



Ventura County Special Districts Association

VCSDA MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Date: 4/2/2024

Motion: Elaine Magner

Second: Elaine Freeman

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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 February 6, 2024 meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held at Conejo Recreation & Park District. No virtual participation was available for this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. President Ralston asked George Lange with Conejo Recreation and Park to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ralston welcomed everyone to the meeting and for roll call invited members to introduce themselves and the district they represent:

Members in attendance included: (9 of 19 Districts participating)

Bell Canyon: Richard Levy, Peter Machuga, Greg McHugh, Mike Robkin, Eric Wolf

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

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

Conejo Recreation and Park: Nellie Cusworth, Jim Friedl, Chuck Huffer, George Lange, Doug Nickles

Oxnard Harbor: Letitia Austin, Drew Rodriguez, Mary Anne Rooney

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

Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks: Ed Abele, Brian Dennert, Elaine Freeman, Josh Gray, Richard Lemmo, Zach Miller, Kate O'Brien, Dan Paranick, Theresa Pennington

United Water Conservation: Bruce Dandy, Dan Naumann

Ventura Port: Brian Pendleton

Members of the Public attending:

The KYA Group - Anthony Acosta

Forever Found - Leah Haynes

Melody Dennert, Jack Freeman, Brenda Heredia, Frank Scarcelli.

2. NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ralston recognized the career and life of service of Bruce Dandy, with United Water and Conservation District and congratulated him on his retirement.

Oxnard Harbor Commissioner, Mary Anne Rooney, recognized the retirement of Anthony Goff, General Manager of the Calleguas Municipal Water District and, in his absence, presented his Certificate of Recognition.

President—Kara Ralston
Vice President—Jacque McMillan

Treasurer—Brian Pendleton
Secretary—Brandie Thomas

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes from the December 5, 2023 membership meeting, Bruce Dandy; Second, Mark Malloy; Voice vote: All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Pendleton reported on the December 2023 and January 2024 balance sheets. He informed members that VCSDA transitioning banks from Wells Fargo to City National Bank is complete. He provided a brief overview of sources of revenue and expenses. He informed members he has updated Secretary of State documents for the District and all is in good standing.

5. GUEST SPEAKER

President Ralston introduced speaker, Leah Haynes, with Forever Found . Haynes provided a brief overview of the path that led her to her work with Forever Found and background on how the organization came to be. Forever Found's mission is preventing, rescuing, and restoring victims of child trafficking through providing social and emotional support, education, holistic healing therapies, survivor mentor programs, youth prevention and restoration curriculum, and more. She mentioned the organizations Thrifty Boutique, Second Story, in Simi Valley for those interested in volunteer work or donating.

6. REPORTS

CSDA Report and Update - CSDA President Elaine Magner informed members CSDA is accepting award nominations for Board Member of the Year and General Manager of the Year. The deadline is May 1, 2024. She reminded members of CSDA upcoming conferences for 2024, including Special Districts Legislative Days, Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, and Board Secretary/Clerk Conference. She welcomed members to apply for the SDLF scholarship.

Legislative Update - Director Freeman provided an overview of the legislative report and highlighted AB1890 and SB 937 in a follow up report emailed out to members.

LAFCo Update - Avila reported there was no meeting held and there is nothing to report.

7. AWARDS

Elaine Freeman presented Gregory McHugh, of Bell Canyon Community Services, with the General Manager of the Year award. McHugh thanked his team.

Elaine Magner presented Brian Dennert, of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, with the Director of the Year award. Elaine highlighted his work on MLK Day of Service, a vital program to the District. Director Dennert recognized his team and their support.

President Ralston adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. to the next VCSDA meeting on **April 2, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brandie Thomas

Brandie Thomas, Secretary to VCSDA