



## Contra Costa County Special District Association Meeting Minutes

<b>3.21.2022</b>	<b>Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>In order to comply with State and County Health Orders, this meeting was held via teleconference.</b>
Call to Order / Breakout Session	<p>At 9:30 a.m., a Meet and Greet session was held via Zoom for an open discussion among Association Members.</p> <p>At 10:04 a.m., the meeting was called to order.</p>	
Minutes	Cecilia Goff, District Secretary, Ironhouse Sanitary District	
Link to Zoom Recording	<a href="#">3.21.2022 CCSDA Meeting Recording Link</a>	
Attendees	Attendees Signed-In Via Zoom	
<b>Welcome</b>		
<p>Mr. Chad Davisson, CCSDA President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members.</p> <p>The Association approved the January 24, 2022 CCSDA meeting minutes.</p>		
<b>Guest Speaker – Tamia Brown, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County</b>		
<p>Mr. Mike McGill introduced Ms. Tamia Brown, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County. Ms. Brown previously worked for Alameda and San Jose Counties.</p> <p>Ms. Brown provided an overview of how the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County (CCWDB) operates and explained that the agency which 100% grant funded and she is responsible for locating that funding. Funding is typically based on how the economy flows. CCWDB provides services to laid off workers, adults and youth. Current efforts for economic recovery are initiating the blending of training, education and experience. Workers are provided with paid on-the-job experiences while receiving training. Some current focuses are on disadvantaged communities including people who receive subsidized assistance or are returning from incarceration. CCWDB’s mission is to provide no cost training and career exploration for quality jobs to youth and young adults to allow them to be self-sufficient and sustaining.</p>		

CCWDB is applying for grants from multiple funding streams and has joined the “Good Job Challenge” created by the Economic Development Administration. This program aims to get Americans back to work by bringing together employers who have hiring needs with key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs.

Ms. Brown explained that current trends such as “the great resignation,” migration, affordable housing, and parents of young children not returning back to work are creating barriers to employment. CCWDB is focusing on how to attract more people to return to work, target emerging jobs and determine today’s workforce needs vs future needs. Ms. Brown explained that 1-in-6 pre-pandemic jobs offered remote work; whereas now, 1-in-67 jobs offer remote work.

Questions from the Association were solicited and answered. Mr. McGill thanked Ms. Brown for her presentation.

### **District Highlights– Mt. View Sanitary District, Robin Mitchell, Public Outreach Coordinator**

Mr. Chad Davisson introduced Ms. Robin Mitchell, Public Outreach Coordinator, Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD) and explained that she has 20 years of experience.

Ms. Mitchell explained that Mt. View Sanitary District was incorporated in 1923 and serves 22,000 residents in Martinez. The District treats approximately 1 MGD during dry weather with its 73 miles of pipelines. Ms. Mitchell provided an overview of MVSD’s services. MVSD owns two marshes that provide an award winning educational opportunity to students ranging from elementary school to college as well as to bird and wildlife enthusiasts. Their outreach education programs serves 1000 students annually (pre-COVID-19).

An overview of recently completed projects was provided including the cleaning 73 miles of pipelines, inspected 500 manholes and updated technology, including the SCADA system in 2021. Currently, MVSD is conducting a study to modernize the influent flow meters. A UV disinfection replacement project is in progress.

In honor of MVSD’s upcoming 100 year anniversary in 2023, an artwork competition is being hosted. The artwork will be displayed on a biotower that is viewable from highway 680. The theme will be focused on pollution prevention.

Questions were solicited and answered. Mr. Davisson thanked Ms. Mitchell for her presentation.

### **Changes to Chapter Bylaws**

The Executive Committee sent ballots requesting that all member agencies vote to authorize amending certain language in the Bylaws. 17 out of 30 agencies voted in favor of amending the Bylaws via email. An additional vote was conducted during the meeting. The Association approved the changes to the Chapter Bylaws.

