



## The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

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

**Date:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024

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

**Location:** BAYONET BLACK HORSE GOLF COURSE  
CLUB HOUSE – 1 McClure Way, Seaside

Directions: Take the Lightfighter Drive Exit off Highway 1 - Stay on Lightfighter Drive until you get to General Jim Moore Blvd. Turn RIGHT on General Jim Moore and go about 2.2 miles to McClure Way. The driveway is on your right. The meeting room is at the rear of the Club House to the left.

**Dinner:** Choice of stuffed chicken dinner, a vegetarian dinner, or a hamburger.

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 FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

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



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



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

1. – Call to Order, welcome, introductions: President Kathleen Lee
2. – Dinner
3. – Speaker: Sonia De La Rosa, Monterey County Administrative Officer
4. – Approval of Minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting
5. – New/Old Business:
  - a. Review Budget and Goals for 2024 to Include Meeting Venue, Cost and Options
6. – Informational Reports:
  - a. Legislative Chair Report – Vince Ferrante
  - b. Finance Committee Chair Report – Rick Verbanec
  - c. CSDA Coastal Network 5 Representative Report – Vince Ferrante/Richelle Noroyan
  - d. LAFCO Representative Report – Kate McKenna, Executive Director
  - e. Other Reports –
7. – Members comments
8. – Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:

Bayonet Blackhorse Golf Course Club House  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 6:00 pm
9. – Adjournment

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

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The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDAMC) met in person on April 16, 2024.

Richelle Noroyan, local public affairs field coordinator for California Special District Association (CSDA), gave a Legislative Update presentation. She reported that the Legislature has proposed 2,100 bills this year that are all reviewed by CSDA staff. She mentioned CSDA support for SB1387 which would require vouchers for purchase of zero-emission vehicles to address the unfunded mandate and opposition to AB2451 which would change the criteria for setting prevailing wage rates. CSDA supports proposed federal HR7525 Special District Grant Accessibility Act which defines Special Districts as a local government eligible to receive federal grants. Our local Congressional Representative Jimmy Panetta has signed on as a cosponsor. Most of the presentation focused on Initiative 1935 which would redefine most fees as taxes requiring a greater majority to approve. It would limit fee or tax increases to the cost of providing services and allows attorneys to sue if not clear. It would also retroactively overturn any tax or fee adopted since January 2022 that did not receive the voter approval required by the initiative. The Governor and Legislature have challenged Initiative 1935 in the California Supreme Court arguing it is unconstitutional.

Vince Ferrante, CSDA Director representing the local Coastal Network, reported The Special Districts Legislative Days are in Sacramento on May 21-22 this year. He also reported The General Manager Leadership Summit is in Anaheim at the end of June, the Special District Leadership Academy is in San Rafael in early November and the Annual Conference is in Indian Wells in September.

Darren McBain, Principal Analyst for the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) reported the election for one Special District seat is coming to a close. The term of office starts in May and lasts for four years. He also reported that the Monterey County Redevelopment Board has two seats available for Special District representation from the 18 special districts that are eligible for election. He also reported the annual LAFCO budget will be considered at the April meeting with a 2% increase in costs proposed this year. One third of the LAFCO budget is paid by all Special Districts in Monterey County.

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

Special Districts Association  
April 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, Ken White)
5. Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District
6. Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District
7. Castroville Community Services District
8. Cypress Fire Protection District (George Nunez)
9. Greenfield Memorial District
10. Greenfield Public Recreation District
11. King City Cemetery District
12. Marina Coast Water District (Jan Shriner)
13. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control Dist.
14. Monterey County Regional Fire District (Dave Sargenti, Aimee Dahle)
15. Monterey County Mosquito Abatement Dist. (Ken Klemme, Don Cranford, Jim Tashiro, Kelly Guiterez)
16. Monterey Peninsula Airport District (Mary Ann Leffel, Carl Miller)
17. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (Kathleen Lee)
18. Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (George Riley, Marc Eisenhart, Dave Stoldt)
19. Monterey Regional Waste Management District
20. Moss Landing Harbor District (Russ Jeffries, Vince Ferrante)
21. North County Fire Protection District
22. North County Recreation and Park District
23. North Salinas Valley
24. Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District (Sergio Ochoa)
25. Pebble Beach Community Services District (Mike Niccum, Jeff Froke, Nick Becker)
26. Resource Conservation Dist. of Monterey County
27. Salinas Valley Health (Kendra Howell)
28. San Lucas County Water District
29. Soledad Cemetery District
30. Soledad Community Health Care District (Ida Lopez Chan, Graig Stephens)
31. South Monterey County Fire Protection District
32. Spreckels Community Services District
33. Spreckels Memorial District

Guest Attendees:

1. Local Agency Formation Commission (Darren McBain)
2. Assembly Rivas's Office (Dominic Dursa)
3. CSDA (Richelle Noroyan)
4. The KYA Group (Lori Aubin)

Guest Speaker:

Richelle Noroyan

