will immediately follow. An agenda and Candidate resumes and statements will be mailed to you seven days prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 834-2556.

Grace P. Epperson
James V. Evans
Joy L. Neugebauer
Russell C. Paris
Margie L. Rice



TO: Independent Special Districts of Orange County

FROM: Board of Directors of the Midway City Sanitary District

DATE: April 1, 1998

**SUBJECT: Vacancy for a Regular and Alternate Special Districts
LAFCO Representative**

The Board of Directors of the Midway City Sanitary District opposes the election by mail proposed by LAFCO to fill the special district seat vacancy for one regular and one alternate representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission. LAFCO has informed ISDOC member districts that a ballot and voting instructions will be forwarded to each independent special district following the close of nominations on April 9th. Each member of the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee will then be entitled to one vote for the regular and alternate position.

We urge all member districts to oppose this election by mail and support an election at an open meeting. Our District representative, Joy Neugebauer, will attend the next meeting of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County seeking your support.

Thank you.

Del Boyer
General Manager



**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
OF BILL GOODWIN
FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS ALTERNATE MEMBER
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

Dear ISDOC member:

My name is Bill Goodwin, Director of Los Alisos Water District. I have lived in Orange County and worked in the local civil engineering field for over 20 years. Our county has changed, but special districts still play a vital role. I am seeking the Special District Representative position to insure that the value of these focused agencies is not lost to rhetoric.

My long standing involvement in local governance, will provide credibility with the other board members and staff. I have demonstrated my understanding of special district concerns and issues through my active role on the LAFCO Special Districts Technical Advisory Committee. My concern for the future of smaller districts was one reason for my election as an Association of California Water Agencies Region X (Orange and San Diego Counties) Representative.

I believe special districts can benefit from increased communication. As chair of the Los Alisos Water District Engineering Committee, I participated in a three district cost savings task force. The recommendations of the task force resulted in cost savings for all three districts through greater cooperation in purchasing and operations.

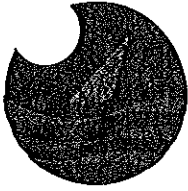
I am a Principal of PENCO Engineering, Inc., a consulting firm located in Irvine. I live in Lake Forest with Moira, my wife of eleven years, and our three children. I am an AYSO referee and chief of my son's YMCA Indian Guide tribe.

Other activities include the Lake Forest Community Pride Council, the American Public Works Association, Orange County Water Association, APWA Career Outreach Program and Rotary International.

An advocate of special districts, I do understand City issues of annexation and new incorporations. I have served as contract City Engineer in the City of Villa Park, Deputy City Engineer of Lake Forest and Assistant District Engineer of Trabuco Canyon Water District. I became a Charter Associate Member of the California Association of LAFCOs in the early 90's. I have professionally followed incorporation and annexation issues in Orange County since 1990.

As your Special District Representative, I will be a credible, practical and effective voice on the Local Agency Formation Commission. I ask that you vote for me, Bill Goodwin, at the ISDOC meeting on April 30 to be your representative.

If you have any questions, please call me at (714) 753-8111 or (714) 951-2561, or E-mail me at bgoodwin@integrityonline7.com.



rossmoor/los alamitos
area sewer district

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board of directors:

arlyss m. burkett
art debolt
joseph c. martin
william c. poe
jack w. rosenthal

April 16, 1998

legal counsel:

woodruff, spradlin & smart

engineer:

boyle engineering corp.

general manager:

sandra l. montez

Board of Directors
Placentia Library District
411 East Chapman Avenue
Placentia, CA 92670

Re: Election of Regular Member for Special Districts to LAFCO

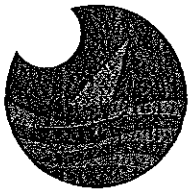
The Board of Directors of the Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District has unanimously nominated Director Jack W. Rosenthal as a candidate for the position of Regular Member for Special Districts to LAFCO.

Enclosed is a list of Mr. Rosenthal's qualifications for the position along with a statement of why he desires a seat on LAFCO.

It would be appreciated if your Board would consider Jack as a candidate for this position when you place your ballot.

