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Serrano Water District



I bledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

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# Federal Update Prepared for ISDOC





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### Key Congressional Leadership





Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)







House Minority Leader Congressman Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

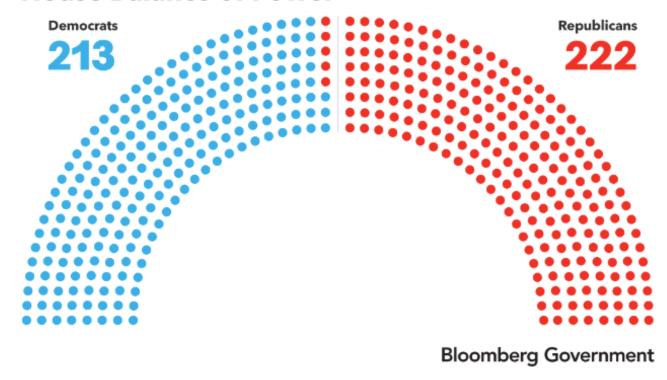


Senate Minority Leader *Mitch McConnell* (R-KY)

### Make Up of the House of Representatives



#### **House Balance of Power**



### Looking Ahead to 2024



## Senate has 33 Seats Up for Reelection in 2024

10 are held by Republicans

20 are held by Democrats

3 are held by Independents (who caucus with the Democrats)

### **Appropriations Chairs**





House Appropriations Chairwoman *Kay Granger* (R-TX)



House Appropriations
Ranking Member
Rosa DeLauro
(D-CT)



Senate Appropriations
Chairwoman
Patty Murray
(D-WA)



Senate Appropriations
Vice Chairwoman
Susan Collins
(R-ME)

### **Federal Appropriations**





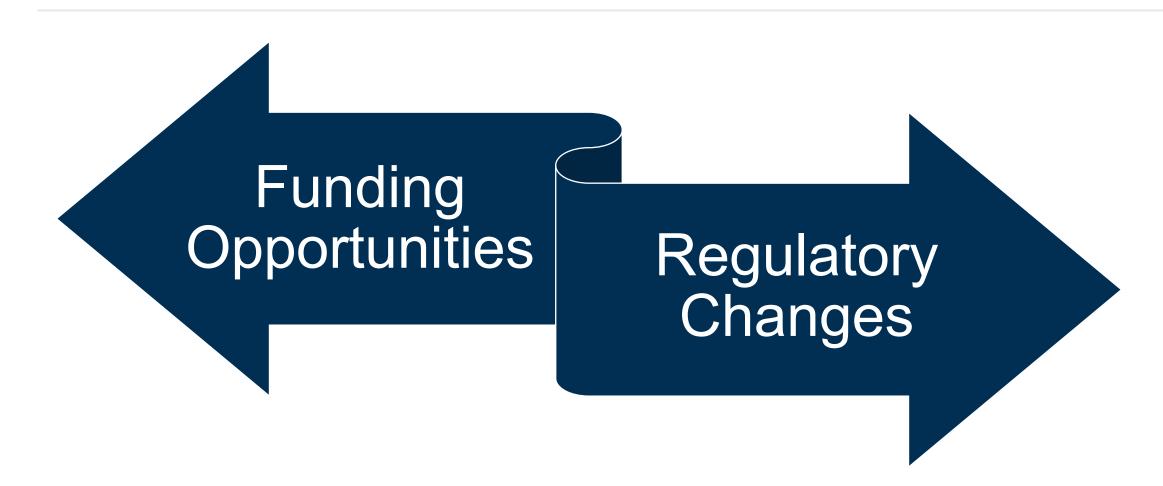
### Priorities to be Addressed ....



Appropriations **Debt Ceiling** WOTUS PFAS **Gun Control Measures Banking Measures** Transportation and FAA

### What is Out There and What to Be Aware of:









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## State Legislative Briefing March 30th, 2023

### Presenter





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Legislative Staff: 1995-2004

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Syrus lobbies for local governments and special districts with a focus on

public water agencies.

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### The 2022 Elections



- 1. 35% of legislators are new.
- 2. In 2024, all legislators elected in 2012 under the "new" 12-year limits will term out.
- 3. Democrats in the Senate hold 32 out of 40 seats. (27 needed for supermajority.)
- 4. Democrats hold 62 out of 80 seats in the Assembly. (54 needed for a supermajority.)

