



# SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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## **Santa Clara County Special Districts Association**

Monday, March 4, 2019

12–1:30 p.m.

Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom

5700 Almaden Expressway

San Jose, CA 95118

### **A. Call to Order**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opportunity for Public Comment (3 minutes)

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Discussion and Approval of December 3, 2018, Meeting Minutes—**Page 2 (Action)**

### **C. Time Certain at: 12:05 p.m.**

Guest Speaker: Honorable Maya Esparza, District 7 Councilmember for the City of San Jose—**Page 5 (Information)**

### **D. Business**

1. Update on Amendment to Bylaws Regarding Policy Position – **(Discussion)**
2. Financial Report - **Page 6 (Discussion and Action)**
3. Officer Election - **(Discussion and Action)**
4. Spring Newsletter - **(Information)**
5. Special District Leadership Foundation’s District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Renewal- **(Information)**

### **E. Partner Agency Reports**

1. Local Agency Formation Commission—Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer
2. League of California Cities—Nancy Hall-Bennett
3. California Special Districts Association—Colleen Haley, Bay Area Network Field Coordinator

### **F. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports**

1. Round Robin

### **G. Review of Action Items and Adjournment**

1. Action Item Review
2. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday, June 3, 2018**
3. Adjourn



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## B1. Meeting Minutes

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Monday, March 4, 2019  
12–1:30 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

#### A. Call to Order

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Wesolowski called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** None

#### **Santa Clara County Special District Association Attendees:**

- Cupertino Sanitary District: Bill Bosworth
- Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District: Stephanie Moreno
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District: Joshua Hugg, Pete Siemens
- Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District: Steve Wesolowski
- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority: Sequoia Hall
- Santa Clara Valley Water District: Linda J. LeZotte
- Saratoga Fire Protection District: Joe Long
- Valley Transportation Authority: Aaron Quigley, Scott Haywood
- West Valley Sanitation District: Jon Newby

#### **Guest Attendees:**

- LAFCO of Santa Clara County: Neelima Palacherla
- Colleen Haley: California Special Districts Association
- Evan Haywood: Student Video Contest Winner
- Kerry Haywood: Public – Student Video Contest family member
- Josette Haywood: Public – Student Video Contest family member

**Santa Clara County Special District Association** (support staff): Rachael Gibson, Beckie Zisser, Keneth Jackson and Susana Hernandez-Rodriguez

#### B. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

At 12:10 p.m., Chair Wesolowski declared that a quorum was present.

Chair Wesolowski moved, and Bill Bosworth seconded, to approve the minutes for the September 10, 2018 meeting. This motion carried unanimously.



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**C. Guest Speaker:** After watching the award-winning video, Chair Steve Wesolowski presented Evan Haywood from Leigh High School with a check for \$500 for winning the Student Video Contest. Evan received the award with his family by his side.

**D1. Update on Amendment to Bylaws Regarding Policy Position**

Stephanie Moreno shared a draft of legislative positions. Discussion ensued, and the comments were forwarded to the subcommittee for further evaluation.

**D2. Financial Report**

The SCCSDA's current balance was \$3,646.92 as of December 3, 2018. The financial report was approved as submitted.

**D3. 2019 Membership Dues**

Group decided to keep dues at \$100.

**D4. 2019 SCCSDA Budget**

The group agreed to try the student video contest again for 2019 and keep the award amounts in budget. The group wanted to ensure that the school superintendents passed the contest information along to the appropriate parties. The idea was shared to look for schools with A/V departments. In addition, to look for magnet schools, private schools, charter schools, and trade schools.

Rachael Gibson volunteered Valley Water's Communications staff for Student Video Contest social media campaign.

Stephanie Moreno asked if the group would explore the use of WebEx or conference calls for the meetings. Cost to be explored.

**D5. Upcoming Officer Elections**

Announced upcoming Officer elections in March 2019 meeting

**D6. 2019 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

Group discussed potentially changing the day and location of the meeting. The potential new location would be in the Valley Water's old Boardroom. The new day could be selected via Doodle Poll of the group (LAFCO noted they meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month).

**E1. Local Agency Formation Commission—Neelima Palacherla, Executive Director**

Santa Clara LAFCO is hosting staff workshop in 2019.

**E2. League of California Cities—Nancy Hall-Bennett was not in attendance.**



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## **E3. California Special Districts Association —Colleen Haley, Bay Area Network Field Coordinator**

New Legislative session started on 12/03/18 at the State level.

## **F. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports**

SCCSDA members shared updates.

## **G1. Review of Action Items and Adjournment**

- Send invites to State legislative offices to attend the meetings in the future
- Consider using video conference technology for the meetings
- See if Valley Water's old Board Room is available on the 1st Monday of the month quarterly. If not, poll the group to see if Wednesday or Thursday is possible.

## **G2. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on June 3, 2019.

## **G3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2019, from 12–1:30 p.m.



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## Item C

### Honorable Maya Esparza, San Jose City Councilmember - District 7 Representative

Councilmember Esparza grew up in San José and has made a lifetime commitment to fighting for the community and solving problems. The daughter of teachers in San José, her family instilled in her the importance of education, hard work, and community service, and she has many memories of attending public meetings and helping with her parents' community organizing. She spent her youth volunteering for nonprofits and helping build community in San José. After graduating from Mills College with a B.A. in Anthropology, Councilmember Esparza continued her education at San José State University, earning her Master's in Public Administration. She later returned to SJSU to teach in the same program.



Passionate about community empowerment, Councilmember Esparza has experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Prior to her election to the City Council, she launched and led the All The Way Home campaign to end veteran homelessness in Santa Clara County at local nonprofit Destination: Home. In 2012, Councilmember Esparza was elected as a trustee on the Franklin-McKinley School District Board, and is also a former Commissioner on the Community Development Block Grant Commission at the City of San José, was the founding Board President for Latinas Contra Cancer, and on the boards of the Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County and Operation: Care and Comfort, a local nonprofit serving military, veterans, and their families.

Councilmember Esparza's previous government experience includes several years working for Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and as a Chief of Staff to a City Councilmember fighting for safe neighborhoods, helping residents resolve issues and supporting our businesses. She continues her role as a tireless advocate for her community and problem solver as District 7's San José City Councilmember.



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## D2. Financial Report

Balance as of 12/01/18 \$3,646.92

### Expenses

Lunch Stop, December Meeting \$235.05

### Deposits

**2019 dues @ \$100 per year:** **\$1,200.00**

- Cupertino Sanitary District
- Los Altos Hills County Fire District
- Purissima Hills Water District
- Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District
- San Martin County Water District
- Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Saratoga Fire Protection District
- South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District
- West Valley Sanitation District of Santa Clara County
- West Bay Sanitary District

Balance on hand as of 02/28/19 **\$4,111.87**