

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, April 20, 2021

Tamalpais Community Services District /Hosted Zoom, Phone Call Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President Heather Abrams called the meeting to order at 2:36 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
Shelley Redding, Secretary, Administrator, Inverness Public Utilities District
Lew Kious, Officer At Large, Board Director, Almonte Sanitary District*

Officers Absent: Craig K. Murray, Treasurer, Board Director, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Staff Present

Colleen Haley, CSDA

Public Present

*Jason Fried, Marin LAFCo
Jennifer Crayne, Marin Sonoma Mosquito District
Mary Halley, Muir Beach CSD
Catherine Hilliard, Southern Marin Fire District*

2. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

a) Approval of Minutes for December 15, 2020 Executive Officers Meeting and February 18, 2021 M/S by Officers Hansell/Kious to approve the consent calendar. Ayes: Abrams, Redding, Hansell, Kious, Naves: none. Consent Calendar approved unanimously. Absent: Murray.

4. Marin County Disaster Council

a) **Special District Seat on Marin County Disaster Council:**

President Abrams reported that she was contacted by County Supervisor Rodoni to discuss the Marin County Disaster Council that currently has positions open. The positions can be filled by an elected member or a staff member. The Council will be updating processes. President Abrams is willing to participate and Officer Kious expressed interest but would like more information. Woody Baker-Cohn is the County staff member in charge of the Disaster Council and Officer Kious stated he will contact Supervisor Rodoni to get more information about the Council. Member Catherine Hilliard asked if the representation needed to be from a geographical area or if specific representation was needed? Jason Fried responded that he knew the composition of the Council is mostly categorical and there were quite a few open positions.

b) **Marin LAFCo Budget FY 2021-2022**

Jason Fried reported the LAFCo budget was set for approval in June and there have been no changes to Agency contribution amounts. Officer Hansell asked if the budget source funding was once a year? Jason Fried confirmed that source funding was once a year, from County agencies.

c) **Marin CSDA Solid Waste Working Group Update:**

Officer Hansell reported that Garth with R3 provided a proposal for the 9 agencies for Scope C and will proceed in July. Scope C has a verbal commitment by all 9 agencies. The R3 group will be making a presentation to Zero Waste Marin to have fees covered for agencies by the Zero Waste Marin Funding that all Marin agencies pay into.

d) **Legislative Opportunities:**

1) **Fire Prevention Legislation Opportunity from Mill Valley**

SMFD Chief Tubbs forwarded an email to President Abrams relating to a proposed amendment of CEQA requirements for fire mitigation measures. The proposal was written by the former Mayor of Mill Valley. There is a request for support from other Districts. Member Catherine Hilliard mentioned that a partnership with the Marin County Fire Prevention Authority may be effective. Officer Murray also had information to contribute.

5. **Informational Items**

a) **California Special Districts Association Update**

Colleen Haley asked about the CEQA requirements and noted that the State Budget has a substantial amount of funding available for Fire Prevention.

Federal Legislative activities include recovery plans for COVID, but currently Special Districts are not included, mainly because they don't operate on census track. It was noted that the Federal funds received by the County can be transferred to Special Districts for COVID relief. She encourages outreach to vendors, small businesses, Chamber of Commerce that may need funding. If funding for Special Districts is not allocated, CSDA will reach out to Counties to support funding for Special Districts. She asked for advice on who to contact within the County.

Colleen Haley left the meeting at 3:20 pm

2. **Member Round Robin/Net Working:**

- **Marin LAFCo:**
Jason Fried announced the Shared Services workshop scheduled for May. They currently have 39 participants.
- **Alto Sanitary District**
GM Hansell asked if anyone had an RFP for Grant Writers to share. He also is looking for information about the role of a Preparedness Coordinator (duties, job description). He also asked if we could invite a Marin County Supervisor to attend a meeting.
- **Tamalpais Community Services District**
Director Abrams reported that she will send an invite to Stephanie Moulton-Peters to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 2:30p.m. Zoom Video Conference.

M/S by Officers Hansell and Kious to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Officers Abrams, Hansell, Kious and Redding.

Nays: None, Abstain: None. Motion approved unanimously. Absent: Murray. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m..