Sincerely,

Art DeBolt
President of the Board



rossmoor/los alamitos area sewer district

board of directors:

arlyss m. burkett
art debolt
joseph c. martin
william c. poe
jack w. rosenthal

legal counsel:

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engineer:

boyle engineering corp.

general manager:

sandra l. montez

BIOGRAPHY

JACK W. ROSENTHAL

Jack Rosenthal has served as a Director of the Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District (formerly the Los Alamitos County Water District) since 1993. He has served the District in the capacity of President and 1st and 2nd Vice President.

During his tenure as a Director of the District, Mr. Rosenthal has been actively involved in the planning and construction of a mile long sewer line for the California Army National Reserve Guard at their Los Alamitos Base. He has implemented a growth in the reserves of the District without any new taxes or user fees.

Jack has a Certificate of Completion from the Special District Board Management Institute. In 1996 he ran for a seat on the Orange County Water District Board and although unsuccessful, secured over 13,000 votes making it a close race.

Jack Rosenthal has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Indiana Institute of Technology, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Masters of Business Administration Degree in Finance from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California, and is a Certified Permitting Professional for the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He is also a Competent Toastmaster.

Mr. Rosenthal is the owner of his own business, Energy Dynamics, a firm involved with consulting electrical engineering and energy management. Energy Dynamics has been in business since 1990. Mr. Rosenthal is also a Management Consultant for Operations with Alexander Grant, Certified Public Accountants.

Attached is a statement from Jack concerning his reasons for seeking a seat on LAFCO.

REASON FOR DESIRING A SEAT ON OC LAFCO

I have gained special district experience during my tenure at the sewer district which can be applied in other special districts, city government and county government. As a commissioner of LAFCO, I would make the best decisions for the people being served by the district, city or county agency. I believe this difficult position should be filled with the best qualified candidates. I offer my business, engineering and special district experience. Thanks for your support in the upcoming election.

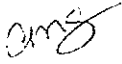
Sincerely,

/s/ Jack W. Rosenthal

Director, Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
 FROM: Suad Ammar, Principal Librarian *SA*
 DATE: April 21, 1998
 SUBJECT: Program Committee Report for the Month of March 1998

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT		
PROGRAM STATISTICS		
DEPARTMENT	MARCH 1998	
	# of Programs	#of Attendees
<i>ADULT SERVICES</i>		
Gold Rush	3	56
Common Ground	1	42
Art Education	1	18
<i>LITERACY SERVICES</i>		
Conversation Group	8	32
Citizenship Exam	1	9
<i>CHILDREN'S SERVICES</i>		
Class Visits	4	82

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Cyrise Smith, Children's Librarian 
DATE: April 21, 1998
SUBJECT: March activities in the Children's Department

Programming- There were no programs in the month of March.

Class/Group visits- Class visits from local schools continued. 4 classes visited the library this month, with a total of 88 children using the library and its services. One Cub scout troop and one Daisy troop made visits to the library with a total of 17 children taking a tour and instruction on how to use the on-line catalog. One of the classes and the Daisy troop had a short storytime as part of the library tour.

Summer Reading Program- Planning for the Summer Reading Program continues. Volunteers have begun work on this summer's bulletin board. Letters to local businesses soliciting prizes and donations have been sent out. McDonald's have given us 100 award certificates good for a free hamburger, Camelot Golfland has supplied 1000 passes for a free miniature golf game, and Golden Spoon Yogurt has donated 1000 award certificates good for a free yogurt. Both the Camelot and Golden Spoon donations will be used as weekly incentive prizes for Summer Reading Program participants.

Community Sponsored Programs- The In-N-Out Burger reading program "Feed Your Imagination" continued through March. This program encourages children to read by awarding a bookmark that can be redeemed for a burger, fries, and drink for each set of 5 books read. Children can earn up to three bookmarks each. Totals for the In-N-Out reading program will be given in the May board report, as the program ends April 13th.

