



**Santa Barbara County**

*Chapter of the*

**California Special  
Districts Association**

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## CHAPTER MEETING

October 23, 2023

La Botte Bistro, 225 McMurray Rd, Buellton

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 President Rafferty at 6:31 p.m.

### 2. Introductions (voting members in bold)

#### Board of Directors:

President Rafferty, ***Mosquito and Vector Control District of Santa Barbara County***; Vice-President Freeman, ***Isla Vista Community Services District***; Treasurer Reade, ***Santa Maria Public Airport District***; Secretary Allen, ***Vandenberg Village Community Services District***; and Director Thomas, ***Goleta West Sanitary District***.

#### In person:

Charles Blair, Trustee, ***Mosquito and Vector Control District of Santa Barbara County***; Loch Dreizler, General Manager, ***Santa Ynez Community Services District***; Alicia Marin, Office Manager, ***Santa Ynez Community Services District***; Frank Redfern, Board Member, ***Santa Ynez Community Services District***; Joe Barget, General Manager, ***Vandenberg Village Community Services District***; Steve Heuring, Board Member, ***Vandenberg Village Community Services District***; and Aaron Avery, CSDA Senior Legislative Representative, ***California Special Districts Association***.

Remote:

Kyle Wiens, CEO, *iFixit*

3. Guest Speaker

Kyle Wiens, CEO, iFixit discussed his efforts to create laws that allow users to repair the items they own. His philosophy is “If you own it, you should be able to fix it” and he recommended the book “Made to Break” by Giles Slade. In May of this year, Colorado became the first state to pass a ‘right to repair’ bill that covers tractors and combines. This law compels manufacturers to provide the necessary manuals, tools, parts, and software to the consumer so that they can repair their own equipment. Since companies are not going to have separate owner’s manuals for owners in different states, the passage of the law allows owners throughout the country to have the same repair rights for the equipment covered in the law. iFixit, a San Luis Obispo company, is working to have other equipment covered under similar laws.

4. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Presentation of Approved Minutes

The Chapter Minutes of July 24, 2023 were approved by the Board of Directors at their August 2, 2023 meeting. **Motion by Thomas, second by Barget, for chapter ratification was passed.**

6. Reports

CSDA Regional Report

Aaron Avery, CSDA’s Senior Legislative Representative, reported that Governor Newsom signed 890 bills and vetoed 156. CSDA-sponsored Assembly Bill 557 (Hart) was one of the bills signed into law. It expands on AB 361 which allows for remote meeting attendance. Senate Bill 799, which would have added unemployment benefits for striking workers, was vetoed.

Richelle Noroyan, former Santa Cruz City Council Member, has joined CSDA and will replace Charlotte Holifield as the Coastal Network Public Affairs Field Coordinator.

## Treasurer

Treasurer Reade reported the treasury balance as \$15,666.76. Dues for calendar year 2023 have been received from:

1. Cachuma Resource Conservation District
2. Carpinteria Sanitary District
3. Carpinteria Valley Water District
4. Carpinteria/Summerland Fire Protection
5. Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District
6. Goleta Cemetery District
7. Goleta Water District
8. Goleta Sanitary District
9. Goleta West Sanitary District
10. Isla Vista Community Services District
11. Los Alamos Community Services District
12. Mission Hills Community Services District
13. Montecito Fire Protection District
14. Montecito Sanitary District
15. Montecito Water District
16. Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County
17. Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
18. Santa Maria Public Airport District
19. Santa Ynez Community Services District
20. Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
21. Vandenberg Village Community Services District

## 7. Old Business

There was no old business.

## 8. New Business

There was no new business.

## 9. Future Agenda Items

Requests for future agenda items should be sent to the chapter at [info@sbccsda.org](mailto:info@sbccsda.org).

## 10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

### **Next Meetings:**

Board: November 1, 2023

Chapter: January 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Allen, Ph.D., CSDM  
Secretary