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**RIPS BIDS A BITTERSWEET FAREWELL TO ROSSMOOR**

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Rossmoor Community Services District honored Director Jeffrey T. Rips with a proclamation and engraved wooden gavel as a token of appreciation for his five years served on the Board of Directors.

“Unfortunately we are losing a special board member this evening,” stated President Maynard, “This is Jeffrey’s last meeting on the dais. We have all had exceptional experiences working with you, Jeffrey, and wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the great years you have given us by formal proclamation.” Afterwards, all rose in a standing ovation.

“What can I say, Jeffrey?” added Director Kahlert. “You’ve been a fantastic Director, a dedicated community servant, a great personal friend—you will be greatly missed.”

“The Rossmoor community has definitely benefited from your service.” stated President Maynard. “Jeffrey, we all have extraordinary memories with you. Whether it’s been on this Board or at the committee level you’ve always brought a keen insight, wisdom and academic approach. We wish you and your family the best success. I want to give you the last word tonight. At the end of the meeting, I’d like you to pick up your gavel and do us the honor of adjourning the meeting.”

Jeffrey Rips responded, “Living in Rossmoor has turned out to be even better than I could have imagined. Rossmoor is an amazing place to live. It has been an honor and privilege to serve this community—I can’t imagine having not done this. Leaving here is not part of my plan, but the only thing that could tear me away is the realization of my twenty-year-old dream of becoming the Executive Director of the Alpert Jewish Community Center. The JCC is my true joy and passion. This is where I went to preschool and camp as a boy—I grew up there—met my wife there—so to have the opportunity to become the Executive Director is also amazing. While I am excited about this new chapter in my life, I am sad to be leaving the Rossmoor Community Services District.”

Director Rips went on to thank his fellow Board Members for always working with him towards the betterment of the community and the general manager and staff for their excellent work and dedication. Finally he thanked everyone in the community for being with him on his journey as a Board member. You can view Director Rips’ July 9, 2013 final farewell on local channel LATV-3 or YouTube Channel CSMPTV. ###