



**Santa Barbara County**

*Chapter of the*

**California Special  
Districts Association**

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## CHAPTER MEETING

October 27, 2025

Frog Bar & Grill, 404 Glen Annie Rd, Goleta, CA 93117

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 – November 5, 2025*

### 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Allen at 6:30 p.m.

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

#### Board of Directors:

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

#### Attendees:

Rick Bower, District Manager, **Goleta Cemetery District**; Gene Gessler, Trustee, *Goleta Cemetery District*; David Durbiano, Manager, *Goleta Cemetery District*; Vito Adamaitis, Assistant General Manager, **Goleta Sanitary District**; Joe Glancy, Board Member, *Goleta Sanitary District*; Tom Evans, Board Member, **Goleta Water District**; Brian McCarthy, General Manager, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Susan Klein-Rothschild, Board Member, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Lena Cox, Board Member, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*; Vince Ferrante, *Moss Landing Harbor District/California Special Districts Association*; Scott Duffield, General Manager, *Heritage Ranch Community Services District/California Special Districts Association*; Pam Duffield, *California Special Districts Association*; Jordan Chriss, *Sitelogiq*

### 3. Guest Speaker

Samarra Dalrymple, Business Development Manager for GovDeals was scheduled to be the guest speaker but illness prevented her from attending. President Allen provided a brief overview of GovDeals and distributed contact information for Ms. Dalrymple.

### 4. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

### 5. Presentation of July 28 Minutes

Minutes were not taken at the July meeting.

### 6. Reports

#### a. CSDA Regional Report

Richelle Noroyan was unable to attend the meeting, but Scott Duffield and Vince Ferrante provided an update on CSDA activities and the following report from Richelle:

*-SB 707, a bill to overhaul the Brown Act, was signed into law. CSDA fought hard to keep the most burdensome regulations from including the overwhelming majority of special districts, but some of the new provisions will apply to all special districts. CSDA's sponsored bill AB 259 became part of SB 707 which will allow board members to continue to attend board meetings virtually for just cause or emergency reasons.*

*-CSDA will be hosting a webinar on December 10th from 9 am - 12:30 pm covering SB 707 aka the Brown Act Overhaul. All special districts and other Brown Act-observing agencies will need to become familiar with the new law before January 1, 2026. I highly recommend all special district sign up for this webinar. It is free for CSDA members and \$125 per person for non-members. You can register online under the "Learn" link from CSDA's homepage.*

*-CSDA is working hard to change CARB regulations to expand the definition of vehicles exempt from zero emission vehicle standards when responding to emergency situations. A new survey from Probolsky Research shows a vast majority of California voters – Republicans and Democrats – support exempting a broader range of emergency vehicles from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) zero emissions vehicle (ZEV) regulation. We will keep you posted on our progress with getting more exemptions with vehicles used to address emergencies*

*-You can still register for the CSDA Board Secretary/Clerk Conference happening in Santa Rosa October 27-29. Coming up next month is the Special District Leadership Academy happening just up the street in Monterey from November 16-19. It will include a first-time*

*track and returning track for both new and experienced board members. Be sure to mark your calendars for CSDA's Special District Legislative Days April 7-8 in Sacramento.*

*-You should be receiving a survey from me by email asking your opinion about my support and CSDA's support for your chapter. It is a short survey, and it would help me and CSDA greatly in improving the resources we provide our affiliated chapters. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.*

b. Treasurer

President Allen reported that the balance in checking was \$21,192.24, and 21 districts have paid their dues for 2025.

7. Old Business

Board of Directors

President Allen reported that the board is still looking for a Treasurer to replace Ms. Reade and a Secretary to fill the position vacated by Dr. Allen. We also have one open at-large director vacancy. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the board at [info@sbccsda.org](mailto:info@sbccsda.org).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Next Meetings:**

Board: November 5, 2025  
Chapter: January 26, 2026 – Buellton

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Allen, Ph.D., CSDM  
President/Secretary