



Contra Costa County Special District Association Meeting Minutes

5.15.2023	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	5.15.2023 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. He thanked the Contra Costa Mosquito Vector Control District for hosting the Association meeting.

The March 20, 2023 meeting minutes will be brought back to the July meeting.

Guest Speaker – Kristen Connelly, Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar – Introduced by Susan Morgan

Kristen Connelly, Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder-Registrar, was introduced to Association. Ms. Connelly’s current goals are to increase access to voting, ensure transparency about the election process and support and promote the important work of the Clerk-Recorder division. She explained that she was raised locally in Martinez. She is cognizant of being the elected official in charge of elections in Contra Costa County at a time when elections are under threat. Ms. Connelly provided an overview of the on-going activities of her office.

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

LAFCO Election Update – Lou Ann Texiera

Lou Ann Texiera, LAFCO Executive Director, explained that seven nominations were received for the Special District Alternate seat. Ballots can be returned by mail, email or in-person. LAFCO has received 18 ballots to date, but a minimum of 21 ballots are required to proceed. Reminders will be sent out. The election deadline for voting is May 19, 2023.

CCSDA 30th Anniversary Overview and Wrap Up – Chad Davisson/Susan Morgan

Mr. Davisson explained that the CCSDA 30th Anniversary held on April 27, 2023 was a success. The event received approximately \$18,000 from sponsors. The key note Speaker, Zoe Dunning, was well received. If anyone would like special training with Ms. Dunning, please contact Ms. Morgan. Mr. Davisson thanked all who were part of the planning committee and attendees.

The executive team explained that they would like to begin holding buffet-style annual dinners and invited Members to join the planning committee.

Presentation and Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget as recommended by the Executive Committee – Bert Michalczyk

Bert Michalczyk, CCSDA Treasurer explained the Association has seen a, slight, steady decrease in membership each year and suggested a future focus be on increasing membership.

The Annual Budget was approved as presented by Board action.

Discussion Item: Agenda and content of the July 2023 Joint Meeting with the Alameda Chapter – Susan Morgan

Ms. Morgan explained that the concept for the upcoming joint meeting between Alameda County and Contra Costa Special Districts Associations will be a panel discussion on the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, Initiative #21-0042A1 (aka #1935). Ms. Morgan is coordinating speakers representing both sides with the hope of engaging in a civil discussion on this topic, while not allowing a debate. The meeting will be held in July at the Shannon Center in Dublin.

LAFCo Update – Mike McGill

Mr. McGill, LAFCo Commissioner, explained that the last LAFCO meeting was on May 10, 2023. An application from the Knightsen Town Community Services District to dissolve themselves was received in November 2022 and approved unanimously by LAFCO at the May meeting. The fiscal year 2023/24 budget and work plan were approved and included two MSR for County Service Areas and reclamation districts. The wastewater draft MSR is expected to be ready later this summer. It included thirteen wastewater agencies. Public comment at a recent meeting expressed an urgency to conduct a special study related to Mt. View and Central San being consolidated.

CSDA Update and Legislation in Progress – Colleen Hayley

Colleen Hayley, Bay Area Public Affairs Field Coordinator, explained that she is heading to the CSDA Special District Legislative Days after this meeting. The General Manager Summit will be in June, Annual Conference in August, Special District Leadership Conference in October and District Secretary Conference in November. An email was sent to General Manager's requesting opposition of the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act. Ms. Hayley provided a brief overview of the CBRT and possible effects on special districts. An additional email was sent requesting support for AB 557.

Announcements and Member Comments

Scott Bartlebaugh introduced himself and explained that he serves on the Crocket Community Services District Board and Sanitary Commission. He is interested in the East Bay Regional Parks Advisory Committee seat currently filled by Igor Skaredoff. Mr. Skaredoff explained that the Crockett Waterfront Festival will be held on Saturday, May 20th and is hosted by the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District and the City of Crocket. Contra Costa Water District is hosting the Los Vaqueros 20th anniversary event on Saturday, May 20th. Reagan Ballo, Five Star Bank in Sacramento, introduced himself and explained that they are CSDA sponsors and will be attending the upcoming conferences.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the ACSDA, held on July 10, 2023 at the Shannon Center in Dublin.