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**CRESTLINE VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

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**TO:** CRESTLINE VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** ALAN CLANIN, DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** UNDERSTANDING THE BROWN ACT  
**DATE:** OCTOBER 15, 2015

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Understanding the Brown Act: Beyond the Basics

The short seminar attended by Connie Bracher and myself on September 28, 2015 was very informative. For such a dry subject the presentation was kept light and entertaining. Attorney Thomas Jex of Burke Williams and Sorensen LLP explained:

- A. Brown Act Essentials
- B. Legal Updates
- C. Common Mistakes And How To Avoid Them

The message of the day was to be aware of what consists of a meeting. Communication through email or other media may be inappropriate and may be a violation of the Brown Act. What we can do as Directors if we feel that we may have violated the Brown Act and what can the public do to pursue legal action and remedies. Several scenarios were covered portraying typical situations.

The District has done an excellent job of following the Brown Act and it is my opinion that we are very much in compliance. There are a couple of recommendations that we may want to consider. I will discuss this at the next meeting.