



Ventura County Special Districts Association

VCSDA MEETING MINUTES

Approved Minutes

Approved: _____
Date: _____
Motion: _____
Second: _____

Tuesday, February 5, 2022 In-Person/Videoconference Via Zoom

VENTURA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

MEMBERS

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

The February 5, 2022 meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held in person at United Water Conservation District's Boardroom in Oxnard and via Zoom videoconference.

1. and 2. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President Bruce Dandy, who asked Director Elaine Magner to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: President Dandy

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

Members in attendance included:

Dennis Zine - Bell Canyon Community Services
Andy Santamaria, Scott Quady - Calleguas Municipal Water
Kara Ralston - Camarillo Health Care
Al Fox - Camrosa Water
Nellie Cusworth, Jim Friedl, George Lange, Doug Nichols - Conejo Recreation and Park
Elaine Magner, Mark Malloy, Mary Otten, Jordan Roberts- Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park
Michelle Kinnun - Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor
Elaine Freeman, Zach Miller, Kathleen O'Brien, Dan Paranick, Theresa Pennington - Rancho Simi Recreation and Park
Leon Shapiro - Triunfo Water and Sanitation
Bruce Dandy, Mohammed Hasan, Daniel Naumann, Zachary Plummer, Kris Sofley - United Water Conservation
Bert Rapp—Ventura River Water District
Todd Mitchell, Brian Pendleton -Ventura Port District
Mike Mishler, Marcy Nunn—Ventura County Oversight Committee

Members of the Public participating in the meeting included:

Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks
 CSDA's Chris Palmer

4. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of December 7, 2021

Treasurer Pendleton requested a correction to the Minutes regarding a comment he made during Mr. Fleisch's presentation and expressed his opinion that the minutes were extremely detailed and should be shortened. President Dandy asked if there were any objections to shortening the minutes. None were offered. Motion to approve the December 7, 2021 Minutes: Elaine Freeman; Second, Elaine Magner. Voice vote: all in favor, unanimous; any opposed, none;

President—Bruce Dandy
 Vice President—Al Fox

Treasurer—
 Secretary to the Board—Kris Sofley

5. Guest Speaker Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

President Dandy introduced Supervisor Parks and asked her to share her insights regarding where Ventura County has come from and what the future looks like, especially as it impacts Special Districts. Supervisor Parks presented various slides (see attachment) outlining her accomplishments as a County Supervisor. At the conclusion of her presentation, various members asked questions and offered their congratulations. Supervisor Parks concluded by saying that she was going to take a break as she had been in public office since joining the Planning Commission in Thousand Oaks in 1993, and added that she can't stop doing what's important to her, but that she'll be doing it outside of elected office.

6. Presentation of VCSDA Director of the Year and General Manager of the Year Awards

Elaine Freeman and Elaine Magner presented the VCSDA Director of the Year Award to Conejo Recreation and Parks District's Mark Malloy and presented the VCSDA General Manager of the Year Award to Ventura Port District's Brian Pendleton.

7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Pendleton introduced Shalene Hayman, the bookkeeper hired by the VCSDA, to update the members on the VCSDA's tax situation. She said she was ready to file the 2021 taxes for the VCSDA and was still working on updating the financial records from 2018 and 2019 as no taxes were filed for either of those years and was requesting direction from the membership. Ms. Hayman explained that three consecutive years of non-filing resulted in the VCSDA's non-profit status being revoked. There was discussion among the members as to how best to move forward and get the non-profit status reinstated. Mr. Malloy said that he had spreadsheets all documented so rebuilding transactions should be simple. Mr. Pendleton said he would bring back details to the April 5 meeting.

8. Reports and Announcements

Ms. Magner reported on recent CSDA activities, including the CSDA Legislative Days, May 17 and 18, and encouraged all to attend. She then introduced Chris Palmer, who was substituting for Charlotte Holifield at this meeting.

