



SANTA CLARA COUNTY

SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association
Monday, December 6, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

A. Call to Order

SCCSDA President Steve Wesolowski called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Members:

Steve Wesolowski, Director, Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District (SCCSDA President)
Linda LeZotte, Director, Valley Water Board of Directors (SCCSDA Treasurer)
Helen Chapman, Director, Santa Clara Valley Open Space District
Bill Bosworth, Director, Cupertino Sanitary District
Sue Fitzpatrick, Trustee, Saratoga Cemetery District
Pete Siemens, Director, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Jo Anne "J" Logan, General Manager, Los Altos Hills County Fire District
Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst for Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
Dwight Good, Assistant Chief - Cooperative Fire Protection (CalFire), South Santa Clara County Fire Protection District
Rocelia G. Kmak, Principal Civil Engineer - Infrastructure Development Division, Santa Clara County Department of Roads and Airports

Presenter(s):

The Honorable Susan Ellenberg, Supervisor - District 4, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Attendees (Non-Voting):

Yoriko Kishimoto, Director, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
David Fernandez, Board Aide, Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg
Lea Rauscher, Assistant General Manager, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Joshua Hugg, Governmental Affairs Specialist, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

SCCSDA Support Staff:

Don Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer for Office of Government Relations, Valley Water
Roseryn Bhudsabourng, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water
Kathy Nguyen, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water

B. Public Comment

None.

C. SCCSDA Guest Presentation

Honorable Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, District 4 - Racial and Economic Equity Initiatives in Santa Clara County Presentation

Supervisor Ellenberg reported that the COVID-19 public health emergency, shelter-in-place orders, and the resulting impacts have had a devastating and disproportionate impact to the County of Santa Clara's (County) small businesses, highlighting that these small businesses are



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primarily operated by immigrants, people of color, and women. Supervisor Ellenberg summarized the Board of Supervisors' efforts to support small, local businesses that were most impacted by the pandemic, which included: waiving health inspection fees for small local restaurants, pools, and personal care facilities; waiving inspection fees for scales and scanners at 1,000 of the County's smallest businesses, primarily mom-and-pop grocery stores; continued funding of the Community Health and Business Engagement Teams (CHBET) to provide outreach, support, education, personal protective equipment, and linkages to testing and vaccination resources to businesses and employees in heavily impacted neighborhoods; redirecting approximately \$710,000 of Covid Public Health Order Notice of Violation (NOV) collected fines into the Small Business Covid Recovery Grant Program; and investing \$25M in the California Rebuilding Fund, earmarked for loans to small businesses within the County, to be circulated four times for a total impact of \$100M.

Supervisor Ellenberg also reported that, at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting on December 7, 2021, she and Supervisor Lee would be recommending that \$20 million of American Rescue Plan Act Funds be allocated for the creation of a Small Business Resiliency Grant program focused on COVID-19 response, equity, and resiliency. Supervisor Ellenberg continued that the COVID-19 public health emergency has disproportionately affected communities of color, noting that racial disparities in socioeconomic status and systemic barriers for people of color often lead to higher risk factors for health. She reported that her office held three virtual countywide Community Conversations asking residents and community-based organizations to share their experiences and answer questions about public safety and justice, and disparities in those systems. The feedback was compiled into a report and presented to the Public Safety and Justice Committee and Board of Supervisors to help guide policy direction and equitable decision making. She reported the County created the Race and Health Disparities Community Board which will be charged with conducting large-scale research into the racial health disparities in the County and will work closely with the County's Health and Hospital Committee to develop recommendations for the Board of Supervisors' consideration. Supervisor Ellenberg invited the SCCSDA Board to share any equity efforts and opportunities for partnership with her office.