### New Members to the Orange County Delegation





Senator Catherine Blakespear (D-Laguna Hills, Encinitas)



Assembly Member Avelino Valencia



Assembly Member Kate Sanchez (R-Murrieta)



Assembly Member Diane Dixon (R- Huntington Beach)



Assembly Member Tri Ta
(R- Westminster)

Returning Assembly Members: Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton), Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Irvine),

Laurie Davis (R-San Juan Capistrano), Phillip Chen (R-Brea),

Returning Senators: Thomas Umberg (D-Santa Ana), Janet Nguyen (R-Huntington Beach), Josh Newman (D-Fullerton),

Dave Min (D-Irvine)

(D-Anaheim)



Bills begin in their "House of Origin" and must move to the other house according to constitutional deadlines.

#### House of Origin:

- Policy Committee deadline: April 28th
- Fiscal Committee deadline: May 19th
- Floor Vote deadline: June 2nd
- Starts over again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house.





### Key Bills



 AB 334 (Rubio) – "Walk on" contracting. Allows contractors to work on all phases of a public contract.

 AB 557 (Hart) – Open Meetings. Allows teleconferencing to continue post-COVID.



# Questions? Syrus Devers syrus.devers@bbklaw.com

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### Member Spotlight







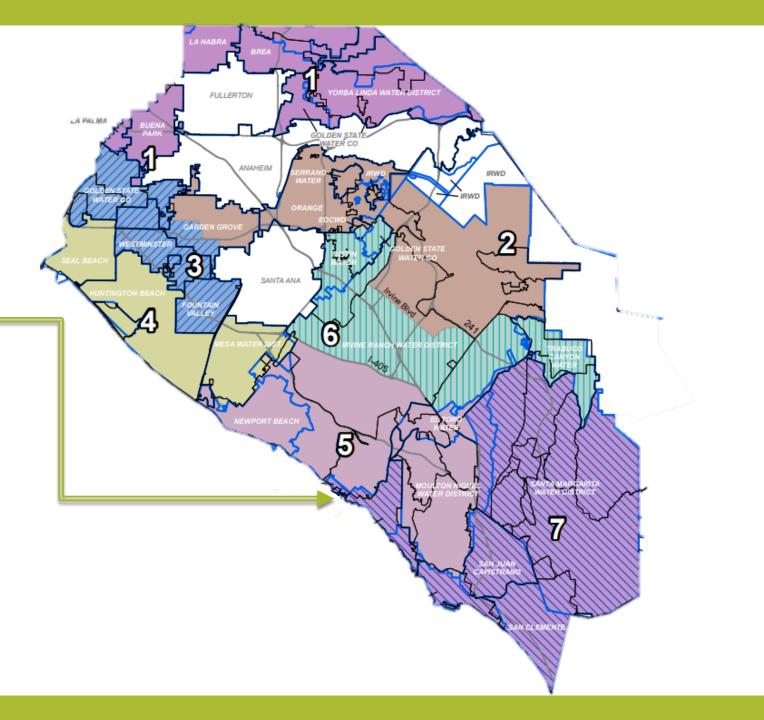
By:

Michael Dunbar General Manager March 30, 2023 What is Emerald Bay Service District?

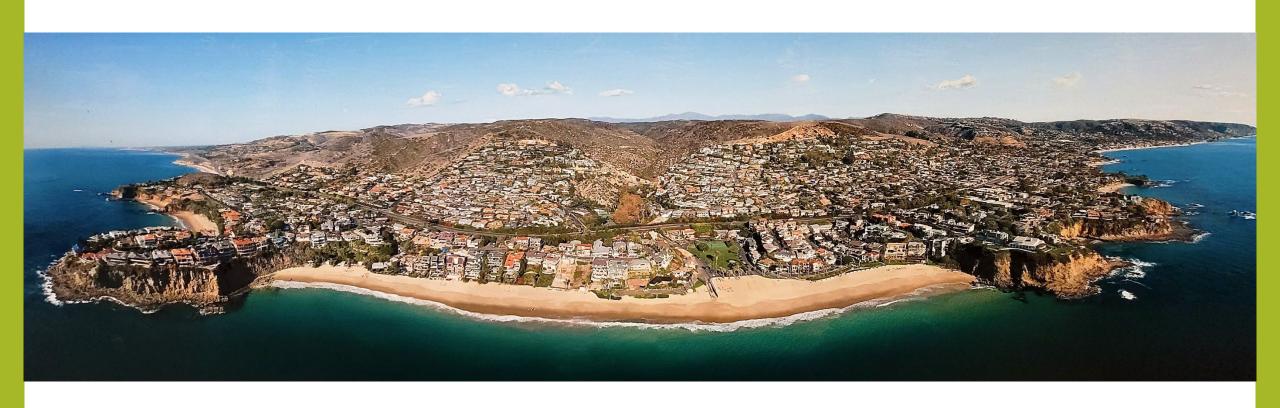
What does Emerald Bay Service District do?

