



Ventura County Special Districts Association

AGENDA Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 5:30pm

Camarillo Health Care District
3639 E. Las Posas Road, Bldg F, Sequoia Rooms 1 & 2
In-Person Meeting - No Virtual Participation Available

Dinner catered by DJ's Catering: \$25 Entrée, Salad & Dessert
Prefer you pay in advance

Check Payable: Brian Pendleton, c/o VCSDA
PO Box 70, Camarillo, CA 93011

VENTURA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

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

1. Call to Order

Ralston

- Flag Salute
- Roll Call
- Welcome & Self Introductions

Thomas
Ralston

ACTION ITEMS

2. Approval of Minutes

Ralston

- August 1, 2023 Meeting

3. Treasurer Report

Pendleton

- Financial Review

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. Guest Speaker

Dustin Gardner
Fire Chief

5. Member Announcements

6. Reports

- CSDA Report
- CSDA Update
- Legislative Update
- LAFCo Update
- County Oversight Update

Magner (CSDA President)

Holifield (CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator; Coastal Network)

Freeman (Vice Chair RSRPD)

Avila (Special District Rep, LAFCo)

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7. New Business

8. Adjournment to next meeting on December 5, 2023

President—Kara Ralston
Vice President—Jacque McMillan

Treasurer—Brian Pendleton
Secretary—Brandie Thomas



Ventura County Special Districts Association

VCSDA MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Date:
Motion:
Second:

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

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MEMBERS

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The August 1, 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 5:38 p.m. President Ralston asked Todd Mitchell with VPD 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: (10 of 19 Districts participating)

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

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

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

Camrosa Water: Andrew Nelson

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

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

Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks: Elaine Freeman

United Water Conservation: Bruce Dandy, Mohammed Hasan, Daniel Naumann

Ventura Port District: Todd Mitchell

Ventura River Water: Bert Rapp

Members of the Public attending:

LAFCo- Kai Luoma

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING JUNE 6, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2023 membership meeting, Elaine Freeman; Second, Bruce Dandy. Voice vote: all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

President—Kara Ralston
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4. GUEST SPEAKER

President Ralston introduced guest speaker Kai Luoma, LAFCo Executive Officer. Mr. Luoma provided a brief background on the history and conditions that led to the creation of LAFCo's. He provided an overview of LAFCo's funding sources and purposes, including regulating service boundaries and how they determine spheres of influence through municipal service reviews. He mentioned housing development as Ventura LAFCo's current biggest challenge.

5. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Mitchell with VPD announced that the port just received a grant for 80 million dollars. Bruce Dandy with UWCD reminded members to join them Thursday, August 3rd, for their celebration of 4 million acre-feet of water recharged. Raul Avila and Thibault Robert with CMWD mentioned their district is getting ready to review the new strategic plan. Elaine Freeman with RSRP announced their 2 million dollar grant to redo a swimming pool. They are also in construction of their lighted dog park.

6. REPORTS

CSDA Report - CSDA President Elaine Magner provided the CSDA report and, also, the CSDA Update, on behalf of Charlotte Hollifield. She reminded members to review the legislative report they received. She shared updates on bills and resolutions being reviewed by CSDA. AB557 is a sponsored bill that is on the homestretch to the Governors desk. SCR52 is a sponsored resolution proclaiming May Special Districts Week. President Magner reminded members of the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, August 28-31, where she will also be hosting a reception. She mentioned the Special District Leadership Academy being held in Santa Rosa, October 22-25.

Legislative Update - Director Freeman provided a status of the bills reviewed on the last legislative report emailed out the last VCSDA meeting. She provided an interesting fact to members that it costs the State about \$2200 in labor, per bill, and there are about 2600 bills. She informed the members there is a legislative meeting this Friday and will be able to have more updates after that meeting.

LAFCo Update - Director Avila reported that the sphere of influence was approved for several districts.

County Oversight Update - Nothing reported.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Vice President McMillan announced she will be involved in the State Water Project tour.

