



Santa Barbara County

Chapter of the

**California Special
Districts Association**

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CHAPTER MEETING

January 26, 2026

AR Restaurant, 225 McMurray Rd, Buellton

5:30-6:00 – In-Person Networking

6:00-6:30 – Dinner

6:30-7:30 – Business Meeting

MINUTES

Approved by SBCCSDA Board of Directors – February 4, 2026

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Allen at 6:52 p.m.

2. Introductions (voting members in bold, quorum = 1/3 of membership (five agencies))

Board of Directors:

President Allen, **Vandenberg Village Community Services**; Director Thomas, **Goleta West Sanitary District**; Director Stassi, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*

Attendees:

Tom Evans, Board Member, **Goleta Water District**; Brian McCarthy, General Manager, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Kristyn Lopez, Office Manager, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Margaret Zhu, Board Member, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Mike Garner, General Manager, **Mission Hills Community Services District**; Javier Rodriguez, Operations Supervisor, *Mission Hills Community Services District*; John Weigold, General Manager, *Montecito Sanitary District*; Lisa Martin, Accounting/Administrative Assistant, *Montecito Sanitary District*; Dorinne Lee Johnson, Board Member, *Montecito Sanitary District*; Frank Redfern, Board Member, **Santa Ynez Community Services District**; Alicia Martin, Office Manager/Board Secretary, *Santa Ynez Community Services District*; Phil

Carpenter, Board Member, ***Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District***; Richard Gonzales, Board Member, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*; Elaine Magner, Board Member, *Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District/California Special Districts Association*; Scott Duffield, General Manager, *Heritage Ranch Community Services District/California Special Districts Association*; Pam Duffield, *California Special Districts Association*; Richelle Noroyan, Public Affairs Field Coordinator - Coastal Network, *California Special Districts Association*; Bill Morton, *Municipal Finance Corporation*; Mike Prater, Executive Officer, *Santa Barbara LAFCO*; Reagan Ballo, *Five Star Bank*

3. Changes to Agenda

Director Thomas took a few minutes to honor Brian McCarthy at his last chapter meeting. He is retiring as General Manager from Goleta West Sanitary District.

4. Presentation of Approved Minutes

The Chapter Minutes of October 27, 2025 were approved by the Board of Directors at their November 5, 2025 meeting.

5. Reports

a. CSDA Regional Report

Richelle Noroyan provided a legislative update and reminded the members that the Legislative Days will be April 7-8 and that the Special District Leadership Academy will be in San Luis Obispo in September.

b. Treasurer

President Allen reported that the balance in checking was \$23,616.62, and 13 districts have paid their dues for 2026.

6. Old Business

Board of Directors

President Allen reported that Director Frye from Goleta Sanitary District has joined as an At Large member. The board is still looking for a Treasurer to replace Ms. Reade and a Secretary to fill the position vacated by Dr. Allen. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the board at info@sbccsda.org.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Future Agenda Items

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

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Board: February 4, 2026 – Zoom

Chapter: April 27, 2026 – Goleta

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Allen, Ph.D., CSDM
Secretary