



Contra Costa County Special District Association Meeting Minutes

9.18.2023	Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.	The in-person meeting facility was located at the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District, 155 Mason Circle, Concord, CA. Members were able to attend remotely via Zoom.
Call to Order / Breakout Session	<p>At 9:30 a.m., a Meet and Greet session was held for an open discussion among Association Members.</p> <p>At 10:03 a.m., the meeting was called to order.</p>	
Minutes	Cecilia Goff, District Secretary, Ironhouse Sanitary District	
Link to Zoom Recording	9.18.2023 CCSDA Meeting Recording Link	
Attendees	Meeting attendees joined in person and via Zoom.	

Welcome

Mr. Chad Davisson, CCSDA President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

The May 15, 2023 meeting minutes were approved as corrected. The July 31, 2023 ACSDA/CCSDA Joint meeting minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker – Taryn Ravazzini, Executive Director, Los Vaqueros Expansion JPA – Providing an update on the Los Vaqueros expansion project

Taryn Ravazzini, Executive Director, Los Vaqueros Expansion JPA, provided an update on the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project. She explained that this project is part of the Surface Storage Program in the 2020 CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision. It is a multi-agency collaboration effort with eight stakeholders.

Ms. Ravazzini explained that project components include expanding existing storage, conveyance and recreation. State Public benefits are required to be fifty percent of the project and include supporting the ecosystem, emergency response and recreation. Other benefits include increased supply reliability, improved drinking water quality and enhanced regional collaboration.

Ms. Ravazzini explained that the water is pumped into the system from one of four existing Delta intakes and sent to an upgraded Transfer Facility pump station. The water

can be delivered directly to local partners and wildlife refuges or pumped into an expanded Los Vaqueros Reservoir. The total development and construction cost is \$980M. The cost share for the Expansion Project is as follows, State funding of \$477M, federal funding of \$174M or up to 25% of the cost share authorized in 2020, and local contributions of \$300M. The Expansion Project began in 2018 after receiving preliminary CWC eligibility and funding determinations. The project is expected to be completed in 2032.

JPA meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Zone 7 Water Agency.

After the presentation, a question and answer session was held. Mr. Davisson thanked Ms. Ravazzini for her presentation.

Guest Speaker – Ken Carlson, Contra Costa County Supervisor, District IV – Providing and update on Supervisor activities and initiatives

Ken Carlson, Contra Costa County Supervisor, District IV, provided an update on Supervisor activities and initiatives. He explained that he is the first LGBTQIA+, out, supervisor. He was raised in the Concord and Pleasant Hill area, worked for the Concord Police Department for 29 years and was a Pleasant Hill Councilmember for ten years.

Supervisor Carlson provided an overview of the local and regional Boards he serves on within Contra Costa County. District IV covers Clayton, Concord Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and unincorporated communities of the Contra Costa Centre and Morgan Territory. Supervisor Carlson provided an overview of County services available. He also provided an overview of the County Supervisors responsibilities.

Contra Costa County has received a significant increase in population of those seeking immigration asylum. Concord will be getting a significantly expanded immigration court, which was not communicated to local officials. Supervisor Carlson worked with Stand together Contra Costa to expand services and bring in additional funding. Recent accomplishments include funding additional positions for the District Attorney and Public Defender office, leading the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Presentation and passing a balanced budget.

The County Supervisors have worked to expand CORE Mobile Outreach Teams services and hours to provide more service delivery for homelessness and mental health response, the development of a call/service center for those who find themselves in mental health crisis's as well as removing law enforcement from the equation. He also provided an overview of Measure X and the County's draft General Plan.

Association Members were invited to "Coffee with Ken" Friday at 9 a.m. at Rooted in Walnut Creek. Interest was solicited for vacancies on local Boards in District IV. A question and answer session was held. Mr. Davisson thanked Supervisor Carlson for his presentation.

Recap of the July 31, 2023 joint meeting with the Alameda County Chapter

Mr. Davisson provided an overview of the July ACSDA/CCSDA annual joint meeting. He explained that the topic for this year was the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative. Tim Seufert, NBS, Managing Director, provided an overview of Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative. Representatives from the Contra Costa County Taxpayers Association, Tax Payer Protection and Government Accountability Act, League of California Cities, CSDA Legislative Representatives and Deputy Counsel and Alameda County Taxpayers Association were invited to present on their respective positions.

Susan Morgan explained that the meeting report, recording and supporting documents are available on the CCSDA Website and encouraged all to review. She also explained the Executive Committee is considering having a similar meeting next year when this topic becomes more immediate.

Recap of the CSDA Annual Conference Highlights – Chad Davisson/Antonio Martinez

An overview of the CSDA Annual Conference Highlights was provided by Mr. Davisson and Mr. Martinez. Copies of the presentations are available on the CSDA website.

Mr. Davisson encouraged elected officials and general managers to attend Special Districts Leadership Academy in October 22-25 in Santa Rosa.

Receive and Accept FYE 2023 Audit Committee report

Treasurer Bert Michalczyk presented the FYE 2023 Audit Committee report to the Association. The audit report was reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee, Patricia Howard and Cecilia Goff, who met on August 28, 2023. Mr. Michalczyk filed the tax returns with the IRS and FTB. The Association approved FYE June 30, 2023 Audit Committee report.

Introduction to the Executive Committee election process and timeline

Mr. Davisson and Ms. Morgan provided an overview of the election process and explained that the election will be held in January 2024. The election committee will consist of Barbara Hockett and Paula Macedo. Board action is required for nominations. The election committee will provide Association members with the election guidelines.

Discussion of Chapter newsletter and solicit member interest in Newsletter format and content

Mr. Davisson solicited member interest regarding the newsletter format and content. He explained that Mr. Caldwell prepared an extensive newsletter in the past, but that this is not the current expectation. The association discussed providing an online forum that would allow association members to upload their messages. The Association will consider forming a website overhaul committee.

LAFCo Update – Mike McGill

Mr. McGill, LAFCo Commissioner, thanked Mr. Martinez for providing an overview of the LAFCO course provided at the CSDA conference. He explained that LAFCO received an application to dissolve the Alamo-Lafayette Cemetery District (ALCD) and it is currently being processed. Patricia Bristow explained that she is on the Board of the Union Cemetery District and expressed concern about the dissolution application for ALCD. The fiscal year 2023/24 budget and work plan were adopted. The wastewater draft MSR is expected to be ready later this fall.

CSDA Update and Legislation in Progress – Colleen Hayley

There was no legislative update.

Announcements and Member Comments

There were no announcements or comments.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at noon. The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2023 at the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District.