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**Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District Participates In Statewide Event**  
*Each year Special Districts from across California convene in Sacramento to advocate for important community services.*

Coachella, CA: The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District (District) recently joined forces with other special districts from across California to champion the needs of their local community. The event, sponsored by the California Special District Association (CSDA), provided a platform for these public agencies to come together and advocate for the vital services they offer to their respective communities.

Special districts play a crucial role by providing specific services, such as water service, sewer service, cemetery management, parks, fire protection, and more, which are essential to the well-being of their communities. The event encompassed seminars on governance and comprehensive updates on legislation that could potentially impact these local special districts.

The keynote speaker at the event was Pedro Nava, Chair of the Little Hoover Commission. Established in 1962, the Little Hoover Commission is an independent state oversight agency with a mission to investigate state government operations and policy. Through their reports and legislative proposals, the Commission strives to present recommendations to the Governor and Legislature, promoting economy, efficiency, and improved service in state operations.

"Every day, elected officials at the Statehouse make critical decisions that directly influence the budget, operations, and governance of our local districts in the Coachella Valley," stated Joshua Bonner, District General Manager. "CSDA's annual conference provides us with a valuable opportunity to examine new and proposed laws and engage with policy makers, ensuring we comprehensively understand their impact on our local community services." Bonner emphasized the significance of legislative actions, such as the implementation of remote emergency meeting procedures during the COVID-19 emergency, which allowed local governing bodies to convene via platforms like Zoom. These actions require feedback and advocacy from local agencies to ensure effective governance and service provision.

Representing the District in Sacramento were Trustee Dr. Bruce Underwood, accompanied by the District's General Manager. They were joined by representatives from five other special

districts in the Coachella Valley. In addition to the organized activities, the group had the privilege of meeting with local elected officials, including Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, Assemblymember Greg Wallis, and Senator Kelly Seyarto.

The collective efforts of the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District and other special districts exemplify their commitment to serving their communities. By actively participating in events like the CSDA-sponsored conference, they continually strive to stay informed, advocate for local needs, and collaborate with policymakers to shape legislation in a manner that benefits their community services.

For more information about the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District, please visit [CVPCD.org](http://CVPCD.org).

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*About the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District*

*The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District is an independent California Special District formed in 1927. The District serves the public cemetery needs of an area encompassing nearly 3,444 square miles of Riverside County, including the cities of Coachella, Indio, La Quinta, Indian Wells, Palm Desert, as well as parts of Rancho Mirage and unincorporated Riverside County. The purpose of the District is to offer affordable interment services for our County residents.*