

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, February 18, 2021

Tamalpais Community Services District /Hosted Zoom, Phone Call Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

President Heather Abrams called the meeting to order at 2:30 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
Craig K. Murray, Treasurer, Board Director, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Lew Kious, Officer At Large, Board Director, Almonte Sanitary 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
Mary Halley, Muir Beach CSD
Frank Buehler, Homestead Valley Sanitary District
Garth Schultz – R3 Consulting
Sarah Estes-Smith – R3 Consulting
Rosemarie Radford – R3 Consulting*

2. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- a) Approval of Minutes for December 15, 2020 Executive Officers Meeting
Minutes not available for this meeting. Will be provided at next meeting.

4. a) R3 Consulting Group: Solid Waste and Recycling trends in Marin County

Representatives from R3 Consulting Group presented an overview of their company that provides assistance to Public Agencies for rates assessments, franchise agreements, and long-range planning. They presented information regarding SB 1383 that was passed in 2016 and goes into effect January 2022. The purpose of the bill is to remove organic material in landfills, requires organic service, education, outreach, inspections, and enforcement. They have contracted with Marin Sanitary Service to plan how to comply with unfunded mandate. The impact it will have on agencies in Marin County with the unfunded mandate of Zero Waste Marin is the challenge. General discussion about agency responsibilities, County

responsibility for reporting, District responsibility for enforcement, and the lack of a coordinated effort within the County. Clear communication is needed to raise the awareness of the law, encourage consumer participation and how to spread the word.

- A) Updates on MCSDA Solid Waste Working Group
VP Hansell reported Mill Valley Agencies talking about coordinating for rates, RFP's. They had a presentation from R3 and overall, the group is interested. There are general concerns over cost of staffing needed to monitor compliance, perform inspections and enforcement and the group.
- B) Marin LAFCo workshops
Jason Fried reported on plans for annual workshop for all member agencies. Focus on ways to share resources, services. Looking for ways to have Agencies support each other. Plan is for the workshop to be held at the end of April. Looking for co-sponsors and format of two panels: Who does share services and how do you get to shared services model. Suggestions include bookkeeping, HR, Board Clerks.
- C) Redevelopment Oversight Committee
President Abrams announced that Marin County Special District Association member Marin City CSD is interested in participating and Damian Morgan will be appointed.
- D) LAFCO Election Process
President Abrams announced that Craig Murray was appointed to the LAFCo Board of Directors.
- E) Legislation Opportunities
Director Murray discussed Federal Legislation HR 535, Bill 91 that was sponsored by CSDA and introduced by Senator Sinema, (AZ) for COVID assistance for Special Districts.

5. Informational Items

- 1. California Special Districts Association Update
Colleen Haley reported on the National Special District Coalition and is asking for letters of support for their activities. Director Murray also mentioned that links to letter templates are available on the CSDA website and legislative information is always updated. Colleen noted that the CSDA website has recorded webinars for members that are free. She also mentioned that the Solano Chapter of the Special District Association is being formed and asked if anyone has contacts, to encourage their participation.

Director Murray left the meeting at 3:35 pm

- 2. Member Round Robin/Net Working:
 - **Marin LAFCo:**
Jason Fried discussed the open seat for a member of the public to serve on the LAFCo board. He will be sending out an email about the available seat and asked for agencies to encourage applications. The April meeting will be held to review the budget.
 - **Inverness Public Utility District:**
Director Redding discussed current challenges for their District including hiring of both a Fire Chief and a Water Superintendent, the potential drought and Emergency Water Declaration, possible public initiated tax proposal for the District for wildfire prevention and water storage.
 - **Tamalpais Community Services District**
Director Abrams reported that Tam Valley CSD is reviewing their 5 year plan for Park & Recreation improvements and a Prop 218 process to start in March for sewer rates with a hearing scheduled for May.

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 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 Redding.

Nays: None, Abstain: None. Motion approved unanimously. Absent: Murray. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m..