Valley Water Director Linda LeZotte thanked Supervisor Ellenberg for her work and for her emphasis on women and children. Director LeZotte reported that Valley Water established a Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee and that the Board had adopted policies upholding its commitment to diversity, inclusion equity, and justice. She also reported that Valley Water partnered with Sacred Heart to launch the Low-Income Residential Water Rate Assistance Program (WRAP) to help people who have difficulty with paying their water bills. Director LeZotte asked Supervisor Ellenberg to relay the importance of saving water to her constituents and promote water conservation on her communications platforms. Director LeZotte offered connecting Supervisor Ellenberg's constituents experiencing financial hardship with Sacred Heart to receive assistance with paying their water bills. VTA Senior Policy Analyst Aaron Quigley commented that the presentation resonated with him as VTA evaluated the disproportionate impacts of service changes on women and people of color, and saw how the burdens of care on women impacted travel patterns. Yoriko Kishimoto, MidPeninsula Regional Open Space (Midpen) Board Vice President, commented on Midpen's role of preserving open space, protecting the natural environment, and providing services. She commented that, regarding collaboration with the County, the County might consider more trails leading to open space or more green streets.

D. State Legislative Office Updates

None.



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E. Business

1. Minutes - Page 3-5 (Discussion and Approval of September 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes)

President Wesolowski proposed combining Items E1 through E4 for action under one motion. It was moved by President Wesolowski, seconded by Director Bosworth, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the September 13, 2021 meeting minutes, September 13, 2021 financial report, June 7, 2021 meeting minutes, and June 7, 2021 financial report.

2. Financial Report - Page 6 (Discussion and Approval of September 13, 2021 Meeting)

This report was approved as part of the action taken under Item E1.

3. Minutes - Page 7-12 (Discussion and Approval of June 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes)

Meeting minutes were approved as part of the action taken under Item E1.

4. Financial Report - Page 13 (Discussion and Approval of June 7, 2021 Financial Report)

This report was approved as part of the action taken under Item E1.

5. Financial Report – Page 14 (Discussion and Action)

Director LeZotte introduced the item. There was no discussion by the Board. It was moved by President Wesolowski, seconded by Director Bosworth, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the financial report ending on October 31, 2021.

6. 2022 SCCSDA Budget (Discussion and Action)

President Wesolowski introduced the item. There was no discussion by the Board. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by President Wesolowski, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the 2022 SCCSDA Budget.

7. 2022 Membership Dues (Discussion and Action)

President Wesolowski reported that the membership dues will remain at \$100. There was no discussion by the Board. It was moved by President Wesolowski, seconded by Director Bosworth, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the 2022 membership dues.

8. 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule – Page 17 (Discussion and Action)

President Wesolowski introduced the item. There was no discussion by the Board. It was moved by President Wesolowski, seconded by Director Bosworth, and unanimously carried, that the Board approved the 2022 meeting schedule.



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9. 2022 Upcoming Officer Elections (Information Only)

President Wesolowski announced that he will be terming out at the end of 2022 and would like to recommend Stephanie as next President given her experience as Vice President and for Director LeZotte to remain as Treasurer.

10. SCCSDA Website (Information Only)

Kathy Nguyen informed the Board that staff will provide an update on the website at the next meeting.

F. Partner Agency Reports

1. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Yoriko Kishimoto, Special District Representative on LAFCO, reported that the LAFCO Technical Advisory Committee is working on a Countywide Fire Service Review and is aiming to hold public workshops by Spring or sooner.

2. California Special Districts Association None.

G. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports

Director Chapman reported that the San Jose City Council unanimously approved zoning changes to protect Coyote Valley by removing industrial land-use designation and rezoning it for open space and agriculture. President Wesolowski reported that Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District had their pools operating at a limited capacity due to the pandemic and commented that he was concerned about pools being able to be filled in the future due to water supply shortages. Director Siemens announced that next year will be Midpen's 50th anniversary and that several events were planned to commemorate this milestone. President Wesolowski also reported that the City of Cupertino's Parks and Recreation staff recommended against the acquisition of the Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District at this time.

H. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

1. Action Item Review

Valley Water will provide an update on the website.

2. The next meeting is scheduled for: Monday, March 7, 2022

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.