



SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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Santa Clara County Special Districts Association

Monday, September 9, 2019

12–1:30 p.m.

Valley Water

Administration Building in Conference Room B-108

5700 Almaden Expressway

San Jose, CA 95118

Join via Zoom Web Conferencing: <https://zoom.us/j/8184155738>;

Dial-in: 1-720-707-2699, Code 8184155738#

- A. **Call to Order**
Welcome and Introductions
- B. **Public Comment:**
Opportunity for members of the public to make comments or ask questions (3 minutes/speaker)
- C. **Approval of Minutes**
Discussion and Approval of July 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes - **Page 2 (Action)**
- D. **SCCSDA Member Presentations:**
 1. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Joshua Hugg)
- E. **State Legislative Office Updates:**
Opportunity to hear updates and ask questions of attending legislative staff.
- F. **Business**
 1. Student Video Contest Update - **Page 5 (Discussion and Action)**
 2. Fall Newsletter Update - **(Information)**
 3. Financial Report - **Page 6 (Discussion and Action)**
- G. **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
- H. **Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports**
- I. **Review of Action Items and Adjournment**
 1. Action Item Review
 2. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday, December 2, 2019**
 3. Adjourn

Officers: Stephanie Moreno, Chair • Steve Wesolowski, 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 Roads & Airports • Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority • 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 Bay Sanitary District • West Valley Sanitation District of Santa Clara County



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B. Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association
Monday, June 3, 2019
12–1:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Chair Stephanie Moreno called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present.

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, Yoriko Kishimoto
- Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District: Steve Wesolowski
- Santa Clara Valley Water District: Linda J. LeZotte
- Saratoga Fire Protection District: Joe Long
- South Santa Clara County Fire District: Kim Camarena
- West Valley Sanitation District: Jon Newby
- El Camino Hospital District: Brenda Taussig

Other Attendees:

- California Special Districts Association:
 - Ryan Clausnitzer, CSDA Director, Bay Area Network
 - Colleen Haley, Field Coordinator, Bay Area Network

Santa Clara County Special District Association (support staff): Rachael Gibson, Ken Jackson, Susie Rodriguez

2. Opportunity for Public Comment: None

B. Approval of Minutes

Discussion and Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2019 meeting (Steve Wesolowski/Bill Bosworth); unanimous.

C. Guest Speaker:

Dave Vautin, Principal Planner/Analyst of ABAG, gave the Plan Bay Area Presentation and answered many questions. There will be a Regulatory Advisory Working Group meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM, and Colleen Haley volunteered to attend. SCCSDA members agreed to send her a short report beforehand (individually).



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D. Special District Presentations

Brenda Taussig presented on behalf of the El Camino Healthcare District.

The planned Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District presentation by Joshua Hugg was moved to next meeting.

E. Business

1. Amendment to Bylaws Regarding Policy Position:

Chair Moreno reviewed the latest Bylaws Committee draft (attached): Linda LeZotte, SCVWD, made the following recommendations:

- Change the first sentence of Section 1 of Article X to read “Because SCCSDA consists of diverse special districts with different missions, responsibilities, and authorities, the Board of Directors is precluded from taking a position on any legislation or ballot initiative unless it is one on which the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has requested a call to action.
- In the first sentence of Section 2 of Article X, remove the word “dependent” so that the sentence reads, “Members of ~~dependent~~ special districts shall have the option of not participating in a position vote in deference to their oversight agency.”

There was no objection to the recommendations, therefore the new bylaws should read:

Section 1. Because the SCCSDA consists of diverse special districts with different missions, responsibilities, and authorities, the Board of Directors is precluded from taking a position on any legislation or ballot initiative unless it is one on which the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has requested a call to action. If CSDA requests a position on their sponsored legislation or ballot initiative, the Board of Directors may only take action if the following criteria are met:

- A. The representative for the member agency has been given a 30-day notice of the legislation or ballot initiative before it is scheduled for a vote to ensure adequate time to obtain feedback from the representative’s governing authority;
- B. The proposed position is not in opposition to one taken by CSDA, as set forth in the agreement between CSDA and SCCSDA; and
- C. The legislation or ballot initiative has an impact on member or special districts generally rather than on an individual district, or a class or type of special district.

