



SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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C. Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association
Monday, December 7, 2020
12:00pm–1:30 p.m.

Join via Zoom Web Conferencing: <https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/93865983083>

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A. **Call to Order (12:01)** By: Steve Wesolowski
Welcome and Introductions

Santa Clara County Special District Association Attendees:

- Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District: Steve Wesolowski
- Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District: Stephanie Moreno
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District: Yoriko Kishimoto, Joshua Hugg (staff)
- Santa Clara LAFCO: Neelima Palacherla
- Valley Water: Chair Tony Estremera and Director Linda LeZotte
- Los Altos Hills Fire District: J.Logan
- Cupertino Sanitary District: Bill Bosworth
- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority: Lea Rauscher
- Saratoga Cemetery District: Sue Fitzpatrick
- El Camino Hospital District: Jonathan Cowen
- Saratoga Fire District: Joe Long
- South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District: Christine West
- Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council: Seth Schalet
- Green Foothills: Brian Schmidt
- South Santa Clara County Fire District (CalFire): Jake Hess, Dwight Goode

SCCSDA support staff: Kathy Nguyen (Valley Water), Lisa Flores (Valley Water), and Domingo Candelas (Valley Water)

Other attendees: CSDA Colleen Haley

B. **Public Comment:**
Opportunity for members of the public to make comments or ask questions (3 minutes/speaker)

None.

C. **Approval of Minutes Pages 2-4**
Discussion and Approval of December 2020 Meeting Minutes - Minutes were approved as submitted.

Action: S. Wesolowski moved to approve, L. LeZotte seconded; approved unanimously



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D. SCCSDA Member Presentations:

1. Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council, Seth Schalet

Seth Schalet provided updates on several projects including the goat trail collaborative project and the HWY 17 fuels reduction project.

E. State Legislative Office Updates:

Opportunity to hear updates and ask questions of attending legislative staff.

No updates.

F. Business

1. Financial Report - **Page 7 (Discussion and Action)**

Action: To keep dues as is. S. Wesolowski moved to approve, S. Moreno seconded; approved unanimously.

G. Partner Agency Reports

1. **Local Agency Formation Commission - Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer**

Neelima Palacherla spoke on the county wide fire service review. Neelima stated that Staff would circulate a draft RFP to all the stakeholders, planned to hire a Consultant for the study, and would reach out to the Fire Chiefs Association to aid in a technical advisory committee in order to select a Consultant.

2. **California Special Districts Association – Colleen Haley**

Colleen Haley shared that she is working on establishing dates for special districts' week and would share content used to promote events, as well as a social media kit. She is also working on legislation pertaining to the Brown Act, specifically related to virtual meetings. Regarding federal legislation, Colleen mentioned that there is no current language that provides funding to special districts; however, changes can still occur. CSDA also participated in a Housing and Community Department (HCD) issue related to advocacy on excess land (leasing and selling).

H. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports

1. **Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District—Steve Wesolowski**

Steve Wesolowski provided an update on recreational activities that are currently open for limited hours. The District will have four new Board members. He is the only continuing board member and will possibly be elected head of the board this upcoming year.

2. **South Santa Clara County Fire District (CalFire)—Jake Hess**

Jake Hess indicated the District is working on some ideas for potential projects (fuel reduction projects, forest health grants, etc.)



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3. GCRCD—Stephanie Moreno

GCRCD has initiated a new post fire restoration technical assistance program for landowners impacted by recent lightning complex fires.

4. Los Altos Hills Fire District—J Logan

J Logan shared that they are looking at CCU fire and reforming programs and mitigation efforts.

I. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

Upcoming officer elections during next meeting.

SCCSDA will send introductory email to new legislative offices. The email will serve as an invitation and opportunity for new offices to give a legislative update report.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM until the Monday June 7th.