



Alameda County Special District Association & Contra Costa County Special District Association Joint Chapter Meeting Minutes

7.11.2022	Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.	Meeting Location: Shannon Community Center 11600 Shannon Ave, Dublin, CA 94568
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Call to Order / Breakout Sessions	At 10:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order.
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Minutes	Cecilia Goff, District Secretary, Ironhouse Sanitary District
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Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Roland Williams, ACSDA President, Castro Valley Sanitary District General Manager and Mr. Chad Davisson, CCSDA President, Ironhouse Sanitary District General Manager, called the meeting to order and welcomed ACSDA and CCSDA members.

Guest Speaker - Rebecca Saltzman - Bart Board President

Ms. Rebecca Saltzman, Board President, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) was introduced to the Associations and provided an update. She explained that Bart has been serving the Bay Area for fifty years.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Ms. Saltzman explained that average daily ridership initially decreased by 94% and gradually increased to 37% by June 2022. The Operating Budget saw \$1 billion in revenue reduction with cost cutting efforts through FY22 prior to receiving federal assistance. \$1.6B in federal assistance was received and is projected to last through fiscal year 2023. Additional support will be necessary to ensure regional economic recovery. She explained that the vaccine rollout did not end the pandemic and riders continue to remain cautious due to surges and additional variants.

The Shelter in Place Order allowed BART to rebuild the system. Modernization station projects and escalator replacements were accelerated with less weekend closures. Measure RR with cost savings was delivered. Twenty-four single tracking Sundays were eliminated.

Ms. Saltzman explained that BART's Welcome Back Plan, that began Feb 14, 2022, included significant schedule improvements, cleaner trains and stations, more safety staff and a safer system thanks to a dramatic drop in crime. BART is focusing on welcoming

back riders with improved service, health and cleanliness, reopening of public restrooms, addressing of quality of life issues, homelessness and progressive policing. There will be more options for those in need of help by implementing a safer system. A sexual harassment prevention system has been established. Reduced fare evasion is expected due the replacement of faregate systems. The projected cost of this project was \$150M, but due to BART innovation, a 40% savings was realized and the final cost will be \$90M. Clipper START cards that offer fare discounts to qualified riders are available.

She explained that BART is rebuilding the system by modernizing the El Cerrito del Norte and 19th St. / Oakland stations as well as making access improvements to the Antioch Station. Housing is being facilitated near the Dublin, Lake Merritt West Oakland, MacArthur, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Ashby & North Berkeley, and El Cerrito Plaza stations. An overview of Link21, the new Transbay Rail Crossing was provided.

Ms. Saltzman invited all to attend the “50th Birthday Party & Family Fun Festival” on September 10, 2022 from 11 am-4 pm at the Lake Merritt Station.

A question and answer session was held. The Associations thanked Ms. Saltzman for her presentation.

Guest Speaker – Frank Mellon, Director – East Bay Municipal Utility District, Drought Update

Mr. Frank Mellon, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), provided an update on the current drought conditions. An overview of water supply, water use restrictions, water conservation increased rebates and outreach was provided. He explained that EBMUD is the second largest retail water system in California and thirteenth largest in the United States. 1.4 million water customers and 745,000 wastewater customers are served within their 332 square mile service area. By 2035, the population is projected to reach 1.65 million.

Mr. Mellon provided an overview of climate change projections including temperature increases, snow melt and runoff timing and sea level rise. He explained that although this year was dry, EBMUD is in a good position for now. The District implemented 10% mandatory water use reductions, an excessive use penalty ordinance, restrictions on water use, and an 8% drought surcharge.

He explained that EBMUD developed a water supply portfolio consisting of Contra Costa Water District Storage Sharing, San Joaquin County Regional Groundwater Banking and Water Transfer Partnerships to prevent the District from relying on one single source of water. The Freeport Regional Water Project Partnership with Sacramento County, completed in 2011, allows 133,000 acre feet (AF) of supplemental water in dry years, capping at 165,000 AF over 3 consecutive dry years. The EBMUD cost share for this partnership was over \$500m.

A question and answer session was held. The Associations thanked Mr. Mellon for his presentation.

ACSDA Business Items

- a. Approval of ACSDA's Membership meeting minutes from May 11th

The Association approved the May 11, 2022 ACSDA meeting minutes.

- b. ACSDA Election of Officers:

- Election Subcommittee Report and Recommendations
- Election
- Election Messages

The ACSDA presented the election subcommittee report and recommendations. An election of officers was held. Ryan Clausnitzer, President; Sara Palmer, At-Large; and Sheila Young, At-Large were elected by formal action.

After the election of officers, President Clausnitzer thanked Mr. Roland Williams, for his many years of service as the chapter president and longtime role on the executive committee. The Associations expressed their gratitude to Mr. Williams and congratulated him on his retirement from the Association. Mr. Williams recognized Ms. Stacy Marcoux, Castro Valley Sanitary District, for providing many years of administration support.

CCSDA Business Items

There were no CCSDA business items.

ACSDA Updates

- a. Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson, Ayn Wieskamp, and Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, and Executive Officer, Rachel Jones

Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission Chapter Executive Officer, Rachel Jones explained that a Preliminary Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis for the unincorporated communities of Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Fairview, and Hayward Acres is being considered. The Cities would have to pay for the comprehensive analysis. The public draft of the 2021 Countywide Municipal Service Review (MSR) will be available at the September meeting.

- b. East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee Chapter Representative: Roland Williams

Mr. Williams explained that the East Bay Regional Park District received a clean audit. The Park advisory roles and committees are being reviewed.

CCSDA Updates

a. 30th Anniversary Celebration Event

Mr. Davisson explained that CCSDA is currently organizing their 30th Anniversary Event on April 27, 2023 at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. All were welcomed to attend.

CSDA Update and Legislation in Progress: Dane Wadle

Mr. Dane Wadle, CSDA Legislative Analyst, explained that the State Budget was approved with a significant surplus. CSDA participated in a coalition of other industry associations to extend the period of time that special districts could apply COVID-19 related arrearages. An overview of bills that CSDA supported and opposed was provided. Mr. Wadle explained that there was a significant turnover in the State legislature due to redistricting. The CSDA Annual Conference is in Palm Springs in August.

Announcements and Member Comments

- a. Next Meeting for ACSDA – Wednesday, September 14, 2022 @ 8:00 am hosted by StopWaste
- b. Next Meeting for CCSDA – Monday, September 19, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m. and lunch was provided.