

The Special Districts Association of Monterey County

The SDA of Monterey County will convene for our Regular Quarterly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Location: SHORELINE OCCUPATIONAL SERVICES CONFERENCE CENTER-249 10th Street

(on the former Ft. Ord)

Directions: Take the Imjin Parkway Exit off Highway 1 - Stay on Imjin Parkway until you get to 3rd Avenue (first turn after the stoplight). Turn

RIGHT on 3rd. It is Building B.

Dinner: Choice of roast beef or pasta. Includes salad bar, dessert or fresh fruit, and iced tea/coffee.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes the room rental)

PLEASE BRING PAYMENT TO DINNER checks payable to
"The Special Districts Association of Monterey County"

RSVP: To Paula Riso at priso@mcwd.org

PLEASE RESPOND BY Friday, January 14, 2011

We encourage your District Directors, Commissioners and General Managers to attend.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

(Times are Approximate)

- 1. 6:00 Serve yourself buffet dinner
- 2. 6:30 Call to Order, welcome by President Judi Lehman
- 3. 6:35 Guest Speaker:
 - Debbie Hale Transportation Agency for Monterey County
- 4. 7:15 Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2010 meeting
- 5. 7:20 New/Old Business:
 - a. Appoint Secretary/Treasurer for 2011
 - b. Appoint committee to develop budget, goals and objectives for 2011
- 6. 7:25 Action Items:
 - Discuss LAFCO Representation
- 7. 7:35 Informational Reports:
 - a. Legislative Chair Report Ben Post
 - b. Finance Committee Chair Report Carl Miller
 - c. CSDA Region 3 Representative Report Vince Ferrante
 - d. LAFCO representatives Report Don Champion, Graig Stephens
 - e. Other Reports
- 8. 7:55 Members comments
- 9. 7:58 Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:

Shoreline Occupational Services Conference Center Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 6:00 pm

10. 8:00 – Adjournment

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

October 19, 2010

I. Call to Order:

Vice President Judi Lehman (President Don Champion was out of town) called the regular quarterly meeting of the SDAMC to order and noted that a quorum was present; 29 members from 17 Spl. Districts & 6 guests (See attached list for names). Following introductions, Vice President Judi Lehman observed that this will be Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District General Manager Joe Donofrio's last meeting as he is retiring after 12 years with the district. Most of the 35 total attendees enjoyed the dinner buffet served by the Shoreline Occupation Service staff.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Following a motion by Russ Jeffries and seconded by Ben Post the minutes for the regular July 20, 2010 meeting was approved by unanimous vote.

III. New/Old Business

a. NONE DISCUSSED

IV. Action Items

a. NONE

V. Reports:

a. Legislative Chair Report – Ben Post

Mr. Post asked the group to consider what is best for Special Districts when voting this November 2nd, he didn't have any recommendations, but referred us to the CSDA web site.

See the California Special District Association web page for further information on issues of concern for special districts at: http://csda.net

- b. Finance Committee Chair Report Carl Miller
 See attached spreadsheet from 12/09 to 12/10. At the July 20, 2010 meeting we took in \$830 in payments. The meal expenses for the July meeting was \$774 paid in 08/10. As of 10/19/10 we have an ending balance of \$2,370.00, up \$267 from June 2010. INFO ONLY NO ACTION NEEDED
- CSDA Region 3 Representative Report Vince Ferrante advised that he was staying on as our representative, but didn't have a report at this time.

d. LAFCO Representative Report – Tom Perkins, Don Champion, Graig Stephens LAFCO Executive Director Kate McKENNA reported again on the upcoming "Municipal Service Review" and "Sphere of Influence" studies and changes from past practices. These studies take about 3 years to complete and form the basis for Special Districts wishing to expand their areas of responsibility or service. They will first concentrate on the reorganization and merger of Carmel Valley and Mtry. Co. Regional Fire districts. Kate also reminded us that special districts have 3 seats on the LAFCO board and require about 50% of LAFCO's work.

e. Other Reports: NONE

VI. Guest Speaker:

(For purposes of the Minutes recorder keeping only, guest speakers are assigned agenda/Minutes space number VI [Six], but are routinely taken out of order to accommodate last minute changes in scheduling.)

