

Marin County Special Districts Association

An Organization to propose and advocate constructive means for the improvement and functioning of Special Districts within the County of Marin, State of California, and to assist such Special Districts and their governing bodies to provide a more effective and efficient government at the closest level to the citizens of Marin County that will result in benefit to the public.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Tamalpais Community Services District /Hosted Zoom, Phone Call Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President Heather Abrams called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm

1. ROLL CALL BY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Roll was taken and quorum was met. The following were in attendance:

*Officers: Heather Abrams, President, General Manager, Tamalpais Community Services District
Bill Hansell, Vice President, District Manager, Alto Sanitary District
Craig K. Murray, Treasurer, Board Director, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Lew Kious, Officer At Large, Board Director, Almonte Sanitary District*

Officers Absent: Shelley Redding, Secretary, Administrator, Inverness Public Utilities District

Staff Present

Colleen Haley, CSDA

Public Present

*Jason Fried, Marin LAFCo
Eric Dreikosen, Marinwood CSD
Steve Moore, Ross Valley Sanitary District
Jennifer Crayne, Marin Sonoma Mosquito District*

2. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the MCSDA Board and all present at the meeting introduced themselves. Eric asked that membership forms be re-emailed out to all Special Districts.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

a) Approval of Minutes for October 6, 2020 Executive Officers Meeting

Approved: M/S by Officers Hansell and Kious to accept the consent calendar. Ayes: Abrams, Hansell, Kious, and Murray. Nays: None. Abstain: None Absent: Redding

4. UPDATES

a. LAFCo Update – Hansell and Abrams

President Abrams emailed a packet of information on the upcoming LAFCo election to Special District Board presidents and top staff from list originally compiled by LAFCo. No responses at the date to this meeting. VP Hansell provided context for the election and did a significant amount of work to document and prepare the process needed. Jason Fried discussed the LAFCo budget process. Jason also answered questions about consolidation among SMCS D/City of Sausalito (informal stage at this date), dependent open space districts in Tierra Linda area (in process), and two fire districts (in process). Jason also encouraged MCSDA to help find a district interested in

serving on the Redevelopment Agency Board. There was general discussion of mutual aid and shared services among Special Districts.

b. Solid Waste Working Group – Hansell

VP Hansell reported the group had met and were interested in working to understand the various different franchises held by local Special Districts with solid waste collection companies, particularly Mill Valley Refuse for similar services in their jurisdictions. VP Hansell described talking with R3 Consulting and the Special District Managers on this effort, and Treasurer Murray contributed that Las Gallinas Sanitary District has been working with R3 Consulting on a rate study. It was suggested that R3 Consulting be invited to the next MCSDA to provide a brief presentation, based on their knowledge of solid waste in Marin County. VP Hansell also discussed the opportunity for Sanitary Districts to coordinate agreements with maintenance contractors like RotoRooter. Steve Moore also offered potential supplementary contracting with RVSD, as its availability permits. Treasurer Murray also mentioned collaboration with CMSA for FOG programs. Jason encouraged shared service agreements.

c. Legislative Opportunities – Murray

Treasurer Murray discussed a number of legislative initiatives of interest to Special Districts in Marin County, including Prop 13 adjustments approved by the voters, SB 288, and safe routes to schools groups looking for participants, and bike friendly city funding. ERAF is continuing in Marin, despite warnings that this funding for Special Districts was now over from CSDA and Marc Levine. Treasurer Murray suggested inviting Roy Givens from Marin County to discuss the forecast at a future MCSDA meeting.

d. Chapter Website – Redding

MCSDA Secretary Redding was unable to attend this meeting, so no update at this time.

5. Informational Items:

a. California Special District Association Update – Colleen Haley

Colleen discussed CDSA calendar that ends in October to coincide with the CA legislative calendar. She discussed a bill that would allow specific jurisdictions to have online meetings in case of a locally declared emergency. CSDA is working on Special District Week to promote the value of Special District to the public. Conference and training will be online through June, and many trainings will be available to members on demand via the CSDA website. CSDA is forming a national Special Districts association to address new initiatives on the federal level. Jason asked about the sunset date for online meetings per the Governor, and Colleen answered that there is no specific end date and it is at the Governor's discretion. Colleen could provide speakers for MCSDA future meetings.

b. Member Round Robin/Networking

Tamalpais Community Services District

Heather: Completed \$19 million public debt financing for wastewater, much needed new solid waste trucks are on order, parks and recreation planning project will begin in early 2021.

Almonte Sanitary District

Lew: District now using Streamline for website, very happy with the service, and hopeful that will assist in meeting Marin Grand Jury's website recommendations.

Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Craig: \$63 million dollar CIP project coming up. New Admin Service Manager, Dale McDonald, is onboard. Completing General Manager evaluation process. Board Meeting will be available on website, now that the meetings are on Zoom.

Alto Sanitary District

Bill: Alto is working on CIP projects (\$400,000 to \$500,000 per year). Working with County Council on lateral disputes between neighbors. Reported he had accepted General Manager position with Kensington Fire Protection District in addition to Alto Sanitary District in Marin, so he is now able to full participate in Contra Costa SDA meetings as well.

Marinwood SCD

Eric: Planning to complete resolution to officially joint MCSDA. Marinwood also expecting ERAF. Marinwood has been working on Board on-boarding materials for majority new Board. Also working on County permits, and pleased with online meetings. Marinwood posts meetings on YouTube with captioning.

Marin/Sonoma Mosquito District

Jennifer: Online meetings have been beneficial for Board Members coming from throughout Marin and Sonoma County.

LAFCo

LAFCo meetings are run through Marin TV and posted to YouTube.

6. Board Requests: None
7. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Zoom Video Conference.
M/S by Officers Kious and Hansell to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Officers Abrams, Hansell, Kious and Murray. Nays: None, Abstain: None. Motion approved unanimously. Absent: Redding
Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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