Mr. Palmer provided updates on CSDA resources, including the National Special Districts Coalitions' sponsored report from the Ferguson Group identifying grant opportunities for Special Districts. The document can be accessed at <https://www.csd.net/blogs/vanesa-gonzales/2022/01/18/how-can-special-districts-access-the-federal-infra>

Ms. Freeman reported that the CSDA Legislative Committee had 30 new members so much of the first meeting was spent tutoring. There was a Special meeting on January 7 that dealt with the LAFCO issue and the Committee has opposed a bill that will limit local government's ability to raise costs of services, but was pulled by the legislator; and a two year bill for a redevelopment agency with money left for affordable housing.

During her LAFCo Update, Ms. Freeman said there was a reorganization of a residential project in Oxnard, Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park applied for annexation, Camarillo Health completed a sphere of influence application and there was an extensive Closed Session meeting regarding the LAFCo executive director.

Mr. Mishler provided an update on County Oversight stated that the meeting went well and there will be a summary report for the year out in April, and that administrative costs have been reduced by over \$1million cumulatively.

Mr. Paranick made an inquiry about the order of the agenda, suggesting business first and guest speakers at the end; and inquired about the location of the next meeting and volunteered Rancho Simi Recreation and Park.

9. New Business/Member Announcements

9.A. Consideration of donation to SDLF scholarship fund to present at CSDA Annual Conference in August

Motion

Motion to approve a \$2,000 donation to the SDLF, Elaine Freeman; Second, George Lange.

President Dandy asked if there were any discussion needed. Elaine Magner stated that there was an \$8 million cap on a District's budget for scholarship eligibility and that \$50-\$60,000 is budgeted every year for SDLF scholarships to be used for tuition.

President Dandy asked for a vote on the motion. Voice vote: all in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dandy raffled off various wines and chocolates. At the conclusion of the raffle, he adjourned the meeting at 7:42p.m. to the next VCSDA Chapter meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted

Kris Sofley

Kris Sofley, Secretary to VCSDA



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Unity in the Community

Celebrating Diversity and Uniting Against Hate
Sunday, March 26th

Interfaith Leaders
The Miracle Project
Oak Park High School Band
Youth Speakers on Tolerance

10:00am
Friendship Circle Walk
Supporting Kids with Special Needs
Willow Elementary
25026 Laro Drive, Agoura Hills
Route: Kanan Road from Willow Elementary to Mae Boyar Park (shuttles available)

11:00am-2:00pm
Program Begins at Noon
Unity in the Community
Mae Boyar Park
130 Kanan Road, Oak Park

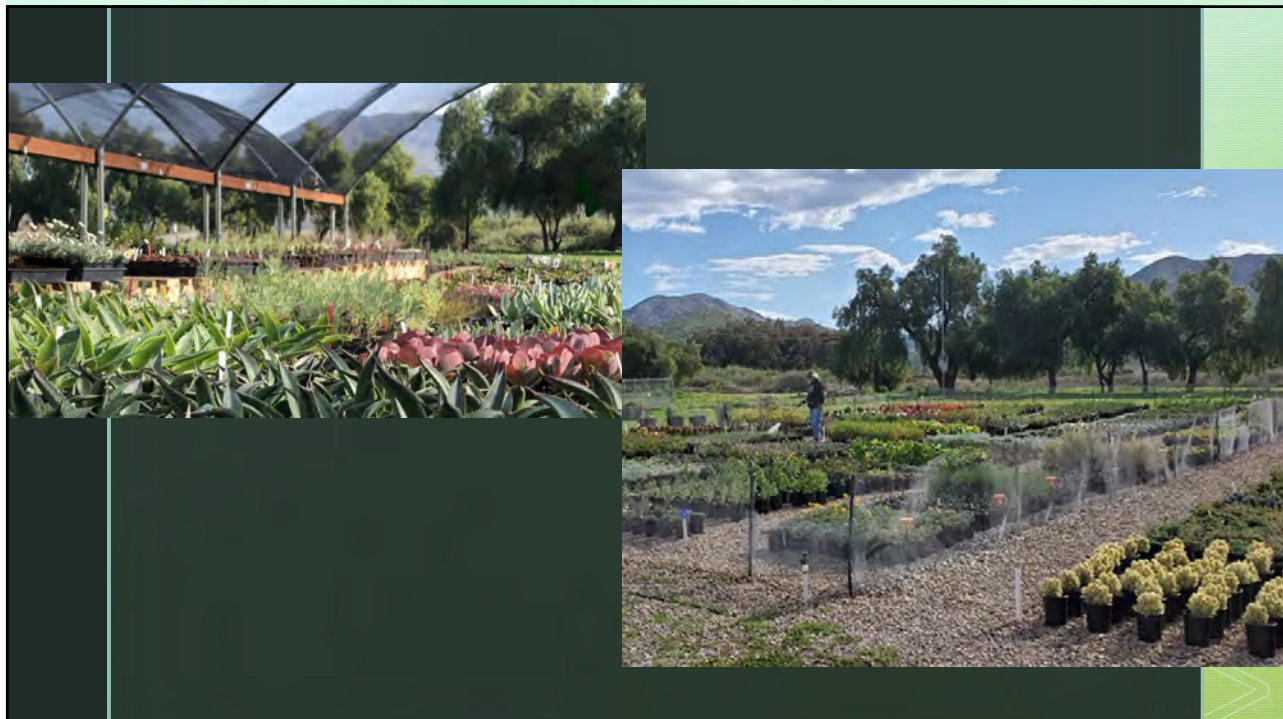
- Sign a Pledge for Unity
- Write a Message of Love for the Traveling Peace Tree
- Cultural Arts & Crafts, Games

