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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
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I WANT TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE AT ATTENDING MY FIRST GENERAL MANAGER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT. I APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH THE SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION. WE HAD TO PAY THE REGISTRATION UP FRONT, AND ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND NOW THEY WILL BE REIMBURSING THE DISTRICT FOR THE \$625.00.

IT WAS HELD JUNE 23-25TH AT NEWPORT BEACH. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE OLD HYATT REGENCY AND THE MEETINGS WERE ALSO AT THE HOTEL GROUNDS, SO IT MADE EVERYTHING GO SMOOTHLY. THERE WERE EXHIBITORS DISPLAYING THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BETWEEN WORKSHOPS. THEY SERVED A LOVELY BREAKFAST AND DINNER. THEY EVEN ACCOMMODATE THOSE OF US WITH FOOD ALLERGIES SO I COULD RELAX AND ENJOY MY MEAL. I GOT TO MEET A LOT OF NICE PEOPLE THAT WORK AT MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS. SOME ARE CEMETERY DISTRICTS, WATER DISTRICTS, PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICTS. IT WAS INTERESTING!

THE FINANCE AND REVENUE SESSION WAS MOST INTERESTING TO ME. THE ATTORNEY EXPLAINED THAT HISTORICALLY (PRIOR TO PROP 13) WE COULD TELL THE COUNTY HOW MUCH MONEY WE NEED TO RUN THE SHOW AND THEY WOULD ALLOCATE WHAT WE NEEDED. SINCE 1978 PROPERTY TAXES USED FOR OUR BUDGET WERE ROLLED BACK TO 1%. THAT IS HOW MUCH OF OUR LOCAL TAXES ARE ALLOCATED BY THE COUNTY TO US FOR OUR BUDGET. THE FEDS AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS BENEFIT MOST FROM PROP 218. THIS SMALL PERCENTAGE (1%) MAKES IT QUITE A CHALLENGE TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING MORE THEN PAYING THE MONTHLY BILLS AND WORKER'S WAGES. THIS IS WHERE I GOT INTERESTED IN WHAT HE WAS SAYING. THE ATTORNEY STATED THAT RAISING RATES ON PROVIDING UTILITIES/SERVICES LIKE WATER, SEWER, TRASH DOES NOT NEED TO GO TO THE BALLOT/PROP 218. WE STILL DO HAVE TO MAIL THE 45 DAY NOTICE. THIS DIFFERS FROM OTHER COUNCIL, SO I WILL BE LOOKING AT THIS FURTHER. HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT OTHER WAYS TO GET FUNDS FOR PROJECTS OR NEEDS WITHIN A SPECIAL DISTRICT; SUCH AS GRANTS. THE CITIES AND DISTRICTS THAT HAVE NEWER EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES ARE ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF GRANTS.

EACH YEAR THE STATE HAS SET ASIDE THE FUNDS FOR THESE GRANTS. WHY SHOULD WE NOT GET HELP WITH OUR BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT? LAST MONTH WE APPLIED FOR A STATE GRANT THAT WE WERE NOTIFIED ABOUT THROUGH THE MAIL. I HAVE ANSWERED SOME FOLLOWUP QUESTIONS, BUT HAVE NOT HEARD THE STATUS OF OUR APPLICATION.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT: BEING KIND AND GIVING TO OTHERS IS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC NOT TO DROP OFF TRASH ITEMS HERE AT THE "IMPROMPTU" DROP OFF BENCH TO GIVE TO OTHERS. IF IT IS TOO TRASHY FOR YOU TO KEEP AND USE~ DO NOT PUT IT OUT FOR OTHERS TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH. YOUR TRASH IS NOT WANTED. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEAN UP. WE DO HAVE SURVEILLANCE AND I CAN SEE WHO IS DOING IT.

TRASH DAY~ PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS PENNED UP ON TRASH DAY. IF THEY ATTACK OUR CREW, IF THE ANIMALS WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO GET OUT OF THEIR VEHICLE, OR OTHERWISE IMPEDE THEM FROM DOING THEIR JOB; WE WILL LEAVE THE CONTAINER SIT. IF YOU DO NOTHING TO CORRECT IT; WE WILL INVOLVE THE SHERIFF/ANIMAL CONTROL.

DO NOT HARASS OR ENGAGE THE CVCSD ROAD CREW/TRASH CREW IN ARGUMENTS OR TRY TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO AND WHERE TO DO IT. THEY HAVE A SUPERVISOR AND IT IS ME. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM CALL ME AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (805)475-2211 AND WE CAN TALK IT OVER.

DO NOT FOLLOW THEM, BLOCK THEM IN, DRIVE FAST THROUGH THEIR CONSTRUCTION ZONE, OR TRY TO ARGUE WITH THEM. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO SPEAK TO YOU. THEY WILL VIDEO YOU, NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY, AND I WILL CALL THE SAN LUIS OBISPO SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HANDLE THE SITUATION. IF YOU HAVE A ROAD REPAIR REQUEST COME IN TO THE OFFICE. I NEED IT IN WRITING. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO TAKE CARE OF EACH ONE IN A TIMELY MANNER.