



Alameda County Special Districts Association

21040 Marshall Street
Castro Valley, CA 94546

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- ◆ Zone 7 Water Agency

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ACSDA Officers (Term: 7/2024 – 6/2026)

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- ◆ Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold
Treasurer
- ◆ Mark Friedman
At-large
- ◆ Sarah Palmer
At-Large
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Wednesday, September 18th, 2024

Hosted by:

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan)

Located at:

21040 Marshall Street
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7:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	ACSDA Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Adjourn

Presiding: Roland P. Williams, Jr., President

AGENDA

8:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Roland P. Williams, Jr., ACSDA President

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

8:15 A.M.

3. SPEAKERS

- 3.1. Welcome by CVSan General Manager Roland P. Williams, Jr.
- 3.2. Presentation by East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) General Manager Jacqueline Zipkin. Overview of the new Watershed Permit for Nutrients in San Francisco Bay.
- 3.3. Presentation from Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) by Public Sector Manager Virginia Harrington and staff.

9:25 A.M.

4. UPDATES

- 4.1. Report about California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Annual Conference.
- 4.2. Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson, Mariellen Faria, Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, and Executive Officer, Rachel Jones.
- 4.3. East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee Chapter Representative: Roland P. Williams, Jr.
- 4.4. East Bay EDA Chapter Representative: Ryan Clausnitzer
- 4.5. CSDA General Updates: Colleen Haley



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5. BUSINESS

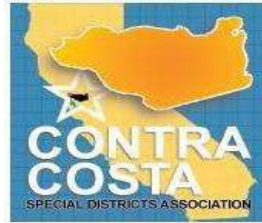
- 5.1. Approval of July 2024 ACSDA/CCSDA joint Membership Meeting minutes.
- 5.2. Financial Report: Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, Treasurer
- 5.3. Approval of 2024/25 ACSDA Budget: Roland P. Williams, Jr.

6. UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- 6.1. Thursday, November 13, 2024.
Host: Oro Loma Sanitary District
Topic: Sea Level Rise
- 6.2. Thursday, January 8, 2025.
Host and Topic: TBD
Location: CVSan Office
- 6.3. Thursday, March 13, 2025
Annual Dinner: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Wedgewood at Redwood Canyon Golf Course

10:00 A.M.

7. ADJOURNMENT



Alameda County Special District Association & Contra Costa County Special District Association Joint Chapter Meeting Minutes

7.08.2024	Meeting Time: 12:30 p.m.	Meeting Location: Zone 7 Main Office 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551
Call to Order	At 12:25 p.m., the meeting was called to order.	
Minutes	Purvi Solanki, Executive Assistant to the General Manager/Clerk of the Board, Castro Valley Sanitary District	
Zoom Recording	The meeting was not recorded.	

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Roland Williams, ACSDA President, Castro Valley Sanitary District General Manager called the meeting to order. He welcomed ACSDA and CCSDA members and thanked Zone 7 Water Agency for hosting the joint meeting and for the Ozone Tour at the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant (PPWTP) before the meeting. Mr. Dan Muelrath, CCSDA President, Diablo Water District General Manager also welcomed members and expressed his appreciation to Zone 7 Water Agency for the tour. He noted that this annual joint meeting was an opportunity to collectively address some of the common challenges faced by special districts. Ms. Valerie Pryor, Zone 7 Water Agency General Manager welcomed attendees and stated her appreciation for these meetings and the opportunity to build camaraderie with other special districts.

Municipal Finance Corporation Introduction by Vice President Stefan Morton

Mr. Williams moved to Item 4. on the agenda. He introduced Mr. Stefan Morton, Vice President of Municipal Finance Corporation. He also stated that Municipal Finance Corporation had sponsored the lunch prior to the meeting.

Mr. Morton highlighted services Municipal Finance Corporation offers and noted that many California Special Districts Association (CSDA) members may not be aware of the programs and benefits available to them. He explained how their resources can be accessed directly from the CSDA website under the Member Resources tab, then the Financing tab; and stated it was easy to submit an agency's information to receive a quote. He added that their quote includes a payment schedule which can be a useful tool for project planning, A dedicated team, including legal counsel is ready to assist members right away, and he noted that they offer competitive pricing and an additional advantage is that a portion of their fees benefits the CSDA.

Advocacy Updates related to State Initiative 1935 and any other bills of note.

Mr. Williams moved to item 1.a.

Mr. Williams introduced Mr. Marcus Detwiler, CSDA Legislative Representative. Mr. Detwiler provided an update on California Initiative 1935, also known as The Taxpayer Deception Act and stated that it will not appear on the November ballot. He noted that the California Supreme Court normally lets voters provide input first before it takes the step of removing a ballot, but they had intervened early in this case and are requiring a constitutional revision which is huge news for special districts. Mr. Williams asked if this means the initiative process will need to restart from scratch if reintroduced, and Mr. Detwiler concurred this was correct.

