



Ventura County Special Districts Association

VCSDA MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Date: 12/05/2023
Motion: Elaine Freeman
Second: Bruce Dandy

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

VENTURA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

MEMBERS

- Bell Canyon Community Services District
- Blanchard/Santa Paula Public Library District
- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Camarillo Health Care District
- Camrosa Water District
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services District
- Conejo Recreation & Park District
- Hidden Valley Municipal Water District
- Ojai Valley Sanitary District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Pleasant Valley County Water District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation & Parks District
- Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District
- Saticoy Sanitary District
- Triunfo Water and Sanitation District
- United Water Conservation District
- Ventura Port District
- Ventura River Water District

The October 3, 2023 meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held in person at Camarillo Health Care District. No virtual participation was available for this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. President Ralston asked Anthony Acosta with The KYA Group to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ralston welcomed everyone to the meeting and then called roll:

Members in attendance included: (7 of 19 Districts participating)

Bell Canyon Community Services: Richard Levy, Greg McHugh, Dennis Zine

Calleguas Municipal Water: Raul Avila, Jacque McMillan, Thibault Robert

Camarillo Health Care: Kara Ralston, Michelle Rogers, Brandie Thomas

Conejo Recreation and Park: Marissa Buss, Nellie Cusworth, Jim Friedl, Chuck Huffer, George Lange

Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks: Elaine Magner, Mark Malloy, Mary Otten

Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks: Elaine Freeman, Kate O'Brien

Ventura River Water: Bruce Kuebler

Members of the Public attending:

Fire Chief - Dustin Gardner

LAFCo - Kai Luoma

The KYA Group - Anthony Acosta

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING AUGUST 1, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes from the August 1, 2023 membership meeting, Elaine Freeman; Second, Jacque McMillan; Voice vote: Kate O'Brien abstained; Motion carries.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

In Mr. Pendleton's absence, President Ralston reported on the August 2023 and September 2023 balance sheets. Motion to receive and file VCSDA Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements from August 2023 and September 2023, Elaine Magner; Second, Mark Malloy. Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

President—Kara Ralston
Vice President—Jacque McMillan

Treasurer—Brian Pendleton
Secretary—Brandie Thomas

4. GUEST SPEAKER

President Ralston introduced guest speaker Ventura County Fire Chief, Dustin Gardner. Chief Gardner provided a brief background on his almost 25 year career and honor to serve Ventura County, which he calls home, and stated he is a 6th generation family of this community. He provided an overview of Ventura County Fire Department's wide-ranging response area of all cities, including unincorporated areas. With its headquarters in Camarillo, it operates 40 facilities with a \$250 million budget.

Fire Chief Gardner reported on new services provided, such as the ambulatory transport increase of four new vehicles. He informed members emergency calls go up about 6% a year, with the highest calls being medical and 17% of those from falls.

Fire Chief Gardner discussed the fire departments partnerships with other agencies to reduce risk, including water conservation, fall prevention, and fire reduction. Also, for those who want more information about fire wise communities and how to prepare oneself he encouraged them to reach out to the Ventura County Fire Department.

5. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No member announcements were offered.

6. REPORTS

CSDA Report - CSDA President Elaine Magner announced the new field coordinator for the Coastal Network will begin November 1, 2023. She informed members dues for CSDA will be sent out this month. She reminded members that interest forms for the 2024 CSDA Committee must be in by October 6, 2023. Director Magner mentioned the 2023 CSDA Board Clerk Conference on November 6-8, 2023.

Legislative Update - Director Freeman congratulated Camarillo Health Care District for receiving the CSDA Innovative Program of the Year-Small District Award for the Adventures in VR program. She provided an overview of what the Legislative Committee does and statuses of bills. She informed the members there is a public hearing on October 26th of California Air Resources Board (CARB). She will send out information so members can review what is proposed.

LAFCo Update - Director Avila reported there was no meeting held in August. The MSR was accepted for United Water Conservation District. At the last meeting it was approved to increase reserves for legal funds and an Annual Performance Review was held for the LAFCo Executive Officer.

County Oversight Update - Nothing reported. Will be removing from future agendas and report as needed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

No new business reported.

President Ralston adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. to the next VCSDA meeting **on December 5, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brandie Thomas

Brandie Thomas, Secretary to VCSDA