



The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

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

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

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, January 13, 2012

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



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
OF MONTEREY COUNTY



Tuesday, January 17, 2012

(Times are Approximate)

6:00 – Serve yourself buffet dinner

1. 6:30 – Call to Order, welcome by President Judi Lehman
2. 6:35 – New/Old Business:
 - a. Appoint President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer for 2012
 - b. Appoint committee to develop budget, goals and objectives for 2012
3. 6:40 – Guest Speakers:

Presentation on AB109 by: Sheriff Scott Miller; District Attorney Dean Flippo; and
Chief of Probation Manuel Real

- AB109 makes fundamental changes to California’s correctional system by shifting the housing and parole supervision to counties for lower-level offenders and parole violators. AB109 changes the law to realign certain responsibilities for lower level offenders, adult parolees and juvenile offenders from state to local jurisdictions. AB109 will give local law enforcement the right and the ability to manage offenders in smarter and cost-effective ways. This State cost saving measure will have an effect on public safety, overcrowding in our jail and future costs to Monterey County.

4. 7:30 – Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2011 meeting
5. 7:35 – 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

6. 7:45 – Members comments

7. 7:50 – Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:

Shoreline Occupational Services Conference Center
Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 6:00 pm

8. 8:00 – Adjournment

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

October 18, 2011

1./2. Call to Order:

President Judi Lehman requested those present to serve themselves at the buffet dinner. Following dinner, she called the regular quarterly meeting of the SDAMC to order at 6:30 P.M. Judi thanked the Shoreline staff for the great dinner. 34 members from 25 Special Districts & 5 guests introduced themselves. (See attached list for names).

- 3.** President Lehman solicited nominations / volunteers for the 2012 Nominating Committee. The following members volunteered to serve: Russ Jeffries, Ben Post, and Mary Ann Leffel. Motion by Russ Jeffries, Second by Steve Snodgrass, unanimous approval.

4. Guest Speaker):

(For purposes of the Minutes record keeping only, guest speakers are routinely taken out of order to accommodate last minute changes in scheduling.)

Assemblyman William W. Monning, 27th Assembly District

Assembly member Monning recapped recent legislation; we started the fiscal year with a \$26 Billion deficit. The governor proposed \$8B in continuing revenues, which would be decided by the voters. The legislature failed to approve the 2/3 votes necessary to move this to the ballot. Deep cuts in the budget were necessary. If anticipated revenues do not materialize, “trigger cuts” will be implemented to higher education, public safety, social benefits, etc.

Unemployment rates are significant, which in turn drives total state revenues down. Bill cited upwards of 10K home foreclosures in Monterey County & 5K in Santa Cruz County since 2008. Successful home mortgage modifications are running at approximately 20%. The challenge, obviously, is getting jobs going in order to kick start this economy.

Legislation affecting local interests authored by Bill:

AB565: San Clemente Dam 2014-15 takedown; this is a partnership between Federal, State, Local, and Private entities to implement the preferred alternative to the issues related to the removal of San Clemente Dam. The preferred alternative is to remove the silt built up behind the dam, take down the dam, and restore steelhead migration, at the same time protecting the downstream population from a catastrophic seismic failure of the dam.

AB629- The Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery at the former Fort Ord; significantly, puts FORA in position as the primary contractor for the cemetery, rather than the state Department of General Services, thereby saving upwards of \$500K in funds.

AB42: State Parks facing closure of 80 parks; allows State Parks to enter into MOU's and contracts with non-profit organizations to continue operations.

Redistricting: prop 11 in 2010 – citizens committee developed to redraw congressional, state senate and assembly districts. New lines throughout the state that group demographics rather than political lines. Some relatively significant changes in our local lines.

Open primaries beginning in June for the top 2 vote getters regardless of party, running against each other in November. Minor parties were opposed to the open primary concept.

Bill opened up for questions and / or issues:

- Don Champion pointed out that special districts face significant costs for elections. Some special district boards are appointed, others are elected. This seems contrary to the concept of democratically elected leaders in our nation. As long as election costs remain high, forgoing elections in favor of appointed board members seem to be the trend, and this seems to present an ethical dilemma.
- Carl Miller - If a candidate receives 50% +1 in the primary, does he win the election? Answer; no.
- Steve Snodgrass - there are quite a few people in Monterey County unable to obtain potable water due to water table contamination. Special districts do not have the funds available to fix the problem. Is there any money available from the state to help these people? Answer- the short answer is to get the state's finances turned around. Bill will look into the availability of emergency funding from the State Water Board. This is a regional water issue, not simply a local district or area problem.
- Russ Jeffries - Why were special districts excluded from assisting State Parks, why only non-profits. As an example, perhaps Moss Landing Harbor District could assist the two state parks on their borders. Bill said he didn't have the background on the legislation to know if special districts were considered or not; he promised to look into this.
- Bill Sabo- noted that the governor vetoed the performance base budgeting proposal; - what are your feelings on this? The governor's opinion was that this wasn't fully developed. Bill supports the concept in theory. The "peaks and valleys" of the

revenue stream that's been experienced over the past several years requires the ability to regroup and adjust the budgets based on actual revenues being received.

- How can we keep our state's population and corporations in the state, thus preserving the tax base? Bill answered that there is a lot of work on this, such as tax incentives; capturing the "Amazon type" out of state businesses that compete with our local mom and pop businesses who have to collect state sales tax. Bill also pointed out that there is some thought that the "exodus" of business out of the state might not be as bad as some think.
- Jan Shriner - Looking for Bill's thoughts on the FORA renewal in light of the difficulties in communities such as Preston Park. Bill had no specific answers on the topic, but pointed out that the regionalization of the base reuse was rather unique, and we will see how this shakes out in the next few months.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Following a motion by Russ Jeffries and seconded by Carl Miller, the minutes for the regular July 19, 2011 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

6. New/Old Business:

a. Review Budget, Goals and Objectives for 2011: Judy Lehman

Judy reminded the members that the committee had made some suggestions for the association, such as a member directory, and the possibility of collecting some dues; a speaker directory seems to be a good idea. Other topics are covered in the minutes of the July 2011 meeting. Information only.

