



Contra Costa County Special District Association Meeting Minutes

3.20.2023	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 via Zoom for an open discussion among Association Members.</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	3.20.2023 CCSDA Meeting Recording Link	
Attendees	Attendees signed-in via Zoom	

Welcome

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

The Association approved the January 23, 2023 CCSDA meeting minutes.

District Highlights – Contra Costa Resource Conservation District, Chris Lim

Mr. Davisson introduced Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) Executive Director Chris Lim. Mr. Lim explained that the mission of the CCRCD is to facilitate the conservation and stewardship of the natural resources in Contra Costa County. There are 96 non-regulatory, conservation special districts in the State.

Voluntary partners include farmers and ranchers, watershed and creek groups, schools, local agencies including special districts and nonprofits, legislators, individuals and landowners and land managers.

Mr. Lim provided an overview of the new programs that include EcoStewards and restoration. He explained that CCRCD partnered with Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to provide a Regional Wildfire Prevention Plan. March Creek, Little Frank's Tract, Green Infrastructure and Shoreline are part of the Watershed restoration plan.

Mr. Lim explained that future challenges include funding, competitive grant programs and climate change.

After the presentation, a question and answer session was held. Mr. Davisson thanked Mr. Lim for his presentation

Guest Speaker - Lindy Johnson, Policy Director, East Bay Leadership Council. Introduction by Michael McGill

Mr. McGill welcomed Lindy Johnson, Policy Director for East Bay Leadership Council.

Ms. Johnson explained that the East Bay Leadership Council is an advocacy organization that works directly with elected officials with hopes of progressing towards a more equitable economy for better quality of life. Focuses are water, energy and environment infrastructure including housing and transportation. Opportunity, including education workforce development, economic development and healthcare. Membership consists east bay employers ranging in size.

Infrastructure consists of a housing taskforce, transportation task force. The opportunity task force includes early childhood education, reimagining Cal State East Bay and legislation and budget monitoring. The water and environment task force topics include refinery conversion, lithium batteries, Contra Costa's Climate Action Plan and legislation related to desalinization.

Other initiatives include Build the Bench and Engage East Bay. Build the bench is a nonpartisan training program designed for the East Bay. The program focuses on long term investment programs in a 10 week training program. Engage East Bay (eastbaylc.com/engage) assists matching members of the community to nonprofits seeking board members. Engage East Bay is a sister organization to the Contra Costa Economic Partnership and mainly consists of research.

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

CCSDA 30th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee Update – Chad Davisson

Mr. Davisson explained that the CCSDA 30th Anniversary event is scheduled for April 27, 2023 and has received a low response for attendance, although over 400 digital invites were distributed. He provided an overview of sponsorship levels. All are welcomed to attend. The committee has confirmed a speaker. Questions were solicited and answered.

Reminder for LAFCo call for nominations for Special District Representative – Lou Ann Texiera

Ms. Texiera provided an overview of the process and timeline for nominations and voting. The deadline for submitting names for voting delegates and nominations is April 3, 2023. The election deadline for voting is May 19, 2023.

CCSDA offered to compile candidate statements and share them with the CCSDA membership.

LAFCo Update – Mike McGill

Mr. McGill, LAFCo Commissioner, explained that the two new Commissioners were welcomed. The third round wastewater MSR's are underway. The Final; budget presentation will be in May or June. Ms. Texiera attended the Fire District's Association annual conference as a presenter.

Consideration of changing the date of the Mat 15th meeting due to the CSDA Special Districts Legislative Days Conference occurring May 16th and 17th

The Association did not take action on this item.

CSDA Update and Legislation in Progress – Colleen Hayley

Ms. Colleen Hayley did not attend the meeting.

Announcements and Member Comments

Mr. Igor Skaredoff explained that he currently represents CCSDA on the East Bay Regional Parks Advisory Committee. The term is expiring and he requested further clarification on continuing to serve on the Committee. East Bay Regional Parks will provide clarification.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2023.