



## The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

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

**Date:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022

**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, January 18, 2022

1. – Call to Order, welcome, introductions: President Mary Ann Leffel
2. – Speaker: Steve Vagnini, Monterey County Assessor
3. – New/Old Business:
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting
  - b. Review Budget, Goals and Objectives for 2022
4. – Informational Reports:
  - a. Legislative Chair Report – Vince Ferrante
  - b. Finance Committee Chair Report – Rick Verbanec
  - c. CSDA Coastal Network 5 Representative Report – Vince Ferrante/Charlotte Holifield
  - d. LAFCO Representative Report – Kate McKenna, Executive Director
  - e. Other Reports –
5. – Members comments:
6. – Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:

Bayonet Blackhorse Golf Course Club House  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 6:00 pm
7. – Adjournment

Subject: **October 19, 2021 Special Districts Association Meeting Minutes**

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The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDA) met in-person on October 19, 2021 at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse in Seaside. President Mary Ann Leffel reported a nominating committee for next year's officers has been formed and consists of Pete Poitras, Carl Miller and Jeff Cecilio.

State Senator Anna Caballero represents District 12 which is made up of parts of 6 counties including the Salinas Valley and about 1 million people. She reported on activities at the State Legislature over the past 18 months which started with stark budget reductions and then an unexpected significant budget surplus due to the performance of the stock market. Work has begun on next year's budget with the initial draft budget presented by the Governor the second week of January. Capital projects are being considered in the event there is a stimulus package approved at the Federal level. She indicated this year the number of bills originating in the Senate was capped at 12 and highlighted some of the legislation that was ultimately signed by the Governor. AB 832 extended the eviction moratorium and expanded access to financial relief for tenants behind on rent to ensure small landlords remain whole. SB323 set a limit of 120 days from the effective date of any ordinance or resolution approving new sewer or water fees, for any judicial or proceeding objecting to the fee to commence. AB156 provides financial assistance to expand broadband infrastructure to rural areas.

Kate McKenna, Executive Director of the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), indicated there will be a public hearing next week to consider the application from Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) to activate a latent power to deliver potable water. She stated the key question for LAFCO is whether it is feasible for MPWMD to take on the new responsibility. MPWMD submitted a report on the subject and LAFCO retained an independent economist that determined the assumptions presented in the report seemed reasonable. One issue raised is that property tax collected by local jurisdictions from California American Water would not be paid by a tax-exempt public agency. Staff recommendation will be to approve the application with conditions that include addressing the property tax issue and revoking the power if the condemnation process does not go forward. Kate shared her belief that there will probably be litigation regardless of what decision is reached.

The next SDA meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse in Seaside.