### CCSDA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee Update – Susan Morgan

Susan Morgan, CCSDA Vice President, explained that the CCSDA 30th Anniversary will be held at the Pleasant Hill Recreation Center, which can hold up to 220 people. The facility has audio/visual capabilities, a stage and full kitchen for catering. Two, two-minute videos will be created to highlight special district interviews in addition to a looping slideshow. There will be three speakers, a full plated dinner, and multi-level sponsorship opportunities. The Association is considering a raffle, display tables, proclamations from County, State and Federal representatives, and inviting the Alameda County Special District Chapter. Ms. Morgan thanked the ad-hoc committee members for their efforts and welcomed association members to join. Questions were solicited and answered.

### Establishment of Ad-Hoc Committee for CCSDA Website Revision

Mr. Davisson explained that the Association would like to establish an ad-hoc committee to update the content and structure on the CCSDA website, hosted by Streamline. Mr. Davisson explained that ad-hoc committee responsibilities will include reviewing current website content for relevance and accuracy, identifying and soliciting input in regards to the recommended changes to provide value to the membership and to work with website host to provide updates and complete website revisions.

Mr. Stan Caldwell volunteered to participate in the ad-hoc committee. Mr. Davisson requested that anyone interested in the ad-hoc committee contact the Association.

### LAFCo Update – Mike McGill

Mr. McGill explained that at the last meeting, LAFCo voted to dissolve the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD) and to annex the ECCFPD territory into the Contra Costa Fire Protection District. Final action will be taken at the April 13, 2022 meeting. MSR's for Resource Conservation and Mosquito and Vector Control Districts, both on-going, will be released this summer. LAFCo previously voted to dissolve the Los Medanos Healthcare Community District. Mr. McGill explained that LAFCo placed conditions on that action and there was litigation around this. The Supreme Court did not take up the appellate court ruling that the dissolution was legal and appeals were exhausted. LAFCo filed the dissolution papers last week.

Mr. McGill provided an update on the LAFCo election for the special district seats. Mr. Caldwell is the incumbent and is running uncontested. Mr. Igor Skaredoff's, also an

an incumbent, has four additional nominations. Time was provided for nominees to speak to the Association.

Mr. Skaredoff provided an overview of his experience and accomplishments since joining the LAFCo Board in 2014 and requested support of his nomination.

Mr. Antonio Martinez provided an overview of his experience and explained that he is looking forward to working with LAFCo and to be more involved in the community.

## CSDA Update and Legislation in Progress – Colleen Haley

Ms. Colleen Haley, California Special Districts Association (CSDA) legislative representative, explained that the National Special Districts Coalition Districts Make the Difference Video Contest expanded from California to nationwide. High school students are invited to create a short video highlighting the ways special districts ‘Make the Difference’ in local communities for a chance to win a scholarship. The deadline to submit videos is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Haley explained that it is too early to develop opinions on bills, however the CSDA legislative committee is in the review process. CSDA is requesting that Special Districts adopt a resolution to prevent initiative 21-0042A, the “Tax-Payer Protection and Government Accountability Act.” CSDA is also suggesting that Districts use the email template on the CSDA website to communicate unmet pandemic-related financial needs to their county as this may be the final opportunity to request reimbursements. CSDA is hosting the Special District Legislative Days in person on May 17-18, 2022 and encouraged association members to register early.

Ms. Haley will be on maternity leave soon and explained that a fellow representative will assist during her leave.

## Announcements and Member Comments

Mr. Davisson explained that the July CCSDA meeting will be a joint meeting with the Alameda County Chapter on July 11, 2022. This meeting will be held in person and lunch will be provided. He also solicited interest from Association Members in CCSDA resuming in person regular meetings, possibly at Central San. Approximately 25% of members in attendance would prefer to continue to meet remotely. Mr. Davisson will follow up on this issue outside of the meeting and provide an update to the Association.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. The next CCSDA meeting will be held on May 16, 2022.