



SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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Santa Clara County Special Districts Association

Monday, June 5, 2017

12:00 –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 March 6, 2017, Meeting Minutes—**Page 2 (Action)**

C. Time Certain at: 12:30

Guest Speaker: Hon. Sylvia Arenas, San Jose City Council District 8 – **Page 6**

D. Business

1. Financial Report—**Page 7 (Discussion and Action)**
2. LAFCO Special District Representative Report (**Information**)
3. CSDA Annual Conference SCCSDA Representative Update (**Information**)
4. Special District Leadership Foundation 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, September 5, 2017**
3. Adjourn

Officers: Steve Wesolowski, Chair • Stephanie Moreno, Vice-Chair • Tony Estremera, Secretary/Treasurer

Members: Cupertino Sanitary District • El Camino Healthcare District • Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District • Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District • Los Altos Hills County Fire District • Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District • Purissima Hills Water District • Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District • San Martin County Water District • Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District • Santa Clara County Library District • Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority • Santa Clara County Roads & Airports • Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority • Santa Clara Valley Water District • Saratoga Cemetery District • Saratoga Fire Protection District • South Santa Clara County Fire District • South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District • West Valley Sanitation District of Santa Clara County



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B1. Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association
Monday, March 6, 2017
12–1:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Wesolowski called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** None

Santa Clara County Special District Association Attendees:

- Santa Clara Valley Water District: Tony Estremera, Linda LeZotte
- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority: Sequoia Hall
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District: Yoriko Kishimoto, Pete Siemens, Joshua Hugg
- LAFCO of Santa Clara County: Neelima Palacherla
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: Scott Haywood, Aaron Quigley
- Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District: Stephanie Moreno
- Cupertino Sanitary District: Bill Bosworth
- Los Altos Hills County Fire District: Jeanne Evilsizer
- South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District: Christine West
- Saratoga Fire Protection District: Joe Long
- El Camino Healthcare District: Brenda Taussig
- Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District: Steve Wesolowski, Kevin Davis
- Cal Fire: Jim Crawford

Guest Attendees: Colleen Haley, California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

Santa Clara County Special District Association (support staff): Charisse Ma Lebron, Ferlina Dela Cruz

B. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

Chair Wesolowski moved, and Bill Bosworth seconded, to approve the minutes for the December 5, 2016 meetings. This motion carried unanimously.

C. **Guest Speaker:** Hon. Lan Diep, San Jose City Council District 4

Councilmember Lan Diep briefly spoke about his first few months as a newly elected member of the San Jose City Council, representing Berryessa, North San Jose and Alviso. He shared that while during his city council campaign his policy platform focused on public safety, smart development, and affordability---he is interested in a broad range of issues impacting his District



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and greater San Jose. He hoped to begin a dialogue with the members of CSDA to learn more about their respective functions and thoughts about how best to deliver critical and improved services to the community.

Prior to the meeting, Councilmember Diep asked that the following questions (below) be shared with the attending Special Districts in prep for the meeting, in order to allow for a constructive dialogue.

1. What is the most significant impediment to your agency in providing the quality/desired level of service to residents?
2. What has your agency done thus far to address the identified issues independently and why hasn't it resolved the impediment(s)?
3. What does your agency think could viably be addressed through policy or programmatic endeavors in the long and/or short term (via City Council)?

Among the concerns brought to Councilmember Diep's attention by CSDA members was the upgrade of the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility. Bill emphasized the critical need for the City of San Jose to make greater and more timely investments in keeping the facility in a state of good repair.

D1. Officer Election

Stephanie Moreno nominated Chair Wesolowski for another year as Chair and Director Estremera to serve as Treasurer. Director Estremera also proposed Director LeZotte as Treasurer. They arrived at an agreed upon arrangement that Director Estremera would serve as Treasurer for the first six months and Director LeZotte for the second six months of the Treasurer's year-long term.

Sequoia Hall moved the slate nominations, seconded by Chair Wesolowski. The motion passed unanimously.

D2. Financial Report

The SCCSDA's current balance is \$3,025.79 as of February 22, 2017. The financial report was approved as submitted.

D3. 2017 Meeting Schedule

Members were informed of the 2017 meeting schedule.

- o June 5, 2017
- o September 11, 2017
- o December 4, 2017

D4. Fall Newsletter Update

Members were informed that the Spring Newsletter Update articles are due by April 3, 2017. Input for content in the next newsletter is encouraged.

Members asked that a reminder email be sent to them regarding newsletter article submissions.



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D5. LAFCO Special District Representative Report

The next LAFCO meeting is on April 12, 2017, during which time the LAFCO Budget will be discussed.

D6. California Special Districts Association Annual Conference SCCSDA Representative Update

D7. Special District Leadership Foundation District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Renewal

Members were informed that the renewal is due July 31, 2017. Documents are now being prepared to process the renewal. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

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

The County sent out letters to inactive special districts, and asked for their dissolution.

CSDA is working to streamline seating of special districts at LAFCO. LAFCO will call a meeting in April to be held in May for the Independent Elections Committee for Special Districts.