Bring a picnic, blanket, and love
(Food trucks also available)

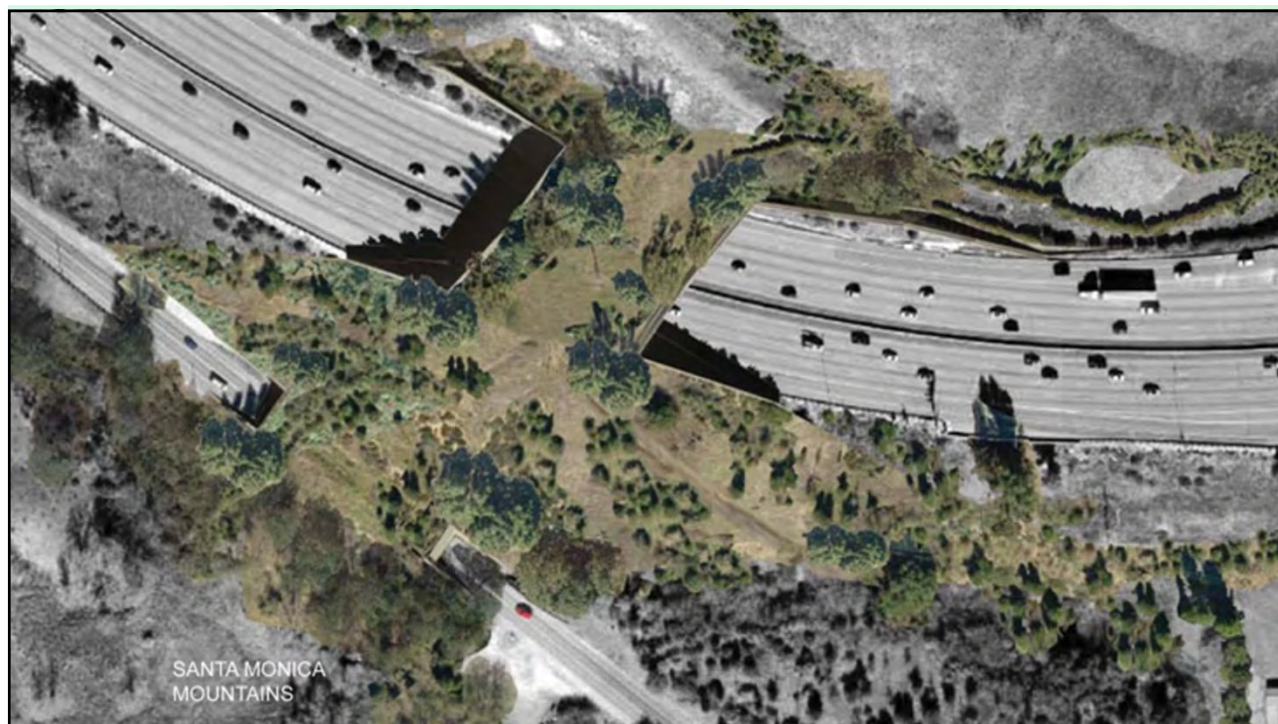
Sponsored by County of Ventura, City of Agoura Hills, Oak Park Unified School District, Sancho Simi Recreation and Park District, California Lutheran University, The Human Element Project, Conejo Valley Interfaith Council, and The Friendship Circle