Other Programs- In support of National Library Week (April 19 - 25), the library is sponsoring an art contest for children Kindergarten through 6th grade. The art contest has been tied into the California Sesquicentennial. The theme of the art contest is "Connect with History, Mine for Gold at Placentia Library" and requires participants to submit artwork depicting a scene about the California Gold Rush. 22 Children have entered the art contest and will be eligible for judging. Stop by the Children's department and see the great job our teen volunteers did of setting up the art contest display and all the great entries from Placentia school children. Officer John Somoya with the Placentia D.A.R.E. unit, Virginia Bannister with the Placentia Art Association, and Tara Lyn Brown, this year's Miss Placentia have agreed to be celebrity judges for the event. As prizes for the contest, each winner will receive a mouse pad with his/her winning art on it. Copies of each winning entry will also be made into mouse pads to be used at the public access computer stations in the library. The children's department would like to thank Suzanne Pedulla, Manager of the Kinko's Fullerton II store, for supplying and creating the mousepads as a donation to the library.



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Cheryl Willauer, Library Assistant
DATE: April 21, 1998
SUBJECT: Publicity materials produced for March 1998

Information on the Placentia Library cable channel #53:

1. Placentia Library Trustees.
2. Library Hours.
3. Afghan for sale at Circulation Desk.
4. Placentia Library hosting forum on Contested Values: Tug of war in the schoolyard.
5. Literacy asking for volunteers to take the tutor training program.
6. Placentia Library Literacy Services offering INS-approved citizenship examination.
7. Friends of Placentia Library bookstore and on going sale in lobby.
8. Storytimes and lapsit programs for children.
9. Easter Sunday closing.
10. Asking ConAgra Employees to contact Library.

Newspaper articles published:

1. Brunch Proceeds to Benefit Library.
2. Placentia Library Literacy Services awarded money by the California Literacy Campaign.
3. Cyrise Smith completes Master Degree in Library Science
4. Ann Padgett discusses Art in Childrens Literature at the Placentia Library.
5. Library to host forum on values, education.
6. Understanding Living Trusts Seminar to be held at Placentia Library.
7. Resident named fund-raiser chairwomen and supporter of Friends of Placentia Library.
8. Committee named to study plans for relocation of main Orange Library.

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Orange County
Bowl for Kids' Sake
Benefit. Details TBA. The Concourse, Anaheim.
Contact Karla Paz. 714/544-7773.

Laguna Art Museum

1998 Patriots' Day Parade: The Art of Freedom
Laguna Beach's 32nd annual parade will feature
winning float design from the museum's competi-
tion. Laguna Beach streets. Contact 714/494-
8531.

***Muscular Dystrophy Association

Gift of Hope

Sebastian Paul Musco of Gemini Industries will
be honored at this black tie dinner and auction
6 p.m. \$125. 500 guests. Hyatt Regency, Irvine.
Contact Annamaria Antoni. 714/550-0161.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra (PSO)

Family concert: Top Secret in Nature

Concert. 10 and 11:30 a.m. \$10-\$12. The Cen-
ter, Costa Mesa. Contact 714/755-5799.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra (PSO)

*Classical Connections Series: Shostakovich's
Fifth Symphony*

Concert. Carlsbad, Calif. conductor. 3:30 p.m. Ticket
varies. The Center, Costa Mesa. Tickets. 714-
755-5799

***Placentia Library, Friends of

1998 Author's Brunch

Best-selling Orange County mystery novelist,
Barbara Seranella, to speak. She is author of *No
Human Involved*. Book signing, raffle and auc-
tion of Princess Diana Beanie Baby Bears. Ben-
efits library book budget. Chair: Pat Trot. 10 a.m.
\$25. 250 guests. Alta Vista Country Club,
Placentia. Contact: Elizabeth Minter. 714/528-
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**Brunch Proceeds
to Benefit Library**

An "author's brunch" to raise
money to buy new books for
Placentia Library will take place
at 10 a.m. Saturday at Alta Vista
Country Club, 777 Alta Vista St.

Featured will be Barbara Ser-
anella, the Laguna Beach author
of "No Human Involved."

The event is hosted by the
Friends of Placentia Library.
Tickets cost \$25 each and may be
purchased at the library at 411 E.
Chapman Ave. in the Civic Cen-
ter complex. Information: (714)
528-1925, Ext. 203.