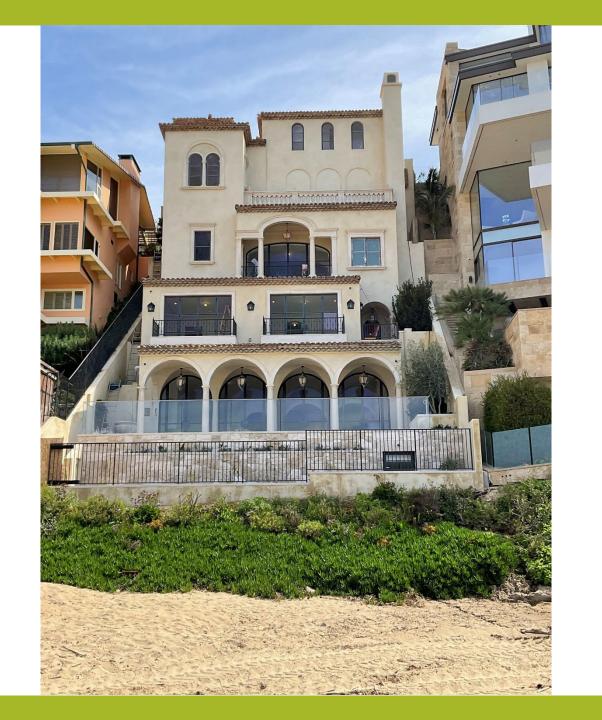
Recent and current projects

## Emerald Bay Service District





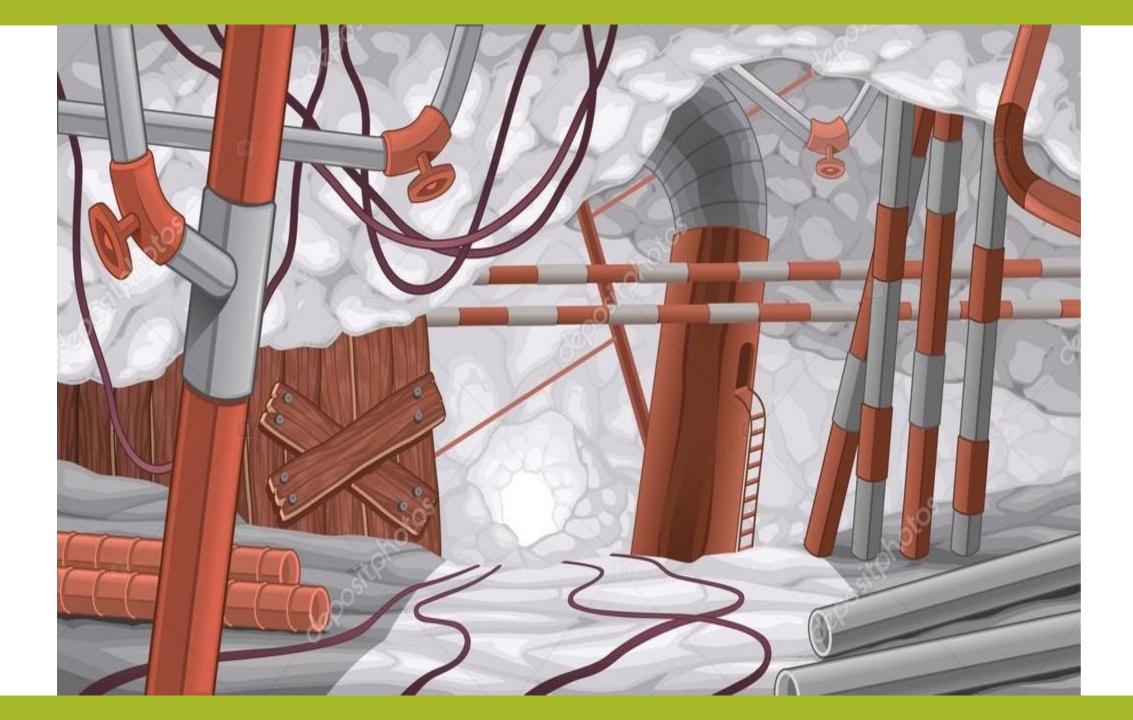


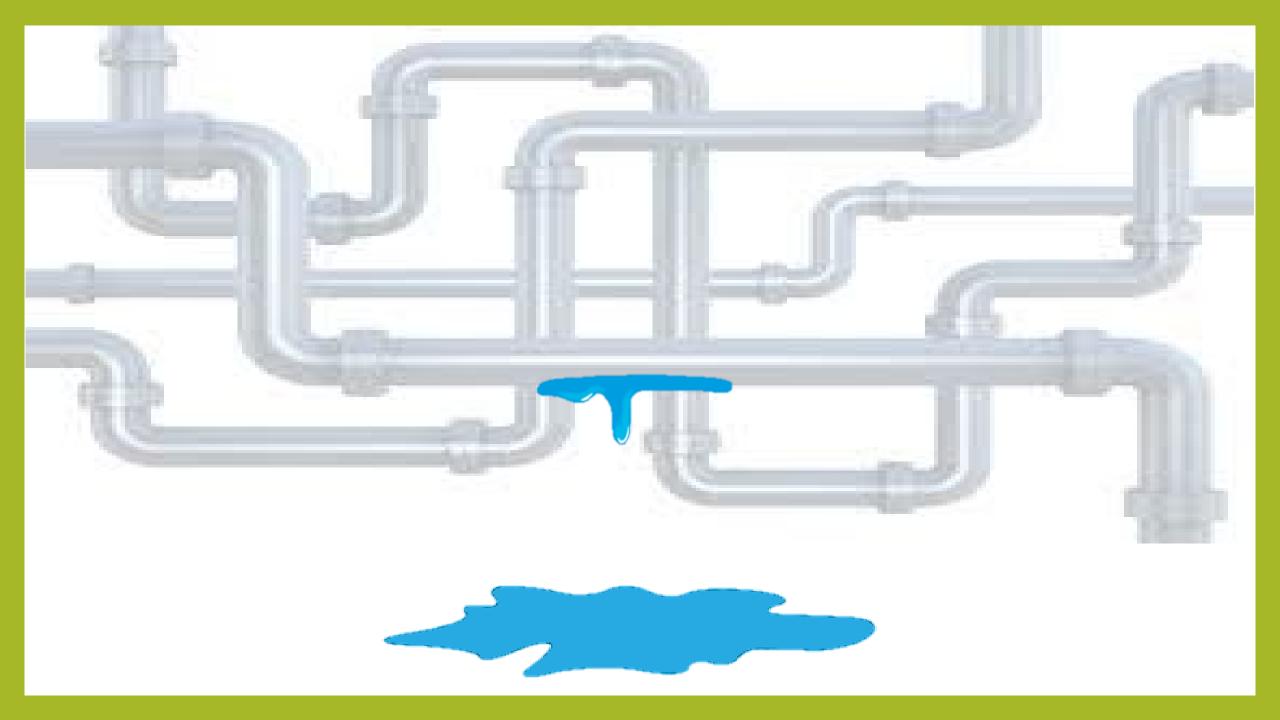






















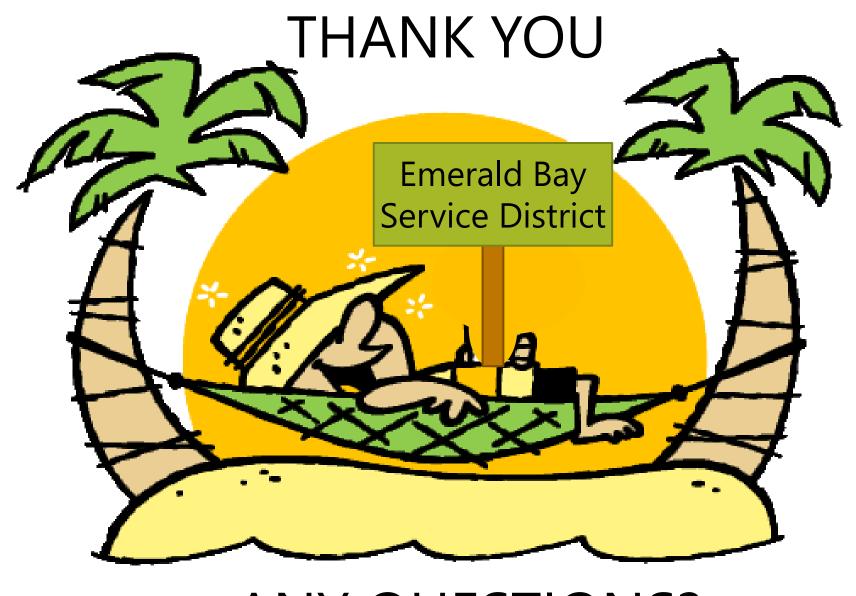












ANY QUESTIONS?

# Associate Member Spotlight







Stacey Stevenson
Senior Executive Recruiter
Bob Murray & Associates



# INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY



### **ABOUT OUR FIRM**

- Our clients include cities, counties, special districts, and non-profits.
- Over 20 years of experience.
- Placed over 1,400 executives and professionals.
- Extensive experience in high-profile, sensitive, executive recruitments.
- Our process includes seeking a deep understanding of the issues, challenges, and opportunities our clients are facing.



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California Police Chiefs Association

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National Forum for Black Public Administrators