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October 14, 2021

Secretary Jared Blumenfeld
California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Blumenfeld:

As elected local government representatives of the communities surrounding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SFL), we are writing to express our strong concerns about ongoing delays in the clean-up of this highly contaminated toxic waste site, and to urge you to compel its prompt clean-up per the established State agreements and schedule.

Knowing your detailed familiarity with the site, its contamination, and your agency's responsibility for these matters, we will not re-address those issues in this letter. Instead, we ask that you consider the families of children with childhood cancer in our communities, the parents and residents who must worry that they might be next, and those who worry about the safety of their own backyards and the dust that comes in their windows or the rainwater running by their homes and schools, or carcinogens in the smoke and ash when the site catches fire. State clean-up action has been far too little and far too late, and extensive toxic contamination remains on site.

It is now four years after the clean-up was supposed to have been completed per adopted agreements, and as yet the promised soil clean-up has not begun. We are opposed to any action that would significantly delay or weaken site clean-up. We are specifically concerned with the following activities of your agency:

- No State effort to enforce the 2007 Consent Order and 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent.
- Confidential negotiations between DTSC and Boeing that could delay or weaken clean-up by Boeing as required by the Consent Order and Administrative Order on Consent (CO & AOC).

SUBJECT: UNDERGROUNDING TRANSMISSION LINES IN FIRE PRONE AREAS OF CALIFORNIA

Now that the Camp and Woolsey Fires have wreaked havoc in our communities and victims are striving to salvage their lives, we return to the same questions we did after last year's Tubbs and Thomas Fires. What caused the terrible fires? What is responsible? What can we do to better protect lives and property in our fire-prone regions?

southern California Edison has said that its overhead transmission lines were at fault for one of two ignition points of the Thomas Fire, which was at the time the largest fire in California's history. Pacific Gas and Electric is reporting that the Camp Fire, which is now the state's largest and most destructive fire, could bankrupt the utility.

In Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, the Woolsey Fire may also be linked to SCE electricity transmission. There is no doubt that wildfires often start because overhead power lines break or strike each other in high winds, or when trees or limbs topple into lines, or when old power equipment simply fails. In fact, Cal Fire concluded that utility-owned power lines sparked a dozen of the major fires that devastated Northern California in 2017.

PG&E reportedly advised its shareholders that it expects to pay out \$2.5 billion in damages for the 2017 fires and faces up to \$15 billion in liability. The damage from this year's Camp Fire alone could be in the tens of billions of dollars.

The utilities have sought and obtained legislative relief from the State, and they are doing so again. To enhance safety, they have pledged to insulate more power lines and strengthen more poles. They have also adopted the simple expedient of shutting down power service to customers in high wind areas. In fact in the same week the Woolsey fire raged, SCE sent out two dozen notices warning they may shut off power.

The first two actions, insulating power lines and strengthening poles are insufficient. The third, shutting off power, may afford better protection to the utility than to its customers whose safety is further threatened by the loss of essential power to pump water to put out fires, to operate garage doors, wheel chairs, elevators, telephones and other communication devices. Yet the one

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 A dark green slide with a light green border on the right side. On the left, there is a logo of Ventura County with a sun and mountains. To the right of the logo, the text reads:

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