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DID YOU KNOW: (a.k.a. DYK):

The Placentia Library District
was awarded \$6,500 by the Cali-
fornia Literacy Campaign to
use in their literacy programs?
And some more DYK: the li-
brary raised over \$30,000 on its
own to qualify for the Literary
Campaign Grant. Thank you,
each and every generous con-
tributor. Congratulations to Cyr-
ise Smith who recently complet-
ed her master's degree in li-
brary science at Cal State San
Jose. No, she didn't commute.
San Jose offers the degree pro-
gram through Cal State Full-
erton.

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**Library friends plan
author's brunch**

The Friends of the Placentia
Library is hosting a 1998 Au-
thor's Brunch to benefit the li-
brary's book budget at 10 a.m.
Saturday at the Alta Vista Coun-
try Club, 777 Alta Vista Street.

The featured author will be
Barbara Seranella, who is one of
Orange County's best selling
mystery novelists.

Tickets for the brunch are \$25,
and may be purchased at the cir-
culation desk at the library. Call
528-1925, extension 203.

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Donna Padgett discusses Art in Children's Literature at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. 7 p.m. Free. (714) 528-1906.

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Placentia Library: "The Art in Children's Literature" presented by Donna Padgett, 7 p.m. Monday, 411 Chapman Ave., Placentia. For further information, call (714) 528-1906.

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Forum to Address Values in Schools

What values should children be learning in public schools?

That question will be addressed at a community forum Tuesday at Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave., in the Civic Center complex.

The 7 p.m. forum, "Contested Values: Tug of War in the School Yard," is hosted by the library and the League of Women Voters of North Orange County. It is part of the Common Ground series held at Southern California libraries through April. Admission is free.

Information and registration: (714) 528-1906, Ext. 207.
—DEBRA CANO

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Library to host forum on values, education

The Placentia Library and the League of Women Voters of North Orange County will host a community forum this month on

"Contested Values: Tug-of-War in the School Yard."

The public is invited to attend the discussion, which will concentrate on the values children should learn in public schools. It will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 31 at the library, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

The forum is part of the Common Ground Series to be held at 21 public libraries in Southern California this spring. Parent groups, community-based organizations, church groups and the community members are encouraged to attend. For information or to reserve a space, call the library at 528-1906, ext. 209.

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A Pleasant Place

A Pleasant Place is devoted to two pieces of good news each week. If you have any ideas or items, call 704-3705 or fax them to Placentia News-Times, 704-3714.

Resident named fund-raiser chairwoman

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Sue Markham knows the recipe for success. The 10-year Placentia resident was recently named co-chairwoman of the North Orange County YWCA's sixth annual "Chocolate Fantasy" — a casino night fund-raiser to be held March 20 at the Hyatt Regency Alicante Hotel in Anaheim.



MARKHAM

"Chocolate, shopping and gambling are most people's loves," Markham said. "This very much capitalizes on that."

Markham got involved in the YWCA a little more than three years ago, when a friend suggested she apply for the residential board program. She is also an active member of the Placentia Methodist Church and a Friends of the Placentia Library supporter.

Today, the insurance claims adjuster says she spends "way too much time" helping to coordinate the upcoming event, although she really doesn't mean it.

"It's important," she said. Proceeds from "Chocolate Fantasy" will help provide low-cost housing, counseling and job training for women entering the job market. It will also help pay for low-cost or free breast cancer screening and recovery services, a child-development/cay care center in Fullerton, and job placement and counseling services. Organizers expect to raise about \$20,000 from the event.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be ordered through the YWCA at 871-4488. They will also be sold at the door.

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■ Understanding Living Trusts
Sponsor/Group: Attorney Scott A. Bourdelais
Where: Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave.
Time: 2 p.m.
Admission: Free
Information/Reservations: (714) 541-9569

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Education forum to address teaching of values at school

The Placentia Library and League of Women Voters will host a community forum Tuesday about values and whether public schools should promote them.

"Contested Values: Tug-of-War in the School Yard" is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. at the library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. The public is invited to take part in the discussion. Admission is free. Call 528-1906 to reserve a space.

