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Wednesday, November 9th, 2022

Hosted by:

EBMUD

Located at:

Teleconference Only

JOIN ZOOM MEETING: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82702781509>

Meeting ID: 827 0278 1509

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8:00 a.m. Meeting

10:00 a.m. Adjourn

Presiding: Ryan Clausnitzer, ACSDA President

AGENDA

8:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Ryan Clausnitzer, ACSDA President
- 1.2 Thank you to EBMUD for hosting and Joe Voelker for taking minutes

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS (Name & District)

- 2.1 Self-Introductions

8:15 A.M.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

- 3.1 Director Frank Mellon
Topic: EBMUD's History
- 3.2 Linda Hu, Manager of Water Supply
Improvement
Topic: Current Drought Conditions

9:25 A.M.

4. UPDATES

- 4.1 Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission
Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson, Ayn Wieskamp, and
Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, and Executive Officer, Rachel Jones
- 4.2 East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee Chapter
Representative: Roland Williams
- 4.3 East Bay EDA Chapter Representative: Ryan Clausnitzer
- 4.4 CSDA General Updates: Colleen Haley



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5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 Financial Report: Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Treasurer
- 5.2 Approval of August 2022 Membership Minutes (**Action Item**)

6. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- 6.1 Wednesday, January 11th, 2022
Host: Alameda County Resource Conservation District
Speaker: TBD

10:00 A.M.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Alameda County Special District Association (ACSDA)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 14, 2022
8:00 A.M.

Hosted by: StopWaste
Presiding: Ryan Clausnitzer, President

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ryan Clausnitzer, ACSDA President, called the meeting to order at 8:04 A.M. President Clausnitzer welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended thanks to StopWaste for hosting the meeting and to Arliss Dunn, StopWaste, Clerk of the Board, for taking the minutes.

2. WELCOME AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS (Name and Districts)

The attendees introduced themselves and provided highlights of their summer.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director, StopWaste

Vice President Shelia Young provided a brief overview of her 16 years of service on the StopWaste Board and introduced Timothy Burroughs. Mr. Burroughs thanked Ms. Young for her guidance. Mr. Burroughs provided an overview of StopWaste' programs and presented a PowerPoint presentation. A link to the presentation is available here: [ACSDA-StopWaste-Overview.pdf](#)

Mr. Burroughs stated that StopWaste is currently engaged with several agencies and is always looking for opportunities to engage with others that support our mission. Additional time was provided for questions. President Clausnitzer inquired about how to donate leftover food from events. Mr. Burroughs stated that Alameda County has a robust food recovery program and recommended doing a search of the local food recovery organizations in the particular area, e.g. Daily Bowl in East County, Berkeley Food Network in North County, etc. Mr. Burroughs added StopWaste works upstream and downstream with restaurants in prepping so that there is limited waste at the end and also providing a resource for recovering the food. Bennie Lee applauded StopWaste' work in the areas of reducing plastics and added the need to have federal funds for advocacy. Mr. Lee also stated the importance of increasing language communications which in turn helps to provide accessibility to county resources. John Weed inquired about Household Hazardous Waste services. Mr. Burroughs stated that StopWaste oversees the Household Hazardous Waste program for Alameda County. President Clausnitzer thanked Mr. Burroughs for a very informative report. A link to the StopWaste website is available here: [StopWaste - Home, Work, School |](#)

3.1 Joanna Gin, Best Best & Krieger Attorneys at Law – Topic: Legal Update

President Clausnitzer introduced Joanna Gin, BBK Law Firm. Ms. Gin provided an overview of the effect of the recent Oakland court case Zolly vs the City of Oakland related to trash collection fees. Apartment owners in Oakland can challenge a waste-hauling fee that was passed along to them after the city negotiated it with garbage-collection companies. Though the case is not over, the ruling could be a first step toward substantial court-ordered refunds in many California cities and counties if the fees are found to be illegal tax increases. Ms. Gin stated that the Supreme Court determined that plaintiff has standing even though they didn't directly pay the fee. A link to an article highlighting the case is available here:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Oakland-apartment-owners-can-challenge-trash-17370326.php>

