

County General Services Association

Fall Business Meeting – December 3, 2015
Burbank

IN ATTENDANCE:

Name	County	Email/Contact
April Heinze	San Diego	april.heinze@sdcounty.ca.gov
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Matt Pontes	Santa Barbara	mpontes@countyofsb.org
Paul Young	Ventura	PAUL.Young@ventura.org

Special thanks to the Ventura folks for planning the event!!!

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES:

Introduction provided by April Heinze, President

Presentation provided by the United States Postal Service (USPS) at the suggestion of Paul Grossgold.
Topics / comments are as follows:

- The USPS has business consultants available to meet with counties to assist counties in better utilizing their services.
- They have a program called “every door direct mail” with a much lower cost than regular mail.
- They also have a program called Automated Business Reply Mail that may make sense in some cases and you are charged only for the replies the sender actually receives back.
- Many, many details were provided ranging over some rather complex mailing scenarios; it is recommended that counties engage the services of the USPS BEFORE pursuing a mailing campaign as too many times, the USPS is unable to deliver material that has not been properly printed.

Minutes were accepted with the correction of April’s name being misspelled.

Treasury report / comments

- There was discussion of current financial condition – good – and financial statements will be posted soon.

Secretary

- Website okay – remind people to send photos and org charts

COUNTY REPORTS

San Diego

Drought continues to be a hot topic in the County

- Drought continues into October of next year

- The California Water Board requested information/comments from counties and a teleconference is planned for December 7th to discuss issues.
- The County has over 30 water districts making compliance difficult, but are aggregating results.
- Biggest bang for the buck is water treatment plant water recycling project for cooling towers; massive cost saving resulting from recycling water at least 20 times.

The County is building a new fleet facility and they have contracted out the entire Electric Vehicle charging stations to a contractor. The contractor was originally very aggressive in placing EV charging stations but now, when they are requested to add stations, they seem reluctant. The County is wondering if the vendor is unable to make it work financially.

Santa Barbara

Drought continues to be a hot topic in Santa Barbara; the County is being hit with over \$28,000 in fines and is seeking exemption. April Heinze indicated that perhaps issues handled in Santa Cruz may assist Santa Barbara.

There was also some discussion regarding security of facilities in Santa Barbara.

Butte

Having staffing issues – both hiring and retention – have not been able to find an adequate contracts/procurement manager for over a year.

The County is trying to improve the capital planning within Information Systems and is focusing both on Voice Over Internet Protocol and on a Radio Interoperability study to evaluate existing and future tower / communications needs of the County –expensive.

Ventura

The CalTrans Accessibility Audit was problematic

- First verbal reports provided to Ventura indicated a positive outcome
- Subsequent written report from CalTrans was critical and not positive

There have also been complaints that the most recent solar array offered covered parking but that none of the parking spots were “accessible” in terms of complying with the ADA.

The recent shootings in a Public Health meeting in southern California has Ventura management on alert and the County is considering alternatives.

Fleet continues to grow and all patrol vehicles are now the Tahoe instead of the Explorer.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

Mike Morse has made incredible progress.

Down to just a couple of open slots for presentations.

Interests include:

- Security programs such as active shooter training
- Accessibility projects

The topic of getting more counties involved was discussed and so was working on sponsors for the Conference.