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#### **RECENT SUCCESS STORIES**

Beyond our numerous successful recruitments for organizations in Orange County, these are just some of the clients we have had the opportunity to work with recently:



Bay Area Air Quality Management District

• Executive Officer APCO- Philip Fine

Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District

• Executive Director – Gretchen Bennitt

San Joaquin County LAFCo

• Executive Officer – Jeffrey Hightower

East Bay Regional Park
District

 Police Captains – Albert Elzey Jr. & Wilson Lau

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

• General Manager – Jeff Mosher

West Basin Municipal Water District

• General Manager – Gregory Reed

Laguna Beach County
Water District

 General Manager – Keith Van Der Maaten

Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

• General Manager – Curtis Paxton

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President and Recruiter



ADELE FRESE
Senior Executive Recruiter
{Retired Police Chief}



YASMIN BEERS
Senior Executive Recruiter
{Retired City Manager}



ALEXANDRIA KOPACK
Recruitment &
Operations Manager



BRYAN HILL Senior Executive Recruiter {Retired Police Chief}



STACEY STEVENSON
Senior Executive Recruiter
{Retired Deputy City Manager}

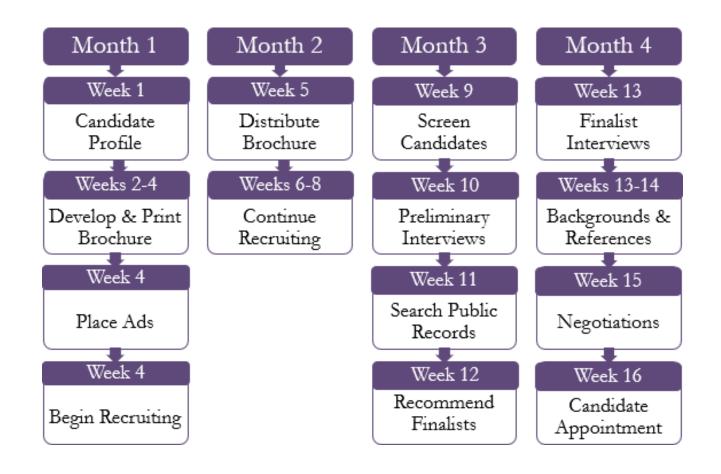


STEPHANIE MARSHALL
Recruitment Coordinator



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# Reports

**Executive Committee Report** 

Greg Mills
Director, Serrano Water District







Treasurer's Report

Saundra Jacobs Director, Santa Margarita Water District







Independent Special Districts of Orange County

**CSDA Report** 

Chris Palmer CSDA

Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator
Southern Network





LAFCO Report

James Fisler
Director, Mesa Water District







## New Business/Announcements/Closing Comments

Next ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting is Tuesday, April 4, 2023



**Next ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon is June 29, 2023**