



# SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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## **Santa Clara County Special Districts Association** Monday, September 10, 2018 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 June 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes—**Page 2 (Action)**
- C. Time Certain at: 12:05 p.m.**  
Guest Speaker: Tony Bowden, Fire Chief, Santa Clara County Fire Department—**Page 6**
- D. Business**
1. Student Video Contest Update and Discussion— **Page 7 (Action)**
  2. Formation of Committee to Discuss Policy Positions— **Page 7 (Action)**
  3. Financial Report—**Page 8 (Action)**
  4. Fall Newsletter Update—Articles due October 5, 2018 **(Information)**
  5. LAFCO Special District Representative Report— **(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, December 3, 2018**
  3. Adjourn

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**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 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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## B1. Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association  
Monday, June 4, 2018  
12–1:30 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

#### A. Call to Order

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Wesolowski called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.
2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** None

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

- County of Santa Clara: Jenny Treis
- Cupertino Sanitary District: Patrick Kwok
- El Camino Hospital: Brenda Taussig
- Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District: Stephanie Moreno
- Los Altos Hills County Fire District: Jeanne Evilsizer
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District: Joshua Hugg, Pete Siemens
- Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District: Steve Wesolowski
- Santa Clara County Roads & Airports: Rocelia Kmak
- Santa Clara Valley Water District: Linda J. LeZotte, Tony Estremera
- South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District: Jim Crawford
- Saratoga Fire Protection District: Joe Long
- VTA: Aaron Quigley

#### **Other Attendees:**

- Honorable Cindy Chavez, County of Santa Clara
- LAFCO of Santa Clara County: Neelima Palacherla
- California Special Districts Association: Colleen Haley
- Member of the Public: Doug Muirhead—Morgan Hill resident
- Builders Exchange: Michael Miller

**Santa Clara County Special District Association** (support staff): Rachael Gibson, Theresa Krakov, George Galanis, and Ferlina Dela Cruz

#### B. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

At 12:35 p.m., Chair Wesolowski declared that a quorum was present.



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Stephanie Moreno approved, and Bill Bosworth seconded, to approve the minutes as amended for the March 5, 2018 meeting regarding D2. Consideration of Actions for the Independent Special District Selection Committee Regarding the Countywide Successor Agency. This motion carried unanimously.

**Amendment:** D2. Consideration of Actions for the Independent Special District Selection Committee Regarding the Countywide Successor Agency

At 1:09pm, Steve Wesolowski moved, and Stephanie Moreno seconded, to nominate Tony Estremera as the primary nomination member and **Linda LeZotte as alternate**, and a representative from Midpeninsula as the alternate nomination member to be appointed as the special district's representative. This motion carried unanimously.

**C. Guest Speaker:** Honorable Cindy Chavez, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Vice President and District 2 Representative

Vice President Chavez highlighted Santa Clara County's Affordable Housing Bond - Measure A 2016. The bond provides \$950M, out of which \$700M is designated for extremely low-income housing, \$100M for very low income housing, \$100M for workforce housing near jobs and transit, and \$50M for first time homebuyers.

Vice President Chavez noted that the challenge with the bond funds is there are only a few projects that currently qualify, including community college outreach for land for students on the fringe of poverty. However, the goal remains to disburse the bond funding to ensure completion of meaningful projects that will help alleviate the affordable housing crisis.

**D1. Consideration of Support for District Sponsored State Legislative Bills SB 881: Shoreline State Flood Subventions and SB 1301: Expedited Permitting and Transparency for Human Life Safety (Action)**

Rachael Gibson presented on SB 881, which would add the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project to the list of authorized flood control projects that receive state flood subventions funding. This bill would allow the District to receive an estimated \$4 to \$7 million in from the state for flood subventions reimbursements. State subventions reimburse costs such as rights-of-way and relocations for flood control, recreation, fish and wildlife enhancements, and temporary work area easements for construction staging and hauling routes.

Ms. Gibson also presented on SB 1301, which would require a state agency to expedite permit processing and approval for projects that will maintain or improve human life safety protection through flood risk reduction or reduction of risk of dam failure. Expediting permits when human life safety or high value assets of national importance are threatened by flood risk could save lives and prevent catastrophic loss. This bill would not exempt any projects from CEQA, and in fact require any project seeking expediting to have completed CEQA before seeking an expedited permit.

A discussion ensued regarding SCCSDA's policy on positions on bills and the question arose: What is the policy in place regarding what types of legislation SCCSDA wants to speak on and support. CSDA stated they have three levels of support: 1) all hands, 2) support letter, and 3)



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support. The group agreed to discuss the issue in more detail at the next meeting, perhaps through a subcommittee of the SCCSDA.

At 12:52pm Stephanie Moreno made a motion and Joshua Hugg seconded, to not take a position on the bills and instead to consider crafting a policy for taking positions. The motion carried and discussion on the next bill continued.

Following additional discussion, the group decided to take the bills back to their boards individually for a potential position.

## **D2. Financial Report**

The SCCSDA's current balance was \$4,155.16 as of April 30, 2018. The financial report was approved as submitted.