President Ralston adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. to the next VCSDA meeting **on October 3, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brandie Thomas

Brandie Thomas, Secretary to VCSDA

Ventura County Special District Association

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2023

	<u>Aug 31, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Wells Fargo Bank-Cking #0615	13,812.28
Total Checking/Savings	<u>13,812.28</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>13,812.28</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>13,812.28</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	19,878.54
Unrestricted Net Assets	-6,591.82
Net Income	525.56
Total Equity	<u>13,812.28</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>13,812.28</u>

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Profit & Loss

January through August 2023

	<u>Jan - Aug 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Annual Dues	2,400.00
Monthly Dinner Income	3,200.00
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Total Income	5,600.00
Expense	
Accounting Exp	815.00
Dinner Costs	3,635.90
Meeting Costs	151.91
Office Supplies	148.03
Placques	98.65
Tax, License & Fees	167.00
Website Hosting	57.95
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Total Expense	5,074.44
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Net Ordinary Income	525.56
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Net Income	<u><u>525.56</u></u>

Ventura County Special District Association
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2023

	<u>Sep 30, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Wells Fargo Bank-Cking #0615	14,007.28
Total Checking/Savings	<u>14,007.28</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>14,007.28</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>14,007.28</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	19,878.54
Unrestricted Net Assets	-6,591.82
Net Income	720.56
Total Equity	<u>14,007.28</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>14,007.28</u>

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Profit & Loss

January through September 2023

	<u>Jan - Sep 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Annual Dues	2,400.00
Monthly Dinner Income	4,050.00
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Total Income	6,450.00
Expense	
Accounting Exp	1,070.00
Dinner Costs	3,635.90
Marketing Expense	400.00
Meeting Costs	151.91
Office Supplies	148.03
Placques	98.65
Tax, License & Fees	167.00
Website Hosting	57.95
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Total Expense	5,729.44
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Net Ordinary Income	720.56
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Net Income	720.56
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Ventura County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association

First Tuesday, every other month:
Feb 7, April 4, June 6, Aug 1, Oct 3, Dec 5
Camarillo Health Care District
3615 E Las Posas Road Bldg F, Sequoia Rooms 1 & 2, Camarillo
(unless otherwise noted)

October/November 2023

public service since 1974



From the Vice-Chair: Jacquelyn McMillan

Water is Life!

Thank you for this opportunity to share in the newsletter! Boiling down my recent experience to fit here is impossible but perhaps the relevant (if not obvious!) news is that water is precious, water is life, and excellent, dedicated people continue to protect, conserve and build for the future.

I had the recent opportunity to participate in a 3-day tour of State Water Project facilities (SWPs), including Lake Oroville, Feather River Fish Hatchery Raceway, the future Sites Reservoir, and others. Here are some interesting stats:

- Lake Oroville is the 2nd largest reservoir in CA; 3.5million acre-ft capacity
- San Luis Reservoir is 5th largest in CA; 2million acre-ft capacity
- One acre-foot is 326,000 gallons and serves three typical CA households
- Salmon spawning is mid-Sept to mid-Nov; Steelhead spawning is mid-Dec to mid-Feb
- When completed, Sites Reservoir will pump up to 640,000 acre-ft of Northern Sierra Mountains runoff

I share this info not only to convey the invaluable role water districts play in communities, but to also convey a small measure of the immense pride I feel in serving the public with each of you. May the Fall season bring rain, in manageable and beneficial amounts, for the continued prosperity of our California!

Does your District have a fab story to tell? A picture that says a thousand words? Send your thoughts and photos to kralston@camhealth.com for the VCSDA newsletter.

Respectfully, *Jackie*



VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gardner brings extensive managerial and administrative experience in fire protection over a 23-year career with Ventura County Fire. Most recently serving as the Deputy Fire Chief, he has been responsible for the department's daily operations supervising all five bureaus. His experience also encompasses large-scale incident command and regional coordination for numerous large-scale incidents, including the Thomas Fire, Easy Fire, Maria Fire, Borderline response, Woolsey Fire and Hill Fire. His budgeting background encompasses the planning and management of fire's \$200 million dollar budget and the creation of Fire's ten-year capital plan.



**GUEST
SPEAKER**
Oct 3, 2023

**Dustin
Gardner**
Fire Chief
Ventura
County Fire
Department
(Protection
District)

"I am deeply honored to be appointed as the next Ventura County Fire Chief. I believe the dedicated people that serve the Ventura County Fire Department are among the most talented in today's fire service. We will continue to value strong relationships with our local and regional partners with an unwavering commitment to improving and enhancing our services. We will remain dedicated to creating an environment that cultivates trust, honor, and dedication with the diverse communities of Ventura County that we are proud to serve and where we call home," said Chief Gardner.

Photos from Jackie's SWP Tour; photos from CSDA Conference



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