



Contra Costa County Special District Association Meeting Minutes

3.15.2021	Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.	In order to comply with State and County Health Orders, this meeting was held via teleconference.
Call to Order / Breakout Session	<p>At 9:00 a.m., a breakout session was held via Zoom for a focused discussion on the CCSDA 30th Anniversary Event to be held in 2022</p> <p>At 10:02 a.m., the meeting was called to order.</p>	
Minutes	Cecilia Goff, District Secretary, Ironhouse Sanitary District	
Link to Zoom Recording	3.15.2021 CCSDA Meeting Recording Link	
Attendees	Attendees Signed-In Via Zoom	

Welcome

Ms. Susan Morgan, CCSDA Vice President, welcomed members. Mr. Caldwell was unable to join the meeting.

Ms. Morgan explained to the Association that the CCSDA meeting minutes and supporting documentation will be distributed via email for association approval by written ballot. Member Dues statements will be issued in May 2021.

Ms. Morgan reported the suggestions offered during the breakout session discussion of 30th Anniversary Event to be held during 2022.

- Event Type – sit-down dinner (plated)
- Event Location – City of Pleasant Hill Rec Center (managed by Parks & Rec)
 - Newly refurbished facility, holds up to 400+ people, A-V capable
 - CCSDA held prior (20th or 25th) Anniversary event there; reasonably priced
 - Caterer – Wilma Lott Catering in Martinez, was recommended (www.wilmalottcatering.com)
- Speakers/topics:
 - Suggested topics included a round table discussion on what we have learned through COVID, what has changed, a historical perspective of CCSDA (Bette Boatman suggested as a speaker for this), and a CSDA speaker.
 - Other possibilities: providing honorary plaques to prior / current presidents, honoring districts with 10 and 20 year memberships

Welcome cont'd.

- Fees / sponsorships:
 - Modest price for dinner – perhaps a different price for members and non-members, consider offering a certain number of “free” tickets – e.g., to (non-member) elected officials that we want to invite to the event, a printed program/booklet for the event, and offering sponsorship opportunities for vendors to advertise. Mr. McGill suggested Central San’s printing capabilities - might be able to print programs.
 - Suggestions to consider theme for the event – Honoring the Past (past successes) and Focusing on the Future, what Special Districts do and can do. Consider a door prize, a silent auction, and using funds obtained from Sponsors. CCSDA could purchase the prizes, baskets, etc. for these.

Guest Speaker Keith Freitas, Director of Airports for Contra Costa County

Ms. Morgan introduced and welcomed Keith Freitas, the Director of Airports for Contra Costa County. He explained that the County has two airports, Buchanan Field in Concord and Byron Airport in Byron. The airports act as an economic engine, are self-sufficient and generate revenues for the County. 828 jobs are provided. State and local tax revenues generated are \$8M and \$10M in Federal revenues. Both airports are centrally located within the East Bay.

The Byron Airport is a Bay Area Test Site (BATS) for unmanned technology consisting of various drone companies who test a variety of potential projects and uses. The airport will be used for vertical take-off and landing, possible future air taxis and inspection of debris on pavement. Mr. Freitas explained that autonomous flying could be here ahead of autonomous cars. As the FAA has been relatively fast to approve new technologies, these are very real potential projects.

The Buchanan Field has significant land available for future development of a potential industrial park, fire station or office facility. The Master Plan includes greater commercial flying planned to be developed in 2 years. Right now, JSX provides aviation. Mr. Freitas explained that noise is not expected to be a problem. Buchanan receives approximately 15 noise complaints per month, whereas SFO receives 20,000 noise complaints per month. The Board of Supervisors is very interested in commercializing Buchanan Field.

A questions and answer sessions was held after the presentation. The Association thanked Mr. Freitas for his time.

District Highlights

Ms. Morgan introduced Mr. Andrew Pierce, Public Information and Technology Officer, with Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (CCMVCD). Mr. Pierce explained that before the CCMVCD was formed, CCC had a Saltwater Marsh mosquito infestation in the 1920s. The local schools were shut down and some areas became uninhabitable. Residents voted to levy a tax on themselves to form an abatement district in 1927.

Vector describes any animal and insect capable of transmitting an agent of disease or causes discomfort to people. The Mission of CCMVCD is to prevent, detect and suppress public health pests. To reduce the risk of vector-borne disease transmission to CCC residents. CCMVCD's services include, mosquitoes, mosquitofish, rats and mice, yellow jackets, skunks and ticks.

Two species of mosquitos can transmit West Nile Virus. The District provides regular inspections and treatment of public water sources, such as creeks and marshes. Residents are encouraged to report problems such as unmaintained swimming pools and areas with an abundance of mosquitos. The District provides traps and surveillance for chickens and dead bird testing. Mosquitos are tested for West Nile Virus and the areas are monitored.

1M mosquitofish are raised on site and are used mainly in swimming pools that are not maintained to eat mosquitos. They are available to residents by request.

The District will inspect for rats and mice at no charge, provide a written report and make a recommendation. The District will provide sewer baiting consisting of insecticidal blocks placed inside of very old sewer systems. They will coordinate with the local code enforcement to identify points/causes of infestation.

Mr. Pierce explained that skunks transmit rabies. The District will inspect and provide recommendations and references to service providers, or may provide live-catch traps in certain cases.

The District will treat ground-nesting yellow jacket species only. Residents must locate the approximate area of the nest. Yellow jackets can become very aggressive if threatened and can sting many times over, unlike honey bees which die after one sting. They do provide some benefits when docile (pollination). Swarm removal and relocation of other species of bees will be referred to Mt. Diablo Beekeepers.

Ticks may cause Lyme disease. Residents can mail the tick sample to District for identification in ziplock bag.

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Discussion regarding a 30-year Anniversary celebration in 2022

The Association discussed forming an Ad Hoc Committee for the thirty year anniversary celebration to be held in 2022. Based on input during the Breakout session, the following people have been invited to form the initial 30th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee:

- Chad Davisson – ISD and RD830
- Lou Ann Texeira – LAFCO
- John Burgh – CCWD
- Igor Skaredoff – CCRC
- Angela Lowrey - ISD
- Mike McGill – Central San
- Emily Barnett – Central San
- Colleen Haley – CSDA

Anyone else wishing to join the Ad Hoc Committee should send email to CCSDA@isd.us.com. The initial kickoff meeting will be scheduled and coordinated by ISD and Ms. Angela Lowrey will act as facilitator. Officers will be elected at the kickoff meeting.

CSDA Update and Legislation in Progress – Colleen Haley

Ms. Colleen Haley, California Special Districts Association (CSDA) legislative representative, explained that CSDA has prepared a letter for Special Districts to ask their legislators for relief funding. Districts may contact CSDA to obtain this letter.

Announcements and Member Comments

Mr. Bert Michalczyk announced that Dues Statements will be coming in May 2021. Mr. Mike McGill provided brief update on LAFCo. Los Medanos District is closing. Currently Los Medanos has a lawsuit against the County and LAFCo. Ms. Lou Ann Texeira indicated that the bill was scheduled for hearings next. If it proceeds to the Governor's desk, he will have until October 10, 2021 to sign it.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at noon. The next CCSDA virtual meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.