Additional time was provided for discussion and clarifying questions. Ralph Johnson announced that the Castro Valley Sanitary District Legal Counsel, Tony Varney, has moved on and they have hired Best Best & Krieger as their legal counsel, and they are looking forward to working with them. Ms. Young asked when the Zolly will case go to trial. Ms. Gin stated that the case has been remanded to lower courts to decide unresolved issues so it could be at least a year. President Clausnitzer thanked Ms. Gin for a timely and informative presentation. Ms. Gin provided her contact information: Joanna.gin@bbklaw.com 916-551-2857.

4. UPDATES

4.1 Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson and Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold

Ralph Johnson reported that LAFCo recently completed a study on the overall effectiveness of Measure D on the agricultural industry for Alameda County. A link to the report is available here: [LAFCO-MeasureD-Review.pdf](#). The preliminary result concluded that it does not currently have a beneficial effect on the agricultural industry in Alameda County as it should. Mr. Johnson stated that LAFCo is supporting a ballot amendment to Measure D sponsored by Alameda County to make some changes to Measure D that will allow it to better sustain agriculture in Alameda County than it currently does.

Mr. Johnson announced that LAFCo provided a scope of work to look at the South Livermore plan and also awarded a contract to Berkson & Associates to perform work associated with LAFCOs preliminary comprehensive fiscal analysis for the unincorporated communities: Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Fairview and Hayward, to see what their fate would be being annexed to an adjoining city incorporation. They are looking forward to seeing the results. Ms. VonHeeder-Leopold encouraged folks in the Livermore area to thoroughly read the Measure D report to see some of the things that were disallowed in the report and hopefully allow some of the restrictions such as development of venues to enhance tourism for the region.

4.2 East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee Chapter Representative: Dee Rosario

Dee Rosario announced that the EBRP Board recently passed a resolution to begin negotiations for additional land at Finley Ranch Road that would connect Morgan territory to the Contra Loma section.

4.3 Zone 7 Water Agency Representative: Carol Mahoney

Carol Mahoney, Zone 7 Water Agency, announced that Zone 7 would be hearing a presentation from the City of Livermore on Measure P that's related to Measure D. It is a ballot initiative that focuses on urban growth boundaries and is an extension of a city sewer line into the South Livermore wine country. This item will appear on the September 21 Zone 7 Water Agency board meeting at 7pm.

4.4 East Bay EDA (Economic Development Alliance) Chapter Representative: Ryan Clausnitzer:

President Clausnitzer announced that he is the new representative to the East Bay EDA and stated that it is important as a local government to have a connection to the EDA. Moving forward he will have reports regarding the EDA.

5. CSDA General Updates: Collen Haley

Ms. Provided an update on a ballot initiative that the ACSDA board is opposing, the Taxpayer Protection and Accountability Act. The initiative will be on the November 2023 ballot. A link to the initiative is available here: <https://www.csdanet.net/advocate/take-action/voterlimitations>.

5.1 Ms. Haley the upcoming conferences:

Special District Leadership Academy - September 18 – 21, 2022, Napa, CA

Board Secretary. Clerk Conference - November 7 - 9, 2022, Monterey, CA

6. Financial/Treasury Report: Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold announced that the current fund balance is \$7,600 and welcomed any suggestions for sponsorship opportunities.

6.1 **Action Item:** Approval of the July 2022 Membership Minutes

Shelia Young moved approval of the minutes and Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

6.2 Discussion on remote status of meetings in near future

President Clausnitzer informed the Board that remote meetings will continue until the end of the calendar year and the Board will discuss the item in January 2023.

7. Next Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022. EBMUD will host and the speaker is TBD.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 A.M