Stephanie thanked LAFCO for providing resources on their website. She also asked Sequoia if he is going to seek reelection as LAFCO Chair. Sequoia confirmed his intent to seek re-election and noted Yoriko also intends to seek re-election as his alternate. Sequoia noted he had concerns about the cost of membership for special districts since some do not have resources, so he'd like to work to resolve this issue.

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

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

Colleen Haley shared the urgency for members to be prepared to respond and explain to critics and the unique role of special districts. She noted that there have been some discussions how special districts should sunset after 10 years.

CSDA is working with CalLAFCO to develop legislation on appropriate representation of special districts.

CSDA also has a rate-setting event in Oakland.

F. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports

Sequoia Hall – Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

OSA is focusing on addressing issues resulting from fires.



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Bill Bosworth – Cupertino Sanitary District

The District is waiting to receive information from the City of San Jose about the sewage treatment plant and if they will be providing necessary resources to improve the aging facility.

Stephanie Moreno - Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District

They have executed a successful rancher's outreach program, which works to provide information about wildlife and conservation issues.

Yoriko Kishimoto - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

They are focused on the Wildlife Crossing Project.

Scott Haywood - Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

This will be the last meeting attended by Scott Haywood. Aaron Quigley, with VTA's Regional Government Relations team will be attending the meetings from now on.

Christine West – South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District

The District is working to update facilities.

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This is the third year with the District. The District is now focusing on operations, including upgrading the restrooms in their building.

G. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

Action Item Review – there were three action items:

1. Spring Newsletter entries are due April 3, 2017;
2. Special District Leadership Foundation District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Renewal due July 31, 2017.
3. The next SCCSDA Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2017.

G3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.



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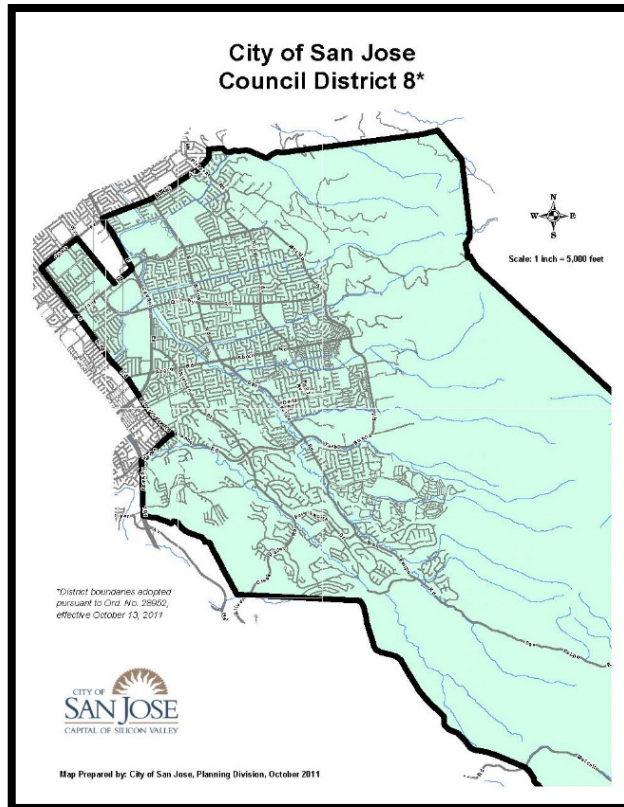
Item C1

San Jose City Council District 8 – Councilmember Sylvia Arenas



Councilmember Sylvia Arenas represents District 8 and is committed to advocating for safer streets, thriving local businesses, great schools, and activated park space. District 8, which encompasses parts of East San José and Evergreen, is a remarkable community with a diverse mix of neighborhoods. While known for its beautiful open space as the home of the beautiful Lake Cunningham park and many trails, District 8 is also home to shopping destinations like Eastridge Mall or the small-town feel of Evergreen Square. District 8 is a great place to start a business and raise a family, with stellar local schools around.

She graduated from Independence High School and received an M.P.A. from the University of San Francisco. As of her run for city council in 2016, Arenas was a member of the Evergreen Elementary School District Board of Trustees. Her professional experience also includes work with youth and early childhood intervention programs and in educational and public policy.





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D2. Financial Report

Balance as of 02/22/17		\$3,025.79
Expenses		
Lunch Stop, March Meeting		\$77.77
<u>Items reimbursed to SCVWD:</u>		\$180.09
Togo's, March Meeting	\$180.09	
<u>Monthly Fee for Business Fundamentals:</u>		\$48.00
February 2017	\$16.00	
March 2017	\$16.00	
April 2017	\$16.00	
Deposits		
<u>2017 dues @ \$100 per year:</u>		\$600.00
South Santa Clara County Fire District		
Saratoga Fire Protection District		
Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District		
South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District		
Santa Clara County Roads & Airports		
Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District		
Balance on hand as of 05/23/17		<u>\$3,319.93</u>

D3. 2017 Meeting Schedule

September 11, 2017
December 4, 2017