



## The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

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

**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

**Location:** Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course Club House  
1 McClure Way, Seaside

**Dinner:** Choice of Chicken or Vegetarian Dinner.

Cost: **\$40.00** per person

PLEASE BRING PAYMENT TO DINNER checks payable to  
*"The Special Districts Association of Monterey County"*

**RSVP:** To Paula Riso at [priso@mcwd.org](mailto:priso@mcwd.org)  
PLEASE RESPOND BY THURSDAY, April 11, 2024

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 16, 2024

6:00 PM

- 1 – Call to Order, welcome, introductions: President Kathleen Lee
- 2 – Dinner
- 3 – Guest Speaker: Richelle Noroyan, CDSA Public Affairs Field Coordinator  
Topic: Legislative Update
- 4 – New/Old Business:
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the January 16, 2024 Meeting
- 5 – 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 – Member comments
- 7 – Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:  
  
Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 6:00 pm
- 8 – Adjournment

## **January 16, 2024 Special Districts Association Meeting**

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The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDAMC) met in person with Directors Verbanec and Froke as well as the General Manager attending on January 16, 2024.

A new slate of officers was approved including President - Kathleen Lee representing Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, Vice-President - Carl Miller representing Monterey Peninsula Airport District and Secretary – Jeff Cecilio representing the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District.

A presentation was made by Alliant which has a program that provides property and liability insurance for public agencies. They provide risk management and education services for public agencies. Cyber security and wildland fire protection insurance issues were reviewed including a suggestion that one solution for wildland fire is to treat it like earthquake insurance which requires a separate insurance rider.

Richelle Noroyan was introduced as the new local public affairs field coordinator for California Special District Association (CSDA). She previously served on the City of Santa Cruz city council. She reported that the Legislature is just getting started for the year but referenced competing initiatives that would make it easier or harder to raise taxes.

Vince Ferrante, CSDA Director representing the local Coastal Network, reported 350 attendees at the CSDA Board Secretary/Clerk education conference recently held in Monterey.

Kate McKenna, Executive Director for the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) reported the term of Special District representative Pete Poitras is coming to a close. A notice for nominations will be sent to all special districts and then a ballot will be sent to all Districts. The term of office starts in May and lasts for four years. She also reported a change in Board of Supervisor representatives on LAFCO with Supervisors Adams and Askew as voting members and Supervisor Lopez as the alternate representative. She reported that LAFCO lost the lawsuit filed by Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the LAFCO response is under review. LAFCO commissioners are also reviewing the Farmland Protection Policy which requires mitigation measures at the time an annexation decision is made. Kate complemented the special district LAFCO representatives that helped broker new guidelines.

The next SDAMC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course Clubhouse in Seaside.

Special Districts Association  
January 16, 2024

Member Agencies:

1. Aromas County Water District
2. Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District
3. Cachagua Fire Protection District
4. Carmel Area Wastewater District (Barbara Buikema)
5. Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District
6. Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District
7. Castroville Community Services District
8. Cypress Fire Protection District (Jeanne Krener)
9. Greenfield Memorial District
10. Greenfield Public Recreation District (David Kong)
11. King City Cemetery District
12. Marina Coast Water District (Tom Moore, Brad Imamura, Jan Shriner)
13. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control Dist.
14. Monterey County Regional Fire District (Pete Poitras, Dave Sargenti)
15. Monterey Peninsula Airport District (Mary Ann Leffel, Carl Miller)
16. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (Kathleen Lee)
17. Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (George Riley, Alvin Edwards, Karen Paull, Dave Stoldt)
18. Monterey Regional Waste Management District (Felipe Melchor)
19. Moss Landing Harbor District (Russ Jeffries, Vince Ferrante)
20. North County Fire Protection District
21. North County Recreation and Park District
22. North Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement Dist.
23. Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District (Sergio Ochoa, Judy Vazquez-Varela)
24. Pebble Beach Community Services District (Mike Niccum, Rick Verbanec, Jeff Froke, Nick Becker)
25. Resource Conservation Dist. of Monterey County
26. Salinas Valley Memorial Health Care System
27. San Lucas County Water District
28. Soledad Cemetery District
29. Soledad Community Health Care District (Ida Lopez Chan, Susan Phan)
30. South Monterey County Fire Protection District
31. Spreckels Community Services District (Paul Ingram)
32. Spreckels Memorial District

Guest Attendees:

1. Local Agency Formation Commission (Kate McKenna)
2. Assembly Rivas's Office (Dominic Dursa)
3. Monterey One Water (Fred Marsh)
4. CSDA (Richelle Noroyan)
5. Sunnyslope Water District (Drew Lander)

Guest Speakers:

1. Mark McAuliffe, Michael Doherty, Alliant Insurance