Bruce McPherson Former Secretary of State and our past State Senator spoke about his role with the California Forward Commission (CFC) and their efforts to fix California governance. Mr. McPherson (Republican) serves on the board with Mr. Fred Keeley (Democrat) who spoke on the same subject at our last meeting. He gave a brief history of the group that started with five foundations giving \$16 million to fix California in a non-partisan approach. Mr. McPherson spoke about the areas that need to be fixed or "modernized," and his comments were very similar to those of Mr. Keeley. This will be accomplished with better tools and models. Like Mr. Keeley, Mr. McPherson listed the five main areas that need immediate attention with his opinion on the problems:

- 1) Redistricting The state needs to move forward with it, but it is being resisted by both parties. Prop 27 will stop it (CFC opposed) and Prop 20 would add US Congress to it (CFC No position officially by most members of CFC support Prop 20)
- 2) <u>Term Limits</u> Need to change to a 12 year limit in any elected position.
- 3) <u>Budgeting</u> This is a huge problem and needs attention in several areas, like Keeley he thinks a two year budget instead of one is needed. He too wants to eliminate the 2/3 requirement to get a budget passed, but needs other safeguards that Prop. XX didn't list. No new taxes without a 2/3 approval. A rainy day fund is needed.
- 4) <u>Initiative Process</u> CA is drowning in debt created by propositions that special interest are able to get passed. Need a "Pay As You Go" provision for all new propositions. Nothing can be voted on without a revenue source. The Initiative process which started out as a tool to battle special interest has become a tool for special interest.
- 5) <u>Primary</u> Decline to state is the fastest growing political group in CA. Parties are running too far to the extremes of their group. Hopefully open primaries will fix this and the open primary prop 14 which passed in June 2010 was supported by CFC.

For more information on California Forward check out www.caforward.org

VII. Members Comments: Carmel Valley Recreation & Park District's Paul Ingram spoke about the increasing cost of Audit from \$14 to \$65 per thousand. Several members had advice for Mr. Ingram. This was mentioned as a possible discussion topic for a future meeting.

VIII. Suggested Topics/Speaker next meeting:

- (1) Someone from the Tax Assessor's or Collector's Office to talk about increase administrative fees.
- (2) TAMC plans and Impacts and future fees

Adjournment: 7:45pm

Carl Miller, 12/2010 Secretary/Treasurer Special Districts Association of Monterey County

Member Agencies:

1. Aromas County Water Dist. (Vicki Morris, Wayne Holman) 2. Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection Dist. (Richard Hutchinson) 3. Cachagua Fire Protection Dist. (Gregg Curry) 4. Carmel Area Wastewater Dist. (Charlotte Townsend, Barbara Buikema) 5. Carmel Highlands Fire Protection Dist. 6. Carmel Valley Fire Protection Dist. (Michael Urquides) 7. Castroville Community Services Dist. (Eric Tynan) 8. Cypress Fire Protection Dist. 9. Greenfield Memorial Dist. 10. King City Cemetery Dist. 11. Marina Coast Water Dist. (Bill Lee) 12. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control Dist. 13. Monterey Peninsula Airport District (Carl Miller) 14. Monterey Peninsula Regional Park Dist. (Joe Donofrio, Ben Post) 15. Monterey Peninsula Water Management Dist. (Darby Fuerst, Judi Lehman) 16. Monterey Regional Waste Management Dist. (William Merry) 17. Moss Landing Harbor Dist. (R. Jeffries, L. McIntyre, V. Ferrante, F. Gomes, T. Leonardini) 18. North County Fire Protection Dist. (Chris Orman) 19. North County Recreation and Park Dist. 20. North Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement Dist. (D. Boronda, S. Bernardi, D. Cranford) 21. Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services Dist. 22. Pebble Beach Community Services Dist. (M. Niccum, R. Verbanec, J. Verhasselt) 23. Salinas Rural Fire Protection Dist. (George Haines) 24. San Lucas County Water Dist. 25. Soledad Cemetery Dist. 26. Soledad Community Health Care Dist. (Graig Stephens) 27. South Monterey County Fire Protection Dist. 28. Spreckels Community Services Dist. Guest Attendees: 1. Local Agency Formation Commission (Kate McKenna, Tom Moore) 2. Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Dist. (Keith Israel) 3. Carmel Valley Recreation & Park District (Paul Ingram) 4. Greenfield Cemetery District (Raul Sanchez)

Guest Speakers:

1. California Forward

(Bruce McPherson)

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