## **D3. Fall Newsletter Update**

Articles will be due in the fall, date TBD.

## **D4. LAFCO Special District Representative Report**

No report

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

- Tony Estremera and Yoriko Kishimoto attended the May 10, 2018 Redevelopment Oversight Board meeting.
- Next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2018 to adopt the final budget and consider and adopt fee schedule revision.
- Working on developing a communication and outreach plan and will bring back to SCCSDA.
- They have taken positions on several bills and are currently working on a grant program bill.

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

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

- Grass roots action brief: 1) Board nominations up and Colleen to send email to group with information. 2) State-wide student video contest: For high school and college students, a one-minute video on what makes special districts special. CSDA provides rules, voting will be by email by October 19, 2018.
- Stephanie Moreno made a motion and Steve Wesolowski seconded, to participate and hold vote by email and offer to provide prize money as follows: First place- \$500, Second place- \$400, Third place-\$300

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

SCCSDA members shared updates.



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

Statewide video contest and discussion on SCCSDA positions.

**G2. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on September 10, 2018.

**G3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2018, from 12–1:30 p.m.



## **Item C. Guest Speaker**

**Tony Bowden**

**Fire Chief**

**Santa Clara County Fire Department**



Chief Bowden began his firefighting career with the Los Altos Fire Department in 1996, and joined the County Fire organization later the same year when the City of Los Altos and Town of Los Altos Hills contracted with County Fire for service. As Fire Chief, he is the Santa Clara County Fire Marshal and serves as the CAL OES Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator, responsible for all fire mutual aid in Santa Clara County. Chief Bowden's past assignments have included: Firefighter/Engineer, Paramedic, Fire Captain, Safety Officer, Communication Officer, Training Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief. Chief Bowden holds a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration, and he is a state certified Fire Officer, Chief Officer, and Fire Instructor.



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## D1. Student Video Contest Press Release



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
August 23, 2018

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### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR BEST STUDENT VIDEOS FEATURING SPECIAL DISTRICTS

**San Jose, Calif.** – What is a special district? You tell us! Better yet, show us, and perhaps win a scholarship.

The Santa Clara County Special Districts Association (SCCSDA) is hosting a local student video contest in conjunction with the [Districts Make the Difference](#) statewide competition. The video contest for high school and college students challenges would-be filmmakers to produce a 60-second video that tells the story of a special district or districts in Santa Clara County. The goal of each video is to increase public awareness and understanding of California's special districts and the services they provide to residents.

The competition gives entrants an opportunity to practice film-making with the potential to win a local and statewide scholarship while learning about perhaps the most enigmatic arm of local government – often unsung special districts that provide a wide range of specialized, focused services throughout California. Contestants may choose to tell the story of a local sewer and sanitation district, fire or public safety district, water district, or even a cemetery or park district. Contestants may work alone or in a team effort. Some may zoom their cameras in on something as specific as a mosquito abatement, airport, or healthcare districts. Others may choose to explore a complement of special districts that together and provide a network of essential, specialized services to their community.

Entries may be submitted between August 27 and September 30. Local contest winners will be selected by the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association and announced in October. Students have the opportunity to win \$500 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$400 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and \$300 (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Videos will then be eligible for the statewide competition and prize money. Finalists for the statewide competition will be announced November 1 and winners will be revealed in December after a month-long period of public voting.

The statewide video contest is organized by Districts Make the Difference, the public outreach campaign launched by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to highlight the important work of the almost 2,000 special districts in California. The Santa Clara County Special Districts Association is an affiliated chapter of CSDA and this is the first year SCCSDA is hosting a local contest.

"We are excited to be hosting this local contest for the students in our community," noted Steve Wesolowski, President of the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association. "This is a great opportunity for students to learn about special districts, express their creativity, and possibly win a scholarship all at the same time."

High school and college students are encouraged to visit local special districts when creating their videos. A list of all of the special districts within Santa Clara County may be found on the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association's [website](#).

For more information about the contest and to review the [application](#) and [rules](#), visit <http://districtsmakethedifference.org/video-contest>.

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## D2. Formation of Committee to Discuss Policy Positions

A discussion took place at the June 4, 2018 SCCSDA meeting regarding SCCSDA's policy on positions on bills and the question arose: What is the policy in place regarding what types of legislation SCCSDA wants to speak on and support. CSDA stated they have three levels of support: 1) all hands, 2) support letter, and 3) support. The group agreed to discuss the issue in more detail at the next meeting and perhaps consider forming a subcommittee to develop a policy for the SCCSDA's review.

## D3. Financial Report

Balance as of 04/30/2018	\$4,155.16
<b>Expenses</b>	
Lunch Stop, June Meeting	273.19
Balance on hand as of 06/30/2018	<u>\$3881.97*</u>

\*Note: \$1,200.00 of balance on hand to be set aside for Student Video Contest prize money.  
Expense is expected to be incurred in October or November 2018.

## D4. 2018 Meeting Schedule

December 3, 2018