7. Informational Reports:

a. Legislative Chair Report – Ben Post

Ben noted that the last session legislature had passed the lowest number of bills in 50 years – and the governor had vetoed 14% of bills presented.

b. Finance Committee Chair Report – George Haines

George reported quarterly receipts of \$848, expenses of \$70 (web site host annual fee), with an account balance of \$2529. Rabobank manager Harry Wardwell has agreed to waive any bank charges for the Association's checking account. INFO ONLY NO ACTION NEEDED

c. CSDA Region 3 Representative Report - Vince Ferrante

Vince reported good CSDA conference in Monterey October 1-13. Attendance by Monterey County districts was good.

Vince noted that the Legislative Analyst spoke at the closing, he was pleased with Sacramento activity this year.

The 2012 conference will be in San Diego, 2013 back in Monterey. Vince encouraged attendance at future conferences.

d. LAFCO Representative Report –Don Champion & Graig Stephens

Don deferred to Kate, who reported two appointments to the Commission: New public member is Sherwood Darrington (formerly Alternate Public member). Matt Gourley (formerly with Gonzales City) is the new Alternate Public member.

Kate has met with Fire Chiefs to go over the MSR / district boundaries, etc. The draft of the MSR should be out soon, with final approval expected in January.

Cal LAFCO annual conference in October 2012 in Monterey. Kate will be asking for Special Districts “field trips” AKA mobile workshops to showcase the local special districts.

The next round of MSR’s will cover Water Districts / Solid Waste. All MSR’s being done “in-house”. Will also start on the public hospitals in mid-2012.

e. Other Reports: NONE

8. Members Comments:

Tom Moore - noted increasing level of interest at the Federal level in “Interagency Process”. Over the past 10 years, it’s noted that agencies have difficulties operating smoothly in disasters, such as Katrina, Haiti earthquake, etc. Some faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School have come up with a Monterey Interagency Service Club, modeled on Kiwanis / Rotary / Lions. Tom asked for the association’s ok to have Paula send out information to the membership.

Russ Jeffries – asked Kate about the costs to the “remainder” special districts if Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital should dissolve, and what would that mean to the two special district members on LAFCO?

Kate responded that the intent would be to maintain the Public District status if the Hospital (the facility) were sold. She doesn’t see dissolution of the district in the strategic planning process at this time. The Local Health Care District Law would require a public vote in order to sell of the most valuable asset (the hospital facility) the Hospital District owns.

There is also some discussion of increasing the number of board members to seven, as well as moving from “at large” system to elections by zone or districts within the district, both subject to a vote of the citizens of the district.

Kate responded to a question about the appointment of the public member / alternate public member, and cleanup of the by-laws and procedures related to this. Lots of flexibility in the law. In the future, when there is an unexpected departure of the Public member, the commission, if it chooses, could elevate the alternate public member to the voting public member position. The second phase of the appointment process would be a pre-existing list of potential candidates for Public / alternate Public member, if the list had been established within the previous year. Kate will propose a couple of additional changes,

one of which would be a “cooling-off” period of 21 days to notify the general community of the opening, and following that notification period, the commission could either consider the pre-existing list, or consider newly interested persons, or combination of.

9. Suggested Topics/Speaker future meetings:

Mike Urquides suggested Sheriff Scott Miller.

Recommendations from previous meetings:

- Keith Israel from CA Forward
- Assemblyman Alejo
- Strategic Planning - topic
- Auditor – Controller’s Office - speaker
- Sheriff - speaker
- local assembly member – speaker (Bill Monning 10/18/11)
- Sam Blakelee - speaker
- Redistricting - topic
- Steve Vagnini – speaker

10. Adjournment: 7:55pm

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

Attendance 10/18/2011

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. (Dennis Carreiro)
6. Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Dist. (Paul Ingram)
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, Bill Sabo, Mary Ann Leffel)
15. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park Dist. (Ben Post, James Sulentich)
16. Monterey Peninsula Water Management Dist. (Dave Stolt, Judi Lehman, Rachel Martinez)
17. Monterey Regional Waste Management Dist. (William Merry)
18. Moss Landing Harbor Dist. (Russ Jeffries, Vince Ferrante)
19. North County Fire Protection Dist. (Chris Orman, Don Champion)
20. North County Recreation and Park Dist.
21. North Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement Dist. (D. Boronda, S. Bernardi, C. Hanson, D. Cranford)
22. Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services Dist. (Don Rosa, Stephen Snodgrass)
23. Pebble Beach Community Services Dist. (Mike Niccum, Rick Verbanec, Jeff Froke)
24. Resource Conservation Dist. of Monterey County (Paul Robbins, Melissa Duflock)
25. San Lucas County Water Dist.
26. Soledad Cemetery Dist.
27. Soledad Community Health Care Dist.
28. South Monterey County Fire Protection Dist. *
29. Spreckels Community Services Dist. (Jim Riley)

Guest Attendees:

1. Local Agency Formation Commission (Kate McKenna)
2. Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Dist. (Keith Israel)
3. Monterey County Public Works (Edward Muniz)
4. More Transparency (Tom Moore)
5. Public Member (Jan Shriner)

Guest Speaker:

1. 27th Assembly District (Bill Monning)
2. 27th Assembly District Field Supervisor (Noelle White)

