



**VENTURA COUNTY
SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

- Bell Canyon Community Services
- Calleguas Municipal Water
- Camarillo Health Care
- Camrosa Water
- Casitas Municipal Water
- Channel Islands Beach Community Services
- Conejo Recreation & Park
- County of Ventura Auditor—Controller *
- Hidden Valley Municipal Water
- Meiners Oaks County Water
- Montalvo Municipal Improvements
- Ojai Valley Sanitary
- 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 Port
- Ventura Regional Sanitation *

**VCSDA
MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
United Water Conservation District
1701 Lombard Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

*Approved
Minutes*

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

The Meeting of the Ventura County Special District Association was held at United Water Conservation District, 1701 Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by President Thom Slosson, followed by the flag salute.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: Thom Slosson

Thom Slosson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included:

- Dennis Zine – Bell Canyon Community Services District*
- Francine Castanon-California Consulting*
- Thom Slosson, Andres Santamaria, Kara Wade - Calleguas Municipal Water District*
- Rod Brown, Linda Brown - Camarillo Health Care District*
- Al Fox, Cindy Fox - Camrosa Water District*
- George Lange, Nellie Cusworth, Doug Nickles, Jim Friedl - Conejo Recreation & Park District*
- Marilyn Irkiewskij, - Montalvo Community Services District*
- Jack Curtis, Bill Ulrich - Ojai Valley Sanitary District*
- Mark Malloy, Mike Mishler, Elaine Magner - Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*
- Elaine Freeman, Dan Paranick - Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District*
- Ray Tjulander - Triunfo Sanitation District*
- Bruce Dandy, Joseph Jereb - United Water Conservation District*
- Brian Pendleton — Ventura Harbor*
- Bert Rapp, Bruce Kuebler —Ventura River Water District*
- Bruce Stenslie – Economic Development Collaborative-Speaker*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 6, 2019: Thom Slosson

Motion by Elaine Freeman, Seconded by Elaine Magner, to approve the August 6, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented by Mark Malloy

Beginning Balance as of 09/27/2019 was \$15,956.82. Ending Balance as of 12/09/19 was \$14,451.09. *Motion* by Elaine Freeman, *seconded* by Elaine Magner to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. *Motion carried.*
Rodger Brown, a Board Director of Camarillo Healthcare District was voted in as the new treasurer *Motion* by Jack Cutis, *seconded* by Bruce Dandy. *Motion carried.* He will be an authorized signer on the Wells Fargo checking account.

President—Thom Slosson
Vice President—Al Fox

Treasurer—Mark Malloy
Secretary to the Board—Kara Wade

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Legislative Update and CSDA Report: Elaine Freeman said that they will be back in session 1/6/20 and senate bills will be announced in February. She stated that the fine for water theft is only \$100 and that there is talk of raising it to detour water theft. Elaine Magner said that there are scholarships available for Special Districts that have revenues of less than 8 million per year to attend CSDA sponsored training. Tuition only not travel. She announced that the new CSDA Board President is Jeff Hodge.

Ventura LAFCo Update: Elaine Freeman, Ventura LAFCo Board Member, said that LAFCo had a unique situation with a mussel farm that was in federal waters off the coast of Ventura. LAFCos jurisdiction was not developed because LAFCos sphere of influence is not in Federal Waters. The LAFCo Commission gave direction to staff to allow the mussel farm to operate because it is in federal waters.

County Oversight Board Update: Mike Mishler said that there was no meeting and nothing to report.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elaine Magner said that there are three awards given out at the annual VCSDA banquet. They are: General Manager of the Year, Director of the Year and the Shirley Turner Award. George Lange said he participated in the Metropolitan Water District State Water Project Tour and highly recommends people to attend. Kara Wade announced that there will be a Colorado River/Hoover Dam Tour April 24-26, 2020 let her know if you would like to attend.

PRESENTATION: Bruce Stenslie, President/CEO of the Economic Development Collaborative, provided an informative presentation on Ventura County Economic Trends. He said that 15 to 20 years ago, Ventura County was one of the nation's fastest growing economies and then the recession of 2008-2010 hit. Ventura County suffered maybe the greatest reversal in the nation due the Great Recession's hit to the real estate and financial markets. Some industry strengths * Ventura County competitiveness depends on the export economy-18,810 jobs, 52nd in the nation by size * Manufacturing sector strength-pay 5th highest in the nation *Ag and food systems economy-3.3 billion industry, 32,000 jobs. The good news, Ventura County ranks 7th among the nations 42 metro areas with median household incomes greater than \$70K, rank #1 in the nation out of 3,111 counties, for physical characteristics that enhance location as a place to live "the absolute most desirable place to live in America" (USDA, Washington Post)

NEW BUSINESS: Elaine Freeman recommended that VCSDA provide \$2000 in scholarships for the CSDA sponsored training. Bruce Dandy requested that it be an official ballot vote and George Lange requested that it be agenized for the next meeting on February 4, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on April 7, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara L. Wade

Kara Wade, Secretary to VCSDA