



SANTA CLARA COUNTY

SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association

September 11, 2023

12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

SCCSDA President Sue Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members:

Sue Fitzpatrick, Trustee, Saratoga Cemetery District (President)
Helen Chapman, Director, Santa Clara Valley Open Space District (Vice President)
Tony Estremera, Director, Valley Water Board of Directors (Treasurer)
Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
Wayne Lin, Director, Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park 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
Gene Zambetti, Commissioner, Saratoga Fire Protection District
Brandon Kwan, Director, Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District

Presenter(s):

Marc Landgraf, External Affairs Manager, Open Space Authority

Attendees (Non-Voting):

Barbara Keegan, Vice Chair, Valley Water Board of Directors
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

SCCSDA Support Staff:

Genevieve Yip, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water
Caroline Hernandez, Open Space Authority

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Overview of Open Space Authority

External Affairs Manager Marc Landgraf provided a brief overview of Open Space Authority (OSA), highlighting how OSA cares for watersheds, wildlife, and working lands and how the agency engages diverse communities through urban grant programs, volunteer programs, and community outreach and education. He also reported the Máyyan 'Ooyákma-Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve opened on August 31st, which features five miles of new trails and provides a three-mile linkage to the Bay Area Ridge Trail.



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4. State Legislative Office Updates

None.

5. Business

a. Discussion and Approval of June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Vice President Chapman, seconded by Director Kishimoto, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the June 5, 2023 meeting minutes.

b. Discussion and Approval of Financial Report

It was moved by Vice President Chapman, seconded by Director Zambetti, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the quarterly financial report ending on September 11, 2023.

6. Partner Agency Reports

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

Neelima reported on LAFCO's Countywide Fire Service Review, which involves a comprehensive review of fire service and emergency medical service (EMS) provision in Santa Clara County. LAFCO has received extensive comments on this draft report. Consultant is preparing response to comments received and updated the draft report. The draft report will be considered at LAFCO's upcoming meeting on October 4th. LAFCO is welcoming further feedback on the report.

b. California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

Collen Haley, CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator, went over the 2023 Special Districts Legislative Days, noting the conference had more attendees they ever had in the history of CSDA. She reported CSDA will host the Special District Leadership Academy Conference on October 22-23, 2023 in Santa Rosa and that the Board Secretary/Clerk Conference will be held on November 6-8, 2023, in Monterey.

7. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports

Director Bosworth reported on the Cupertino Sanitary District's sewer pipe relocation project with Apple. Director Logan reported the Los Altos Hills County Fire District has doubled up the pace of their evacuation routes and road-hardening projects, to provide for escape routes for vehicles coming from one-way roads and better egress for first responders to get in. Director Logan also reported the Los Altos Hills County Fire District has doubled up on hazardous vegetation removal in coordination with residents through their brush chipping and vegetation removal programs. Director Cowan reported El Camino Health will hold its 6th Annual Maternal Mental Health Symposium on September 29, 2023, to bring together maternal mental health experts and advocates to share strategies to advance treatment, enhance access to care, and reduce stigma around the mental health of pregnant and postpartum women in the United States. Director Estremera reported Governor Newsom signed AB 939, which amends the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act to reduce the cost of financing water and flood protection infrastructure projects and to clean up obsolete provisions in the law. Director Keegan reported Valley Water was awarded the WaterSense Partner of the Year Award in recognition of Valley Water's water-saving collaboration, outreach efforts, and programs. Director Kwan reported on the installation of new equipment for Rancho Riconada Recreation & Park District's aquatics program. Director Zambetti provided comments on fire season preparedness coordination. Vice Chair Chapman provided



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comments on the recently opened Máyyan 'Ooyákma-Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve and on upcoming OSA events. Director

8. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

a. Action Item Review

The September 11, 2023 meeting did not have any action items.

b. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled on December 4, 2023.