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Committee named to study plans for relocation of main Orange library

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The Orange City Council has formally designated three members of a volunteer group that had been studying possible plans for relocation of the city's Main Library as an Ad Hoc Advisory Planning Committee for the long range Library Master Plan for parking and the library facility.

Council members unanimously approved a motion by Mayor Joanne Coontz to charge the trio with the goal of attaining a high quality facility at reasonable costs.

Its members are Randy Bosch, an architect and chairman of the City Planning Commission; Bill Cathcart, a former planning commissioner and a landscape and space planner who recently received a law degree from

Chapman University; and Doy Henley, a prominent Orange County businessman noted for fund-raising activities for non-profit institutions.

The study committee has concluded that the Bank of America property across Chapman St. from City Hall recently purchased by the city can support all parking that would be required for a new Main Library and ancillary uses.

Access would be from conversions of a portion of Center St. to conserve and preserve neighborhood life on the street north of the library as well as provide a new main entrance for the facility.

The concept calls for construction of a parking structure which could be accommodated within

overall funding of the library on an economical basis.

The Bank of America site also would provide opportunity for retail or community activities on the Chapman Ave. frontage to assist in a design that would be complementary to the adjacent Royer Mansion, connect to downtown Orange and draw the library closer to the Plaza core.

Retail uses could help offset the costs of the parking structure, the study committee said.

The property between Center St. and Shaffer St., including the existing Main Library site, Edwards House and the Holland Building could accommodate a new library with a footprint of about 33,000 square feet not in-

cluding landscape setbacks.

This, the committee noted, would provide adequate separation and protection of houses to the north as well as set up a good streetscape that connects to the area to the east and south.

Three options were listed:

1--Move the Main Library offsite as soon as possible into leased facilities which would involve a large cost.

2--Continue use of the existing Main Library without improvements. The committee found this to be unacceptable because of constraints on meeting the needs of patrons, the poor conditions under which the staff has to operate, and life, safety and health concerns.

Over the time necessary to raise

funds and prepare for construction of a new Main Library, the committee said, the city could spend significant funds on needed repairs to the present structure's roof, water leaks, air conditioning, safety improvements, etc.

3--Perform the interim improvements. The site should be cleared at the time of construction of a new library rather than trying to phase around the existing facility.

The committee added "Keeping the library in place as an interim facility could be a sound move for the City, given that it may be the least cost option, keeps services intact, and recognizes that several years will be necessary to do a full funding raising effort for the new library."

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Katie Matas, Literacy Coordinator *KLM*
DATE: April 21, 1998
SUBJECT: **Placentia Library Literacy Services Report for the month of March**

Program Statistics

Active tutors: 53
Active students: 61
Students waiting to be matched: 19
Percentage of tutors reporting (March hours): 94%
Tutoring hours reported: 295
Other volunteer hours reported: 103
Total volunteer hours: 398

Citizenship Exam. The citizenship exam was administered Saturday, March 21, 1998. Nine people took the exam. The next exam is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 1998.

Conversation Groups. Twice-weekly conversation groups for adults who wish to improve their English conversation skills continued to meet each Sunday and Wednesday throughout the month.

Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN). The March 12, 1998 meeting of SCLLN was held in Santa Fe Springs and was attended by Board President Dinsmore and Literacy Coordinator Matas. The featured speaker for the meeting was Meg Schofield, literacy coordinator from Chula Vista Library. Ms. Schofield presented information about her "Tutoring Techniques" videos.

Other Networking Activities. Literacy Coordinator Matas represented PLLS at the Placentia Community Network.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 24, 1998
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: 5:04 P.M.
- II. Members Attending: Jerry Conn
Katie Matas
Esther Guzman
- Members Absent: Cindy McClain

III. Old Business

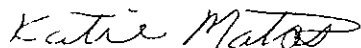
1. The rain gutter along the east wall of the library was full of debris causing water to be forced into the building during the rain. The gutter has been cleaned, and ceiling tiles damaged by the water will be replaced after the rainy season.

IV. New Business

none

The next meeting will be April 29, 1998 at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Matas

