

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT

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September 28, 2011

Board of Directors
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Ventura, California

VRSD REPRESENTATION

Background

On July 27, 2011, the Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) Board submitted a letter to the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) Board requesting a permanent seat on the VRSD Board. The VRSD Board considered the request at the September 1, 2011 meeting and recommended that the Executive Committee look at this request, identify key policy issues, and return to the full Board with a recommendation.

The Executive Committee met on September 15, 2011 to discuss the requests from the Triunfo Sanitation District and the Saticoy Sanitary District for permanent representation on the VRSD Board. Subsequently, a letter was received from the Montalvo Municipal Improvement District opposing Triunfo Sanitation District's request and suggesting that the term for the representative of the six Special Districts be lengthened to more than one year.

There were some questions regarding the organization/agreement of the Special District Committee regarding this issue and the need for a more consolidated approach coming from the Special District Committee. The Executive Committee noted that it would be beneficial to have all the Special Districts and the County to be unified in support of a legislative change.

The result of the meeting was a recommendation by the Executive Committee for the VRSD Board to consider holding a workshop of the VRSD Board to discuss the requests, as well as the issues and options related to adding seats on the VRSD Board.

I can be reached at (805) 658-4600 or at marklawler@vrsd.com with any questions regarding this matter.

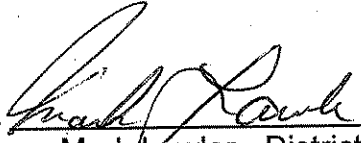
Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact at this time.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Board schedule a workshop of the VRSD Board to discuss issues and options related to adding seats on the VRSD Board.

APPROVED FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 2011 AGENDA


Mark Lawler - District Manager

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TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT

July 27, 2011

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Jim Monahan, Chairman
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
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REQUEST FOR ONGOING REPRESENTATION ON THE VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD

The Triunfo Sanitation District (Triunfo) respectfully requests that the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) designate a permanent seat for Triunfo on the VRSD board of directors.

As you are aware, Triunfo is part of a six member special district committee (Committee) that shares a *single* seat on the VRSD board of directors. The Committee adopted a rotating schedule where each district is the designated representative to the VRSD board only *once every six years*. After our current one (1) year term expires in December, Triunfo will be without a voice on your board until 2016.

Triunfo provides wastewater collection and treatment for approximately 31,000 residents in eastern Ventura County and supplies potable water to approximately 14,000 residents of Oak Park (included in the 31,000 residents, above) through the Oak Park Water service. Triunfo also supplies recycled water to the areas of Oak Park, North Ranch and Lake Sherwood.

Triunfo provides these services – with an annual operating budget of over \$12 million – with zero employees. Every aspect of Triunfo – management, administration, customer service, operations, and maintenance - relies on the consistency, availability, and expertise of the contract staff provided by VRSD. The following aspects of the Triunfo/VRSD relationship are worthy of consideration:

- Triunfo meets *one hundred percent* of its staffing needs through its contract with VRSD;
- Excluding VRSD landfill workers, approximately 30% of all work performed by VRSD employees is related to Triunfo (12.2 full time equivalents out of 41.5 full time equivalents);
- A full 62% (\$3.2 million) of VRSD's reimbursable contract service revenue comes from Triunfo (VRSD FY12 adopted budget, page 4-2).

We believe that the relationship between VRSD and Triunfo is uniquely complex. Our request is in the spirit of continuous improvement and for the benefit of the constituents of both agencies.

On behalf of the Triunfo Board, I appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward discussing possible action at your earliest convenience.

Michael L. Paule - Chairman

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Ventura Regional Sanitation District
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VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT REPRESENTATION

We understand that the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) will be evaluating a request from the Triunfo Sanitation District (Triunfo) for a permanent seat on the VRSD Board. The Saticoy Sanitary District (Saticoy) is also requesting consideration for ongoing representation on the VRSD Board.

Saticoy has a rich history with VRSD and was an original member of the VRSD Board – along with Triunfo. VRSD's board has undergone a number of reorganizations over the last forty years including a reduction to five (5) board members in 1983 and then an expansion to nine (9) board members in 1986 (your current configuration). As you know, the current VRSD Board configuration relegates eligible Special Districts to a rotating schedule with direct participation limited to once every six years.

Triunfo Chairman Michael Paule makes a number of compelling arguments for a permanent seat for his district (letter to VRSD dated July 27, 2011). Like Triunfo, Saticoy contracts exclusively with VRSD for wastewater treatment plant operations and maintenance staffing as well as staffing for administrative and financial services. In addition to the points outlined by Mr. Paule, we believe that a permanent seat for Saticoy would also provide:

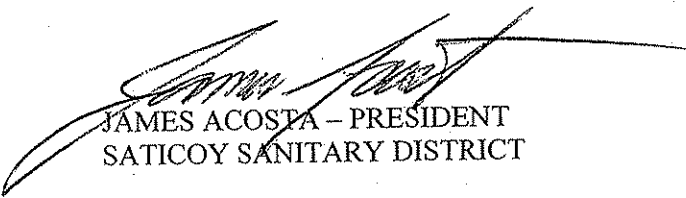
- A closer partnership between our agencies;
- An expanded voice related to issues of operational, regulatory and environmental concern;
- Additional opportunities for regionalization and coordination of public services and assets.

We appreciate the value that VRSD provides and believe that ongoing participation with a regular seat on the VRSD board will benefit both agencies.

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Special District representation under VRSD's current configuration provides only token participation for the Camrosa Water District, Channel Islands Beach Community Services District, Montalvo Municipal Improvement District, Ojai Valley Sanitary District, Triunfo Sanitation District and the Saticoy Sanitary District. We hope that the ensuing dialogue creates an opportunity for Saticoy to be a full participant on the VRSD Board.

Please contact me by telephone (805) 647-6477 with any questions or for additional discussion related to this matter.



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September 21, 2011

REQUEST FOR ONGOING REPRESENTATION ON THE VRSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It has been brought to our attention that the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) will be evaluating a request from the Triunfo Sanitation District for a permanent seat on the VRSD Board. The Montalvo Municipal Improvement District is in opposition of this request due to the fact that it would go against the current standing committee that we have worked on for the past few years. It should also be pointed out that since Triunfo is the largest, and is the only dependent Special District out of the other five independent Special Districts, they would not be able to adequately represent all of the Districts.

We feel that it would be of the best interest to all of the six Special Districts (Camrosa Water District, Channel Islands Beach CSD, Montalvo Municipal Improvement District, Ojai Valley Sanitary District, Saticoy Sanitary District, Triunfo Sanitary District) if the term be lengthened to more than one year.

If you have any questions please contact me at (805) 320-6458.

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