



Contra Costa County Special District Association Meeting Minutes

11.15.2021	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 9:30 a.m., a Meet and Greet session was held via Zoom for an open discussion among Association Members.</p> <p>At 10:06 a.m., the meeting was called to order.</p>	
Minutes	Cecilia Goff, District Secretary, Ironhouse Sanitary District	
Link to Zoom Recording	11.15.2021 CCSDA Meeting Recording Link	
Attendees	Attendees Signed-In Via Zoom	
Welcome		
<p>Mr. Stan Caldwell, CCSDA President, welcomed members.</p> <p>The Association approved the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 20, 2021 meeting minutes 		
Guest Speaker - Ashleigh Howick, California Citizens Redistricting Commission		
<p>Mr. Chad Davisson introduced Ms. Ashleigh Howick, California Citizens Redistricting Commission.</p> <p>Ms. Howick explained that redistricting is the process of revising or changing the district lines already existing for a municipality or agency. Redistricting covers Congressional district lines, State Senate, State Assembly and Board of Equalization, 58 counties, 482 cities, 1037 school districts as well as other districts – community colleges, water districts, etc. If an agency (City, school board, special district, etc.) already has “by-district” elections in place, then the redistricting will also affect the by-district lines. Boundaries will need to be reviewed and updated. If a district is “at large”, then redistricting will not affect or change that “at large” status.</p> <p>Ms. Howick explained that any citizen can look at the current proposed boundaries, and offer comments or input, at https://drawmycalifornia.org/. Virtual appoints are available and several other resources. To date, over 15K comments have been received.</p>		

Nikita Sinha, Institute for Local Government (ILG)

Mr. Chad Davisson introduced Ms. Nikita Sinha, Institute for Local Government (ILG).

Ms. Sinha explained that ILG provides recognition awards statewide for sustainable efforts in California. Program areas include saving energy, reducing greenhouse gases and implementing innovative sustainability policies and programs. Last year, ILG opened up its award program to Special Districts. There is no cost to apply. Award applications are released in March. The submission deadline is July and notification is sent in August.

Discuss Proposed Changes to Chapter Bylaws -

The Executive Committee sent ballots requesting that all member agencies vote to authorize amending certain language in the Bylaws and naming authorized voting representatives. Revisions also include changing the Executive Committee from one Member-At-Large to two Members-At-Large. To date, only two agencies have voted. Ballots are due December 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Consider approving a membership dues increase of \$50 per year – Stan Caldwell

The Association approved increasing CCSDA dues from \$100 per member to \$150 per member as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Member Elections – Call for Nominations – Nominating Committee (Michael McGill and Igor Skaredoff)

The Executive Committee proposed to expand its members to include a second Member-at Large. This will require an amendment to the Bylaws, which will be presented at the next meeting for formal action. An electronic ballot was sent out to all CCSDA Members. Ballots need to be completed by December 15, 2021 and voting representatives for each member agency need to be indicated. Nominations for the Executive Committee require formal action by member agencies.

The Association will nominate one representative for the Special Districts Oversight Board (for Redevelopment) and one alternate.

Interested candidates should contact the Nominating Committee - Mike McGill and Igor Skaredoff.

Accept First Quarter FY 2021-22 Treasurers Report – Bert Michalczyk

Mr. Bert Michalczyk presented the first quarter FY 2021-22 Treasurers Report. It was accepted by the Association.

CCSDA 30th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee Update – Susan Morgan

Ms. Morgan provided an update on the 30th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee. The Committee is planning to book the event on a Thursday in March of 2023 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. A sponsorship package/description is being put together by Ms. Angela Lowrey. A video that features highlight interviews with different districts is planned. Committee members are exploring keynote speakers. Central San is working on a logo and a program agenda is being created. A preliminary budget will be presented to the Association at a future meeting.

LAFCo Update – Mike McGill

Mr. McGill provided a brief update on LAFCo. He thanked Ms. Lou Ann Texeira for eloquently compiling the updates Mr. McGill provides to the Association. Second round MSR and Sphere of Influence updates for CCC Mosquito and Vector Control District and CC Resource Conservation District are in progress. LAFCo applications have increased over the last few months. Two LAFCo commissioner seat terms are expiring. Staff is working on an updated LAFCo directory. He thanked agencies for providing updates.

LAFCo was pleased to recognize award nominees, Contra Costa Water District and Diablo Water District, for exemplary leadership and collaboration in delivering clean reliable water service to disadvantaged communities in Contra Costa County.

CSDA Update and Legislation in Progress – Colleen Haley

Ms. Colleen Haley, California Special Districts Association (CSDA) legislative representative, explained that COVID relief funds have been allocated. Special Districts applied for over \$500M, however, only \$100M is currently available. CSDA is hoping to increase the allocation of funds for its members next year. The District Secretary Conference was held in September. Approximately 600 members attended.

Announcements and Member Comments

Ms. Morgan reminded members to complete ballots by December 15, 2021. CCSDA will continue to reevaluate holding in person meetings until mandates and health issues are improved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. The next CCSDA meeting will be held on January 24, 2022 at 10 a.m. due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.