



The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

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

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

Location: Zoom Meeting

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We encourage your District Directors, Commissioners
and General Managers to attend. This meeting's discussion might also benefit other
employees in your organization.

October 20, 2020 Special Districts Association Meeting

The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDA) met virtually on October 20, 2020. Director Verbanec and the General Manager attended the meeting.

Assemblymember Robert Rivas represents the 30th District which includes the inland Monterey, Southern Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. This is his first term and he is chairman of the Agriculture Committee. He reported this year has evolved from a record budget surplus to a deficit and economic recession due to COVID-19, which requires significant budget cuts because there is no Federal help. Locally the area has had to deal with three major fires and the related economic impact on the agriculture industry. There are less hearings, sessions and bills in Sacramento this year because of issues related to COVID-19. His priorities are improving broadband access to rural areas, allowing electronic payment of court fees and boosting resources for fire service including completion of a Fire Prevention Master Plan for the state. In response to a question from the audience related to the backlog of unemployment applications and reports of fraudulent activity, he believes the Employment Development Department was unprepared and the Governor needs to get engaged.

Charlotte Holifield, California Special District Association Public Affairs Field Coordinator for the coastal zone reported SCDA is creating a working group to review remote meeting Brown Act issues.

Kate McKenna reported the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) presented a countywide study of districts providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and were directed to prepare a 3-5-year action plan for improvements. One outstanding Fort Ord Reuse Authority legal issue has been resolved and one remains. Staff is also preparing studies on proposed annexations for Carmel Area Wastewater District and Soledad. Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is submitting an application to activate the latent power to deliver potable water and change its boundary to match the California America Water service boundary.

The next SDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm either virtually or at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse in Seaside.