Section 2. Members of special districts shall have the option of not participating in a position vote in deference to their oversight agency. If a member district exercises this option, it will not be counted or included in the Board’s vote or discussion, but its representative may make comments as a public member.

Section 3. Any vote to take a position on legislation or a ballot initiative will have the approving and dissenting individual member districts’ votes recorded in the minutes.

Section 4. This section does not preclude individual member districts from taking their own respective positions on legislation and/or ballot initiatives affecting special districts. Individual member districts also may choose to present information regarding legislation



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they are sponsoring during the Member Roundtable section of the agenda, although they may not ask for a vote of the membership. If requested, the SCCSDA will make available the contact list for SCCSDA member agency representatives to any member making the request.

Chair Moreno indicated today's changes will go back to the Bylaws Committee for incorporation into the draft language, then a clean copy of the draft amendment will be sent out to the full membership as a 60-day notice is required to be provided prior to being placed on the agenda for a vote .

2. Student Video Contest Update: information will be included in the Fall newsletter, and SCCSDA members will also send to their networks.

3. Fall Newsletter Update: articles are due by September 30, 2019.

4. Request for Budget Increase for Video Conferencing

The cost for Zoom teleconferencing is more than originally authorized by the members, and an additional \$50.00 is needed, which will bring the total annual budget allocation to \$150,00

A motion was made to increase the teleconferencing budget allocation to \$150.00 (Steve Wesolowski/Linda LeZotte); unanimous.

5. Financial Report

A motion was made to approve the financial report (Steve Wesolowski/Linda LeZotte); unanimous. The balance on hand as of 5/31/19 was \$4,020.14.

E. Party Agency Reports

A. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer NONE

B. League of California Cities – Nancy Hall-Bennett NONE

C. California Special Districts Association (CSDA) - Colleen Haley, Bay Area Network Field Coordinator gave an update.

F. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports:
SCCSDA members shared updates.

G. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

1. Action Item Review:

- Staff will send out the ABAG PowerPoint with Dave's contact information.
- Staff will send emails to state field staff (as will Stephanie Moreno & Colleen Haley) requesting they attend SCCSDA meetings.
- Staff will send out notice of the Student Video Contest

2. Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.



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3. Adjournment



E2. Student Video Contest Update

Submission Period: May 1 – September 30, 2019.

VIDEO
contest
win \$2,000

1ST PLACE-\$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP
2ND PLACE-\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP
3RD PLACE-\$500 SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE
Sept. 30

**Show Us How Special
Districts Make the Difference!**

SPECIAL DISTRICTS
For over 100 years special districts have kept our lights on, our water flowing, and our communities thriving. California special districts are much more than just local service providers. They are created by local residents to meet their community's needs in the most efficient and effective manner.

It's never too early to start working on a short video starring your local special district. Students are encouraged to be creative with their videos as they show how 'Districts Make the Difference' in California.

Do you know a student who may be interested in a scholarship? Are you a student who is interested? Do you know a teacher, principal, or someone who can help promote the contest? Spread the word!

The contest submission period will run from May 1 to September 30, 2019. All submissions are entered in the statewide contest. Some students may also be eligible for local contests. Videos must be 60-90 seconds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTEST, VISIT
WWW.DISTRICTSMAKETHE DIFFERENCE.ORG/VIDEO-CONTEST

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E5. Financial Report

Balance as of 05/31/2019	\$4,020.14
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Expenses

California Dining Services, June Meeting	\$225.49
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Balance on hand as of 8/20/2019	<u>\$3,794.65</u>
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ARTICLE X.

LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

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Section 4.

Original proposal: This section does not preclude individual member districts from taking their own respective positions on legislation and/or ballot initiatives affecting special districts. The SCCSDA shall help facilitate such requests by making available the contact list for SCCSDA member agency representatives to any representative making the request.

Revised proposal: This section does not preclude individual member districts from taking their own respective positions on legislation and/or ballot initiatives affecting special districts. Individual member districts also may choose to present information regarding legislation they are sponsoring during the Member Roundtable section of the agenda, although they may not ask for a vote of the membership. If requested, the SCCSDA will make available the contact list for SCCSDA member agency representatives to any member making the request.