



# Ventura County Special Districts Association

## VCSDA MEETING MINUTES

*Approved*

Date: 6/6/23  
Motion: Elaine Magner  
Second: Kate O'Brien

### Tuesday, April 4, 2023

#### VENTURA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

#### MEMBERS

- Bell Canyon Community Services District
- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Camarillo Health Care District
- Camrosa Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services District
- Conejo Recreation & Park District
- Hidden Valley Municipal Water District
- Ojai Valley Sanitary District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Pleasant Valley County Water District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation & Parks District
- Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District
- Saticoy Sanitary District
- Triunfo Water and Sanitation District
- United Water Conservation District
- Ventura Port District
- Ventura River Water District

The April 4, 2023 meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held in person at The Camarillo Health Care District. No virtual participation was available for this meeting.

#### **1. and 2. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. President Ralston asked CRPD Vice President George Lange to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3. and 4. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/ ROLL CALL**

President Ralston welcomed everyone to the meeting and then called roll:

Members in attendance included: (10 of 18 Districts participating)

- Bell Canyon Community Services:** Richard Levy, Dennis Zine
- Calleguas Municipal Water:** Raul Avila, Anthony Goff, Scott Quady, Thibault Robert
- Camarillo Health Care:** Kara Ralston, Brandie Thomas
- Conejo Recreation and Park:** Charles Huffer, George Lange
- Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks:** Elaine Magner, Mark Malloy, Mary Otten
- Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks:** Elaine Freeman, Katie O'Brien
- Triunfo Water and Sanitation:** Janna Orkney
- United Water Conservation:** Daniel Naumann
- Ventura Port District:** Brian Pendleton
- Ventura River Water:** Bruce Kuebler, Bert Rapp

Members of the Public participating in the meeting included:

- LAFCo Executive Director Kai Luoma
- Anthony Acosta with The KYA Group

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Motion to approve the Minutes from the February 7, 2023 membership meeting, Brian Pendleton; Second, Elaine Magner. Voice vote: all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

#### **6. DISTRICT UPDATE**

President Ralston invited any members to share a brief update of their district. Bruce Kuebler with VRWD reported that Lake Casitas is up 55 feet and 68% full. Dan Naumann with UWCD shared that Lake Piru is full with overflow. Janna Orkney with TWSD announced Triunfo has it's own headquarters now and will hold it's first board meeting in April. Brian Pendleton with VPD shared information on the annual dredging of Ventura Harbor.

President—Kara Ralston  
Vice President—Jacque McMillan

Treasurer—Brian Pendleton  
Secretary—Brandie Thomas

## **7. GUEST SPEAKER**

President Ralston introduced guest speaker Anthony Goff, General Manager of Calleguas Municipal Water District. Anthony shared a brief history of Calleguas Municipal Water District and provided information on the district's service areas, distribution of water systems, and current projects and water conditions.

## **8. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Pendleton reported that he has arranged to meet with Wells Fargo to begin the change of VCSDA Officers on file as authorized signers. Motion to receive and file VCSDA Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements from February 2023 and March 2023, Elaine Freeman; Second, Richard Levy. Voice vote: all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

## **9. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CSDA Report** - Director Magner reminded members about the Take Action Brief and how this legislation can impact special districts. She emphasized the importance of getting involved and encouraged members to reach out.

**CSDA Update** - Director Magner provided an update on behalf of Charlotte Holifield. She reminded members about the upcoming Special Districts Legislative Days, May 16 and 17, and General Manager Leadership Summit, June 25-27, and encouraged members to attend.

**Legislative Update** - Director Freeman reviewed bills on the legislative report and the CARB Report.

**LAFCo Update** - Director Avila reported on the MSR for Bell Canyon and that the LAFCo Meeting Presentation is on the LAFCo website. He also mentioned the proposed budget for 2023-2024.

**County Oversight Update** - In the absence of Mishler, Director Malloy provided brief announcement of progress.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS/ MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Magner discussed the VCSDA's donation to the Special Districts Leadership Foundation and reminded members that anyone can apply for scholarships to the Special Leadership Academy.

President Ralston adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. to the next VCSDA meeting **on June 6, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Brandie Thomas*

Brandie Thomas, Secretary to VCSDA