



Ventura County Special Districts Association

VCSDA MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Date: 10/1/2024
Motion: Elaine Magner
Second: Mark Malloy

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

VENTURA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

MEMBERS

- Bell Canyon Community Services District
- Blanchard/Santa Paula Public Library 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 August 6, 2024 meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held at Camarillo Health Care District.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. President Ralston asked George Lange with Conejo Recreation and Park to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members in attendance included: (10 of 19 Districts participating)

Calleguas Municipal Water: Thibault Robert

Camarillo Health Care: Kara Ralston, Michelle Rogers, Brandie Thomas

Camrosa Water: Andrew Nelson, Norman Huff

Conejo Recreation and Park: Nellie Cusworth, Jim Friedl, Chuck Huffer, George Lange

Oxnard Harbor: Andrew Rodriguez, Mary Anne Rooney

Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks: Elaine Magner, Mark Malloy, Mary Otten

Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks: Elaine Freeman, Kate O'Brien, Dan Paranick

United Water Conservation: Mohammed Hasan

Ventura Port: Brian Pendleton

Ventura River Water: Laurie Lary

Members of the Public attending:

CSDA - Richelle Noroyan

LAFCo - Kai Luoma

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING APRIL 2, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 2, 2024 membership meeting, Elaine Magner; Second, George Lange; Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Pendleton reported on March, April, May, June, and July balance sheets. He provided an overview of revenue and expenses sources. Ideas to increase revenue will be brought to the October 2024 meeting.

Membership dues for 2024/2025 were presented. Motion to approve the 2024/2025 membership dues to remain \$150 for Regular Membership and \$75 for Associate Membership, Elaine Magner; Second, Mohammed Hasan; Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

President—Kara Ralston
Vice President—Jacque McMillan

Treasurer—Brian Pendleton
Secretary—Brandie Thomas

4. GUEST SPEAKER

President Ralston invited Brian Pendleton with Ventura Port District and Mary Ann Rooney with Oxnard Harbor District to share the news of the \$16 million sub-award from the California State Transportation Agency's Port and Freight Infrastructure Program grant they received to work together on projects to support efficiency of operations for the ports.

President Ralston gave a brief overview of the Camarillo Health Care Districts (CHCD) health and wellness services, highlighting the Care-A-Van transportation services, Adult Day Center, Senior Nutrition Program, and Caregiver services, education and training. She discussed Fall Prevention Services and programs, including SMARTfit, POWERfit, and BALANCEfit. She announced that CHCD won the 2024 Innovative Program of the Year award for BALANCEfit and POWERfit. This is the districts 4th time winning Innovative Program of the Year, awarded also in 2023 for its Virtual Reality Programming.

5. REPORTS

CSDA Report - CSDA President Elaine Magner thanked all who voted for her and said it is her pleasure to serve this area. She reminded members the bylaws need to be updated changing the vacancy rules and be approved by members. She invited members to attend the Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase in Indian Wells, September 9-12, 2024.

CSDA Update - Richelle Noroyan announced the Mid-Year CSDA Legislative Report is available on the website. In regards to Special District advocacy, she reminded members that legislation needs to hear from them. Members are the experts and know best what challenges they are experiencing, encouraging them to voice their concerns. She reminded members of the SDRMA workshop in Monterey in September.

Legislative Update - Director Freeman provided an overview of the legislative report. She announced her resignation and thanked all. She is honored to have served as a LAFCo representative for the last 12 years and serving as a Board Member with Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District since 2003.

LAFCo Update - Executive Director of Ventura County LAFCo, Kai Luoma, reported there is no update due to no meeting being held. He announced recruiting for an Alternate Public Member, Public Member Commissioner, and the seat of Special District Board Member Mary Ann Rooney, with terms expiring December 31, 2024.

6. NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Pendleton, General Manager of Ventura Port District, attended the General Manager Leadership Summit and received his award for Certified Special District Manager.

Kate O'Brien with Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Mark Malloy with Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District, and George Lange with Conejo Recreation and Park District announced their resignations.

President Ralston closed the meeting in honor of Elaine Freeman and thanked her for her many years of service. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. to the next VCSDA meeting **on October 1, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brandie Thomas

Brandie Thomas, Secretary to VCSDA