Mr. Detwiler stated the latest update on Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (Aguiar-Curry) (ACA 1) is that it has been placed back on the ballot. He stated ACA 1 will allow jurisdictions to incur bonded indebtedness or impose special taxes for public infrastructure projects, including public housing. He noted that this initiative is particularly important for special districts.

Mr. Detwiler provided an update on ACA 13 and stated that it will no longer appear on the November 2024 ballot.

Mr. Detwiler discussed two bond legislations that are on the ballot: An Education Bond for \$10 billion in funding towards construction and repairs at schools, and a Climate Bond for \$10 billion to finance projects related to safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought, and clean air. He noted that some funds will be specifically allocated towards the creation of parks and outdoor access programs.

Mr. Detwiler provided an update on the discussion around the Governor's 2024-25 Budget and the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) and noted the debate has landed on including charter schools in the ERAF per an amendment by the Newsom Administration.

Mr. Detwiler discussed the latest on Development Impact Fee Bills and noted that Senate Bill (SB) 937 and Assembly Bill (AB) 2729 shift the risk from developers to public agencies and they change the timeline for fee collection from final inspection to the final certificate of occupancy, so agencies will not be able to collect fees until residences are occupied.

Mr. Detwiler provided an update about AB 2557 (Ortega) and stated this was one of the higher priority bills at the present time since this bill will prevent special districts from having authority when entering into contracts for special services that were previously performed in-house. He stated this would not apply to contracts greater than five years old, but if a service involves work that is part of an in-house job description, notice will need to be given to unions. Mr. Detwiler stated that CSDA is still gathering feedback about AB 2557. Mr. Antonio Martinez of Calaveras County Water District questioned how this bill might also affect job classification changes.

Contra Costa Chapter

a. LAFCo

Ms. Patricia Bristow provided an update stating the projects at Alamo/Lafayette and Byron-Brentwood-Knightsen Union Cemetery Districts are progressing. She stated the Municipal Service Review (MSR) encompasses 15 districts and 12 reclamation districts.

b. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Budget Approval

Mr. Bert Michalczyk, Treasurer summarized key figures from the report. Ms. Bristow moved approval of the 2024/25 Budget and Ms. Susan Morgan seconded. The budget was passed unanimously.

Alameda County Chapter

a. Updates

- i. LAFCo: Mr. Clausnitzer stated a report will be provided at the September meeting.
- ii. East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee:
Mr. Dennis Waespi stated the Fourth of July events were successful.
- iii. East Bay EDA
There were no updates.
- iv. CSDA General Updates
Mr. Williams stated their current bank balance was \$10,090 and letters for dues will be going out soon.

b. Business

- i. Approval of May 8th, 2024, Membership Meeting Minutes
Ms. Sarah Palmer moved to approve the meeting minutes and Ms. Shelia Young seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.
- ii. Upcoming meeting for ACSDA, September 18, 2024, location TBA
Mr. Williams proposed a meeting on September 18th which would allow members to meet after the CSDA Conference. Ms. Palmer and Ms. Young stated they would be unable to attend, but there was consensus on the date with other members.
- iii. Upcoming meeting for ACSDA, November 13, 2024, location Oro Loma Sanitary District.
Mr. Williams noted that OLSD would host the November meeting.

Mr. Williams noted there was one final order of business and he presented Mr. Clausnitzer with a gift on behalf of the ACSDA in appreciation for all his work during his term as the President.

Mr. Clausnitzer thanked the Chapter and stated his appreciation for their group that works in the Bay Area and how it is always great to hear about all of the work that is being done.

Ms. Sarah Palmer, Zone 7 Water Agency stated she wanted to thank Zone 7 Water Agency staff, the ACSDA and CCSDA administrative staff, and to Carol Mahoney for helping to coordinate the tour and meeting at the Zone 7 Water Agency.

Adjournment

California Special District Association Alameda County Chapter

Prior year carryover \$ 11,047.90 *as of 4/10/24*

Proposed 2024/25 Budget

Income

Regular Dues 20 @ \$100 annually	\$	2,000.00
Partners Dues 5 @300 annually	\$	1,500.00
Annual Dinner 80 X \$50	\$	4,000.00
Total Income	\$	7,350.00

Expenses

Dinner	\$	7,000.00	
July joint meeting expense	\$	1,300.00	<i>half meals and event space fee</i>
Speaker Gift	\$	200.00	<i>For each meeting plus annual</i>
Executive committee meals	\$	100.00	<i>One meeting per year</i>
President's Agency Incidentals	\$	25.00	<i>Office supplies</i>
Banking			
Decorations/guest gifts			
Brochure (printing only)			
Insurance			
Annual Dinner Speaker Honorarium	\$	1,000.00	
Website			
Special Event Reserve			
Total Expenses	\$	9,625.00	

Net \$ **(2,275.00)**

Plus carry-over \$ 8,772.90

host agencies for the bi-monthly meetings are expected to provide food, door prize and agenda plus handouts (including minutes)

9/6/2024 RPW