



Santa Barbara County

Chapter of the

**California Special
Districts Association**

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CHAPTER MEETING / AWARDS

July 24, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn, 6878 Hollister Avenue, Goleta

5:30-6:00 – In-Person Networking

6:00-6:30 – Dinner

6:30-7:30 – Business meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Freeman at 6:37 p.m.

2. Introductions (voting members in bold)

Board of Directors:

Vice-President Freeman, ***Isla Vista Community Services District***; Secretary Allen, ***Vandenberg Village Community Services District***; Past President Rose, ***Goleta Sanitary District***; Director Barget, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*; Director Emerson, *Goleta Sanitary District*; Director Geyer and guest, ***Goleta West Sanitary District***; and Director Thomas, *Goleta West Sanitary District*.

In person:

Gregg Hart, Assemblymember, Thirty-Seventh District, *California Legislature*; Gunnar Langenhuizen, Field Representative for Assemblymember Hart; Steve Wagner, General Manager, *Goleta Sanitary District*; Ed Fuller, Board Member, *Goleta Sanitary District*; Jerry Smith, Board Member, *Goleta Sanitary District*; Farfalla Borah, ***Goleta Water District***; Brian McCarthy, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Jimmy Pecaro, Community Engagement Project Manager, *Isla Vista Community Services District*; Marcos Aguilar, Board Member, *Isla Vista Community Services District*; Kimberley Kiefer, General Manager, and guest, *Isla Vista Park and Recreation District*; Kim DuFore, Board Member, and guest, *Isla Vista Park and Recreation District*; Pegeen Soutar, Board Member, and guest, *Isla Vista Park and Recreation District*; Carol Reynolds,

Administrative Services Manager, **Mission Hills Community Services District**; Angel Diosdado, *Mission Hills Community Services District*; John Weigold, General Manager, **Montecito Sanitary District**; Dorinne Lee Johnson, Board Member, *Montecito Sanitary District*; Floyd Wicks, *Board Member, Montecito Water District*; Loch Dreizler, General Manager, **Santa Ynez Community Services District**; Frank Redfern, Board Member, *Santa Ynez Community Services District*; Steve Heuring, Board Member, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*; Ron Stassi, Board Member, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*; and Charlotte Holifield, Coastal Network Public Affairs Field Coordinator, *California Special Districts Association*.

Remote:

Vince Ferrante, Board Member, *Moss Landing Harbor District/CSDA*

3. Guest Speaker

Assemblymember Gregg Hart, Assembly Assistant Majority Leader, *California Assembly – 37th District*, spoke to the group about topics of interest and discussed his time in local Santa Barbara county government.

4. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Presentation of Approved Minutes

The Chapter Minutes of May 22, 2023 were approved by the Board of Directors at their June 7, 2023 meeting. **Motion by Wagner, second by Rose, for chapter ratification was passed.**

6. Reports

CSDA Regional Report

Charlotte Holifield, CSDA Coastal Network Public Affairs Field Coordinator, presented a report on hot topics for CSDA including recent legislation, CSDA annual conference in August, and upcoming webinars. CSDA was able to have Assembly Bill 557 edited to remove special districts from the list of government agencies required to obtain a .ca.gov or .gov URL for their website. CSDA will soon be distributing a survey regarding the requirement for fleets to switch to electric vehicles. They will also present a webinar on the topic on October 3rd. On September 6, CSDA will present a webinar on how to request Community Project Funding through our U.S. Congress Representative.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. New Business

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to George Emerson

Goleta Sanitary District Board Member and SBCCSDA Chapter Board Member George Emerson resigned from Goleta Sanitary District and the chapter board. In recognition of his service, he was presented with a certificate of recognition by the chapter. Director Barget and Charlotte Holifield spoke a few words about Director Emerson. Director Emerson was elected to the GSD board in 1995 and has been involved with CSDA and SBCCSDA in many capacities since 2006.

9. Future Agenda Items

Requests for future agenda items should be sent to the chapter at info@sbccsda.org.

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Board: August 2, 2023

Chapter: October 23, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Allen, Ph.D., CSDM
Secretary