



# SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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## Meeting Agenda

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association  
Monday, June 5, 2023  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Santa Clara Valley Water District**  
**Administration Building - Room B-108**  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95118

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/9747509355>

Meeting ID: 974 750 9355

### Join by Phone:

1 (669) 900-9128, 9747509355#

### 1. Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Public Comment

Opportunity for members of the public to make comments (3 minutes/speaker)

### 3. Presentation on Water Conservation and Resources

Ashley Shannon, Senior Water Conservation Specialist, Valley Water

### 4. State Legislative Office Updates

Opportunity to hear updates and ask questions of attending legislative staff

### 5. Business

- a. Discussion and Approval of March 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Pages 3-6)
- b. Discussion and Approval of Financial Report (Page 7)
- c. Recognition of Outgoing SCCSDA Directors Linda LeZotte and Steve Wesolowski

### 6. Partner Agency Reports

- a. Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO)
  - Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer
  - Yoriko Kishimoto, Special District Representative on LAFCO
- b. California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

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- Colleen Haley, Public Affairs Field Coordinator, CSDA

## 7. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports

## 8. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

- Action Item Review
- Adjourn

*The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023.*

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## Meeting Minutes

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Monday, March 6, 2023  
12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

SCCSDA Vice President Sue Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and turned it over to SCCSDA President Stephanie Moreno upon her arrival at 12:17 p.m.

#### **Members:**

Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director, Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (President)  
Sue Fitzpatrick, Trustee, Saratoga Cemetery District (Vice President)  
Tony Estremera, Director, Valley Water Board of Directors (SCCSDA Treasurer)  
Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)  
Wayne Lin, Director, Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District  
Helen Chapman, Director, Santa Clara Valley Open Space District  
Bill Bosworth, Director, Cupertino Sanitary District  
Jo Anne "J" Logan, General Manager, Los Altos Hills County Fire District  
Jonathan Cowan, Director of Government & Community Relations, El Camino Healthcare District  
Peter Van Dyke, Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District  
Brian Glass, Assistant Fire Chief, Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District  
Christine West, Executive Director, South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District

#### **Presenter(s):**

Jacelyn Ma, Division Manager, County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer's Office

#### **Attendees (Non-Voting):**

Kyle Packman, Advocacy and Public Affairs Director, CSDA  
Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer, Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County  
Yoriko Kishimoto, Director, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District  
Colleen Haley, Public Affairs Field Coordinator, California Special Districts Association  
Steve Wesolowski, Director, Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District

#### **SCCSDA Support Staff:**

Marta Lugo, Assistant Officer for External Affairs, Valley Water  
Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water  
Nadia Webster, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water  
Heather Hamp, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water

### 2. Public Comment

None.

### 3. Presentation on Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) Distribution

Jacelyn Ma, Division Manager, County of Santa Clara Controller-Treasurer's Office, gave a presentation on ERAF and answered questions from the Board. Division Manager Jacelyn Ma reported ERAF was enacted in the 1990s to resolve serious State budgetary shortfalls in 1992-93 and 1993-94 and permanently shifted over \$3 billion of annual local



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property tax revenue from counties, cities, and special districts to ERAF, which represented approximately 17% of local property tax revenue statewide. She also reported excess ERAF is returned to respective jurisdictions after fulfilling all state obligation to non-basic aid school districts (e.g., State's obligation to non-basic aid school districts to the state guarantee level, pay for Countywide special education program).

#### **4. State Legislative Office Updates**

Anurag Pal, District Director for the Office of Assemblymember Alex Lee, reported on the Assemblymember's legislation in 2023-24 and invited the Board to reach out to provide feedback.

#### **5. Business**

##### **a. Discussion and Approval of December 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Director Bosworth, seconded by Vice President Fitzpatrick, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the December 5, 2022 meeting minutes.

##### **b. Discussion and Approval of Financial Report**

It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Director Bosworth, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the quarterly financial report ending on March 2, 2023.

##### **c. Discussion and Possible Action on 2023 SCCSDA Officers**

President Moreno reported she will no longer be GCRCD's designee for SCCSDA. President Moreno nominated Vice President Fitzpatrick to serve as the SCCSDA President in 2023. It was moved by President Moreno, seconded by Director Bosworth, unanimously carried, that the Board appoint Vice President Fitzpatrick as the new SCCSDA President.

President Moreno asked the Board if anyone would like to serve as the 2023 Vice President. After a brief discussion, President Moreno nominated Director Helen Chapman to serve as Vice President. It was moved by President Moreno, seconded by Vice President Fitzpatrick, unanimously carried, that the Board appoint Director Chapman as the new SCCSDA Vice President.

It was moved by President Moreno, seconded by Director West, unanimously carried, that the Board appoint Director Estremera as Treasurer.

##### **d. Discussion and Consideration of Resuming In-Person Meetings**

President Moreno reported she and Vice President Fitzpatrick have discussed possibly resuming in-person meetings and having the in-person meetings held at various district offices so that the Board can learn more about each member district. The Board discussed hosting two in-person/hybrid meetings and two remote meetings per year. President Moreno asked Director Estremera if Valley Water could host the first in-person meeting in June, to which Director Estremera agreed.

#### **6. Partner Agency Reports**

##### **a. Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO)**

Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer, reported on LAFCO's Countywide Fire Service Review, which involves a comprehensive review of fire service and emergency medical



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service (EMS) provision in Santa Clara County. LAFCO is targeting to release the draft report for public review and comment in May.

**b. California Special Districts Association (CSDA)**

Kyle Packman, CSDA Advocacy and Public Affairs Director, reported on AB 557, CSDA's 2023 sponsored bill on the Brown Act. This bill follows the successful passage of AB 361 (2021), which established modified remote meeting procedures within the Brown Act for local agencies meeting during specified emergencies. He reported AB 557 would eliminate the sunset on the emergency remote meeting procedures added to California Government Code section 54953, to allow local agencies to address future emergencies and to effectively react and respond. AB 557 would also adjust the timeframe for the resolutions passed to renew an agency's temporary transition to emergency remote meetings to 45 days, up from the previous number of 30 days. He also reported on AB 2449, which provides public agencies with the additional ability for legislative body members to participate remotely in meetings without having to give the public access to private locations, provided the agency abides by the strict substantive and procedural requirements within the legislation.

**7. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports**

Director Estremera reported Valley Water is the recipient of the 100<sup>th</sup> loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and that the EPA will commit \$727 million in low-cost loans to Valley Water through WIFIA to help pay for critical water supply and flood control projects in Santa Clara County. President Moreno reported GCRCD has resumed in-person meetings and that Director Cindy McColl will be the SCCSDA representative from GCRCD. Director Logan reported the Los Altos Hills County Fire District is working on evacuation route preparation.

**8. Review of Action Items and Adjournment**

**a. Action Item Review**

The March 6, 2023 meeting had the following action items:

(1) Host the next quarterly meeting as an in-person/hybrid meeting.

**b. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled on June 5, 2023.



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## Item 5B. Financial Report

<b>Balance as of 3/1/2023</b>	<b>\$8,093.47</b>
Deposits	+\$300.00
Withdrawals	-\$0.00
<b>Balance on hand as of 06/01/2023</b>	<b>\$8,393.47</b>