



The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

The SDA of Monterey County will convene for our Regular Quarterly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Location: SHORELINE OCCUPATIONAL SERVICES
CONFERENCE CENTER-249 10th Street
(on the former Ft. Ord)

Directions: Take the Imjin Parkway Exit off Highway 1 - Stay on Imjin Parkway until you get to 3rd Avenue (first turn after the stoplight). Turn RIGHT on 3rd. It is Building B.

Dinner: Choice of roast beef or pasta. Includes salad bar, dessert or fresh fruit, and iced tea/coffee.

Cost: **\$25.00** per person (includes the room rental)
PLEASE BRING PAYMENT TO DINNER checks payable to
"The Special Districts Association of Monterey County"

RSVP: To Paula Riso at priso@mcwd.org
PLEASE RESPOND BY Friday, October 14, 2011

We encourage your District Directors, Commissioners
and General Managers to attend.



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
OF MONTEREY COUNTY



Tuesday, October 18, 2011

(Times are Approximate)

1. 6:00 – Serve yourself buffet dinner
2. 6:30 – Call to Order, welcome by President Judi Lehman
3. 6:35 – Recommendation of Nominating Committee for the 2012 Officers
4. 6:40 – Guest Speaker:
 - 27th Assembly District Assemblymember William W. Monning
5. 7:10 – Approval of Minutes from the July 19, 2011 meeting
6. 7:15 – New/Old Business:
 - a. Review budget, goals and objectives for 2012
7. 7:30 – Informational Reports:
 - a. Legislative Chair Report – Ben Post
 - b. Finance Committee Chair Report – George Haines
 - c. CSDA Region 3 Representative Report – Vince Ferrante
 - d. LAFCO Representatives Report – Don Champion, Graig Stephens
 - e. Other Reports
8. 7:50 – Members comments
9. 7:55 – Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:

Shoreline Occupational Services Conference Center
Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:00 pm
10. 8:00 – Adjournment

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY COUNTY**

July 19, 2011

1. Call to Order:

President Judi Lehman called the regular quarterly meeting of the SDAMC to order, and requested those present to serve themselves at the buffet dinner. Judi expressed appreciation to Paula Riso for her continued hard work and dedication to the association; Judi also thanked the Shoreline staff for the great dinner. 28 members from 20 Special Districts & 5 guests (See attached list for names).

2. Guest Speaker(s):

(For purposes of the Minutes recorder keeping only, guest speakers are assigned agenda/Minutes space number 6, but are routinely taken out of order to accommodate last minute changes in scheduling.)

Megan Hemming – Director of Education, California Special Districts Association

Megan advised the association of their Educational Catalog, upcoming Board Secretary / Clerk training coming to Monterey March 1 & 2, 2012. Board secretaries and clerks are able to earn a certificate from CSDA, and highlighted the annual conference also coming to Monterey October 10-13, to be held at the Monterey Conference Center. Following this information, Megan presented a Power Point program about the annual conference. More information is available on the website: www.csda.net

Paul Robbins – Executive Director, Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Paul presented a Power Point program outlining the basics of the RCD, origins in the USDA relating to soil erosion of the 1930's, Resources available, Directors, Staff, Strategic Plan, Modes of Work, and Partnerships. Workshops are coming up in Carmel Valley. More information is available on the website: www.rcdmonterey.org

3. Approval of Minutes:

Following a motion by Russ Jeffries and seconded by Don Champion, the minutes for the regular April 19, 2010 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

4. New/Old Business:

a. Review Budget, Goals and Objectives for 2011: Carl Miller

Carl highlighted ideas formulated by the sub-committee:

1. Dues. Currently, the association generates minimal quarterly revenue from the money collected for the dinner. This balance is currently running at approximately \$2500, which coincidentally is the minimum balance required by the bank for “free” checking. The committee felt that if we could collect a minimal amount of annual dues, we could have some money available to cover travel expenses or conference fees for some members of this association *if their parent district couldn't afford to pay.*

2. Members Directory: the idea would be to centralize the association members' information, either in traditional hard copy or electronically on a website with a public side, and a members side.
3. Speaker directory: we currently collect names of suggested future speakers; the idea would be to keep this as a continuing item in the minutes or on a website for reference purposes.
4. LAFCO list: list of potential new members to reach out to.
5. Recognition Pins: would recognize years of service in the association, accomplishments, or major milestones.
6. Strategic Planning: where are we? What is it we want to accomplish? Where do we want to go? Do we want to get more involved in this county?

This generated good discussion as to whether or not this association actually belongs to the CSDA. Not every district within the SDAMC belongs to CSDA, due to the cost of dues. Russ believes that CSDA recognizes us as a member, even though "new" chapters must have 100% dues paying membership.

7. Is there interest in a more social event, such as the Christmas season? Something where spouses / significant others would also attend?

