



# SANTA CLARA COUNTY

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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### Meeting Minutes

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

#### 1. Call to Order

SCCSDA President Sue Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 12:02 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

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

Nick Simard, Water Conservation Specialist, Valley Water

#### **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  
Genevieve Yip, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water  
Kalah Williams, Office of Government Relations, Valley Water

#### 2. Public Comment

None.

#### 3. Presentation on Water Conservation and Resources

Nick Simard, Water Conservation Specialist, presented on Valley Water's water conservation resources and available programs, including the Landscape Rebate, Water Wise Survey, Water Conservation, and Landscape Conversion Rebate programs. Vice President Chaman inquired if language barriers were considered for these programs. Mr. Simard confirmed training webinars were translated and available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Mandarin.



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

None.

#### 5. **Business**

##### a. **Discussion and Approval of March 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Director Bosworth, seconded by Vice President Chapman, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the March 6, 2023 meeting minutes.

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

It was moved by Director Bosworth, seconded by Director West, and unanimously carried, that the Board approve the quarterly financial report ending on June 1, 2023.

##### c. **Recognition of Outgoing SCCSDA Directors Linda LeZotte and Steve Wesolowski**

President Fitzpatrick thanked Linda LeZotte and Steve Wesolowski for their years of service on the SCCSDA Board and reported the certificates of recognition would be mailed out to them.

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

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

Director Kishimoto reported LAFCO's Countywide Fire Service Review, which involves a comprehensive review of fire service and emergency medical service (EMS) provision in Santa Clara County, was back on track and LAFCO is targeting to release the draft report for public review and comment this summer.

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

Collen Haley, CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator, reported on the 2023 Special Districts Legislative Days, noting it was the best conference in Sacramento in the past few years since the COVID-19 pandemic. She also reported on AB 557, which would adjust the timeframe for the resolutions passed to renew an agency's temporary transition to emergency remote meetings to 45 days, instead of 30 days. She also reported on the Taxpayer Protection Government Accountability Act, noting CSDA is working on getting as many opposition resolutions as possible.

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

Director Quigley reported VTA received the final funds needed to complete the light rail extension to east San Jose and that VTA is looking for additional funding opportunities for BART expansion. Director Estremera spoke about the drought ending and the Board's voluntary call for conservation. Director Estremera also mentioned the Board would be considering a water conservation as a way of life resolution aimed to support long-term conservation efforts. Vice President Chapman reported the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month and will be opening the Máyyan 'Ooyákma trail at Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve in the coming months. Director Landgraf added to Vice President Chapman's report, noting a family day will be scheduled to celebrate the opening of the trail. Director Kerdkaew reported Santa Clara County Fire Protection District has completed wildfire training and coordinated with agencies in preparation for fire season. Director Kerdkaew also mentioned the Santa Clara County Fire Protection District headquarters will be moving to a larger facility, where they could potentially hold a future SCCSDA meeting.



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### 8. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

#### a. **Action Item Review**

The June 5, 2023 meeting had the following action items:

(1) Have Valley Water staff coordinate with Open Space Authority staff to host the next quarterly meeting as an in-person/hybrid meeting at Open Space Authority Administrative Offices.

#### b. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled on September 11, 2023.