



**Santa Barbara County**

*Chapter of the*

**California Special  
Districts Association**

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## CHAPTER MEETING / AWARDS

May 22, 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 Vice-President Freeman at 6:57 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***; Treasurer Reade, ***Santa Maria Public Airport District***; Past President Rose, ***Goleta Sanitary District***; Director Emerson, *Goleta Sanitary District*; Director Geyer, ***Goleta West Sanitary District***; and Director Thomas, *Goleta West Sanitary District*.

#### In person:

Brian McCarthy, General Manager, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Carol Reynolds, Administrative Services Manager, ***Mission Hills Community Services District***; Javier Rodriguez, *Mission Hills Community Services District*; Angel Diosdado, *Mission Hills Community Services District*; Floyd Wicks, *Board Member*, ***Montecito Water District***; Brian Cabrera, General Manager, ***Mosquito and Vector Control District of Santa Barbara County***; Charles Blair, Trustee, *Mosquito and Vector Control District of Santa Barbara County*; Russell Dahlquist and son, Trustee, *Mosquito and Vector Control District of Santa Barbara County*; *Isla Vista Park and Recreation District*; Carrie and Daniel Troup, *Mosquito and Vector Control District of Santa Barbara County*; Vesna Ibarra, *Mosquito and Vector Control District of Santa Barbara County*; Board Member,

*Oak Hill Cemetery District; Allan Jones, Board Member, Oak Hill Cemetery District; Brendan Hannegan, General Manager, Santa Maria Cemetery; Martin Pehl, General Manager, Santa Maria Public Airport District; Elaine Magner, Board Member, Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District/CSDA; Vince Ferrante, Board Member, Moss Landing Harbor District/CSDA; and Aaron Avery, CSDA Senior Legislative Representative, California Special Districts Association.*

Remote:

David Matson, General Manager, **Goleta Water District.**

3. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. Presentation of Approved Minutes

The Chapter Minutes of February 27, 2023 were approved by the Board of Directors at their March 1, 2023 meeting. **Motion by Rose, second by Blair to ratify by the chapter was passed.**

5. Reports

a. CSDA Regional Report

Aaron Avery, CSDA Senior Legislative Representative, presented a report on hot topics for CSDA. Elaine Magner, CSDA Board President, presented information about CSDA trial and associate membership and the upcoming CSDA conference.

b. Treasurer

Treasurer Reade reported the treasury balance as \$15,736.79. 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

## 6. Presentation of Awards

Vice-President Freeman presented the following awards:

### **SBCCSDA Chapter Chair 2021**

Sharon Rose

### **SBCCSDA Chapter Chair 2021**

Wendy Berry

### **General Manager of the Year**

John McInnes

Goleta Water District

*Nominated by: Lauren Hanson, Board Vice-President*

*Goleta Water District*

### **Professional/Staff Member of the Year**

Vesna Ibarra

Lead Vector Control Technician

SB County Mosquito and Vector Management District

*Nominated by: Brian Cabrera, General Manager*

*SB County Mosquito and Vector Management District*

### **Engineer/Contractor of the Year**

Carrie Troup

Certified Public Accountant

*Nominated by: Brian Cabrera, General Manager*

*SB County Mosquito and Vector Management District*

## 7. Old Business

There was no old business.

## 8. New Business

### a. SBCCSDA Survey Results

Secretary Allen sent the survey to representatives for all the Santa Barbara County special districts on April 6. Forty-five percent opened the email but only 15% clicked the link to the survey. We received 20 responses from nine different districts. Some highlights:

- Most of the respondents preferred our current schedule of quarterly meetings with the second highest response being every other month.
- The meeting topics most selected by the respondents were Legislation, Finance, County Services, and Technology.
- One write-in suggestion was that we return to having special districts host the meetings at their site and another write-in suggestion was that the GM from each district share their challenges and how they solved them.
- Finally, the #1 reason that the respondents don't attend the chapter meetings is due to their personal schedule. An idea that was discussed by the board was to have one of the four quarterly meetings during the day to give others the opportunity to attend.

## 9. Future Agenda Items

Vice-President Freeman provided a brief introduction for a future speaker, Kyle Wiens, co-founder and CEO of iFixit.

## 10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

### **Next Meetings:**

Board:	June 7, 2023
Chapter:	July 24, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Allen, Ph.D., CSDM  
Secretary