



## The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

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

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 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.



**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**  
**OF MONTEREY COUNTY**



Tuesday, April 20, 2021

(Times are Approximate)

6:00 – Call to Order, welcome, introductions: President Mary Ann Leffel

6:05 – New/Old Business:

- a. Appoint Committee to Review Budget, Goals and Objectives for 2021
- b. Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2021 Meeting
- c. Consider Meeting in Person for the July 20th Meeting at Bayonet Black Horse

6:20 – Informational Reports:

- a. Legislative Chair Report – Vince Ferrante
- b. Finance Committee Chair Report – Rick Verbanec
- c. CSDA Coastal Network 5 Representative Report – Vince Ferrante
- d. LAFCO Representative Report – Kate McKenna, Executive Director
- e. Other Reports

6:45 – Guest Speaker:

Senator John Laird, California Senate District 17

7:15 – Member comments

7:20 – Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:

Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse or Zoom Meeting  
Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 6:00 pm

7:30 – Adjournment

## January 19, 2021 Special Districts Association Meeting

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The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDA) met virtually on January 19, 2021.

The group approved the slate of officers for 2021: President Mary Ann Leffel from Monterey Peninsula Airport District, Vice President Pete Poitras from Monterey County Regional Fire District and Treasurer Rick Verbanec from PBCSD.

George Riley made a presentation about public banks. The California Legislature passed a bill in 2019 that provides authority to start ten new public banks. The idea would be for public agencies to pool reserves and loan the funds out for infrastructure projects. A business plan would have to be developed at an estimated cost of \$400,000 before a public bank charter could be issued.

Assembly member Mark Stone reported State revenues are better than expected due to a conservative budget, but revenue is being treated as one time rather than reoccurring. He reported there has been a focus on fire response with more money allocated to CalFire and pointed out more than 60% of forested land in California is Federal. He mentioned there is an emphasis on expanding broadband to rural areas. The pandemic work from home requirements shine a light on which areas have adequate broadband coverage and highlight a glaring problem for businesses and education facilities in rural areas.

Vince Ferrante reported all webinars from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) are currently free. Charlotte Holifield, CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator for the coastal zone, reported Congress member Garamendi is preparing legislation that would allocate 5% of future State pandemic relief funding to Special Districts.

Kate McKenna reported the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is reviewing a proposed expansion for Carmel Area Wastewater District and a request to activate a latent power to deliver potable water for Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Staff is working with a Board of Supervisor Ad Hoc Committee to explore funding options for rural fire districts. LAFCO staff is starting a new Boundary and Sphere of Influence study for cities in Monterey County.

The next SDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm either virtually or at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse in Seaside.

Special Districts Association  
January 19, 2021

Member Agencies:

1. Aromas County Water Dist.
2. Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection Dist.
3. Cachagua Fire Protection Dist.
4. Carmel Area Wastewater Dist. (Barbara Buikema)
5. Carmel Highlands Fire Protection Dist.
6. Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Dist.
7. Castroville Community Services Dist.
8. Cypress Fire Protection Dist.
9. Greenfield Memorial Dist.
10. Greenfield Public Recreation District (David Kong)
11. King City Cemetery Dist.
12. Marina Coast Water Dist. (Tom Moore, Jan Shriner)
13. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control Dist.
14. Monterey County Regional Fire Dist. (Pete Poitras)
15. Monterey Peninsula Airport District (Carl Miller, Mary Ann Leffel, Bill Sabo)
16. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park Dist.
17. Monterey Peninsula Water Management Dist. (Dave Stoldt, Mary Adams)
18. Monterey Regional Waste Management Dist. (Tim Flanagan, Jason Campbell)
19. Moss Landing Harbor Dist. (Russ Jeffries, Vince Ferrante)
20. North County Fire Protection Dist.
21. North County Recreation and Park Dist.
22. North Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement Dist.
23. Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services Dist.
24. Pebble Beach Community Services Dist. (Mike Niccum, Rick Verbanec)
25. Resource Conservation Dist. of Monterey County
26. Salinas Valley Memorial Health Care System (Margaret D'Arrigo)
27. San Lucas County Water Dist.
28. Soledad Cemetery Dist.
29. Soledad Community Health Care District
30. South Monterey County Fire Protection Dist.
31. Spreckels Community Services Dist.
32. Spreckels Memorial Dist.

Guest Attendees:

1. Local Agency Formation Commission (Kate McKenna)
2. California Special Districts Association (Charlotte Holifield)
3. Senator John Laird's Office (Kate Daniels)
4. Monterey One Water (Mike McCullough)

Miscellaneous Attendees: Lynn Hamilton, Amanda Chaffin, Frank Lambert, Marianne Gawain-Davis, Catherine Crockett, Cox, Dan Turner, David, Gary Karnes, Harold Hill, Jeanne Turner, Larry, Laura Murphy, Laurie Eavey, Lisa, Mabelle L., Maxine, Daniel, Michele Crompton, Robert Frischmuth, Sylvia Shih.

Guest Speakers:

1. 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District (Assemblymember Mark Stone)
2. Monterey Peninsula Water Management Dist. (George Riley)

