



Ventura County Special Districts Association

VCSDA MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Date: 10/3/2023
 Motion: Elaine Freeman
 Second: Jacque McMillan

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

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 1, 2023 meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held in person at Camarillo Health Care District. No virtual participation was available for this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. President Ralston asked Todd Mitchell with VPD to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Bell Canyon Community Services: Richard Levy, Greg McHugh, Peter Machuga, Dennis Zine

Calleguas Municipal Water: Raul Avila, Jacque McMillan, Thibault Robert

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

Camrosa Water: Andrew Nelson

Conejo Recreation and Park: Marissa Buss, Nellie Cusworth, Jim Friedl, George Lange

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

Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks: Elaine Freeman

United Water Conservation: Bruce Dandy, Mohammed Hasan, Daniel Naumann

Ventura Port District: Todd Mitchell

Ventura River Water: Bert Rapp

Members of the Public attending:

LAFCo- Kai Luoma

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING JUNE 6, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2023 membership meeting, Elaine Freeman; Second, Bruce Dandy. Voice vote: all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

In Mr. Pendleton's absence, President Ralston reported on the June 2023 and July 2023 balance sheets. Motion to receive and file VCSDA Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements from June 2023 and July 2023, Elaine Magner; Second, Daniel Naumann. 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 introduced guest speaker Kai Luoma, LAFCo Executive Officer. Mr. Luoma provided a brief background on the history and conditions that led to the creation of LAFCo's. He provided an overview of LAFCo's funding sources and purposes, including regulating service boundaries and how they determine spheres of influence through municipal service reviews. He mentioned housing development as Ventura LAFCo's current biggest challenge.

5. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Mitchell with VPD announced that the port just received a grant for 80 million dollars. Bruce Dandy with UWCD reminded members to join them Thursday, August 3rd, for their celebration of 4 million acre-feet of water recharged. Raul Avila and Thibault Robert with CMWD mentioned their district is getting ready to review the new strategic plan. Elaine Freeman with RSRP announced their 2 million dollar grant to redo a swimming pool. They are also in construction of their lighted dog park.

6. REPORTS

CSDA Report - CSDA President Elaine Magner provided the CSDA report and, also, the CSDA Update, on behalf of Charlotte Hollifield. She reminded members to review the legislative report they received. She shared updates on bills and resolutions being reviewed by CSDA. AB557 is a sponsored bill that is on the homestretch to the Governors desk. SCR52 is a sponsored resolution proclaiming May Special Districts Week. President Magner reminded members of the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, August 28-31, where she will also be hosting a reception. She mentioned the Special District Leadership Academy being held in Santa Rosa, October 22-25.

Legislative Update - Director Freeman provided a status of the bills reviewed on the last legislative report emailed out the last VCSDA meeting. She provided an interesting fact to members that it costs the State about \$2200 in labor, per bill, and there are about 2600 bills. She informed the members there is a legislative meeting this Friday and will be able to have more updates after that meeting.

LAFCo Update - Director Avila reported that the sphere of influence was approved for several districts.

County Oversight Update - Nothing reported.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Vice President McMillan announced she will be involved in the State Water Project tour.

President Ralston adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. to the next VCSDA meeting **on October 3, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brandie Thomas

Brandie Thomas, Secretary to VCSDA