5. Reports:

a. Legislative Chair Report – Ben Post

1. The Orange County Grand Jury has recently "rated" water districts; specifically, how "transparent" were they on their websites? Some of the things the jury looked at:

- are the district's financial easily accessible on the website?
- if there is compensation provided, are the salaries disclosed (within ranges)
- are the budgets posted? Are they totally transparent?

2. Conflict of Interest:

-The Supreme Court recently ruled on a California individual who was a member of a public board. The court found that if a member is an acquaintance or friend of an individual who has a position and they might benefit financially (or would be fiscally impacted) from you voting a particular way on your board, you must recuse yourself to avoid a conflict of interest (ethics) situation. This would even work in reverse, (e.g. if a board were voting to terminate a contract with a vendor, the board member who has a "relationship" with the vendor should recuse him / her self.) Ben will send the information to Paula, and asked that she get it to the members.

- b. Finance Committee Chair Report – George Haines
Nothing to add. INFO ONLY NO ACTION NEEDED
- c. CSDA Region 3 Representative Report – Russ Jeffries in place of Vince Ferrante
Nothing further to report.
- d. LAFCO Representative Report –Don Champion & Graig Stephens
Don deferred to Thom McCue, reporting for Kate McKenna;
Graig advised that with Vince DiMaggio’s resignation, the Public Member position on LAFCO is now vacant. It’s been a long time since this has occurred, so Kate advises that a committee will be formed to interview candidates, and this will be determined with the current board chairperson.

LAFCO’s budget is 4% less than last year’s, and that was lower than previous years.

Fire Districts are meeting to discuss a couple of annexations, and municipal service reviews for EMS and Fire Districts are under way. State law dictates a 5 year cycle for service reviews; all of these are being done “in-house”. A small annexation being reviewed for Pajaro County Sanitation District. Other districts have some form of applications pending, such as Pajaro Sunny Mesa, Marina Coast, Aromas Water District. Also talking with Carmel Area Waste Water District.

The public member position to be filled cannot be a board member of a special district or city council; cannot be an employee of those agencies. Thom brought copies of special notice for the open filing period. The person will be selected by the LAFCO commissioners.

Not a lot of activity in Sacramento related to special districts.

- e. Other Reports: NONE

6. Members Comments:
NONE

7. Suggested Topics/Speaker future meetings:

- 1) Strategic Planning - topic
- 2) Auditor – Controller’s Office - speaker
- 3) Sheriff - speaker
- 4) local assemblymember - speaker
- 5) Sam Blakelee - speaker
- 6) Redistricting - topic
- 7) Steve Vagnini – speaker

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Recommendations from previous meetings:

- Keith Israel from CA Forward
- Assemblyman Alejo

Adjournment: 7:50pm

George Haines - Secretary – Treasurer; Special Districts Association of Monterey County

Member Agencies:

1. Aromas County Water Dist. (Vicki Morris)
2. Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection Dist. *
3. Cachagua Fire Protection Dist.
4. Carmel Area Wastewater Dist. (Barbara Buikema, Charlotte Townsend)
5. Carmel Highlands Fire Protection Dist. *
6. Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Dist. (Paul Ingram, Joe Hertlein)
7. Castroville Community Services Dist.
8. Cypress Fire Protection Dist. (Rick Hutchinson *)
9. Greenfield Memorial Dist.
10. King City Cemetery Dist.
11. Marina Coast Water Dist. (Howard Gustafson)
12. Monterey County Regional Fire Dist. (Michael Urquides, George Haines)
13. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control Dist.
14. Monterey Peninsula Airport District (Carl Miller)
15. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park Dist. (Ben Post, James Sulentich)
16. Monterey Peninsula Water Management Dist. (Darby Fuerst, Judi Lehman)
17. Monterey Regional Waste Management Dist. (William Merry, Ian Oglesby)
18. Moss Landing Harbor Dist. (Russ Jeffries, Linda McIntyre)
19. North County Fire Protection Dist. (Chris Orman, Don Champion)
20. North County Recreation and Park Dist.
21. North Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement Dist. (Dennis Boronda, Silvio Bernardi)
22. Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services Dist. (Don Rosa, Stephen Snodgrass)
23. Pebble Beach Community Services Dist. (Mike Niccum, Rick Verbanec)
24. San Lucas County Water Dist.
25. Soledad Cemetery Dist.
26. Soledad Community Health Care Dist. (Graig Stephens)
27. South Monterey County Fire Protection Dist. *
28. Spreckels Community Services Dist. (Jim Riley)

Guest Attendees:

1. Local Agency Formation Commission (Thom McCue)
2. Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Dist. (Brad Hagemann)
3. Monterey County Public Works (Edward Muniz)
4. More Transparency (Tom Moore)
5. Public Member (Jan Shriner)

Guest Speakers:

1. CSDA Director of Education (Megan Hemming)
2. Resource Conservation District of MC (Paul Robins)

