



### Alameda County Special Districts Association

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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

*Hosted by:*

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD)

*Meeting Location:*

Robert Livermore Community Center  
4444 East Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94550

7:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	ACSDA Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Adjourn

**Presiding: Roland P. Williams, Jr, President**

## AGENDA

### 8:00 A.M.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Roland P. Williams, Jr., ACSDA President
- 1.2. Welcome.
- 1.3. Thank you to Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) for hosting.

#### 2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

### 8:15 A.M.

#### 3. SPEAKERS

- 3.1. Introduction by Mathew Fuzie, LARPD General Manager.
- 3.2. Presentation: An Overview of LARPD's Community Impact through Parks, Programs, and Partnerships, by Mathew Fuzie, General Manager and David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor.
- 3.3. Tour of the LARPD Recreation and Aquatics Centers.

### 9:25 A.M.

#### 4. UPDATES

- 4.1. Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson, Mariellen Faria, Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, and Executive Officer, Rachel Jones.



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4.2. East Bay EDA Chapter Representative: Ryan Clausnitzer

4.3. East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee  
Chapter Representative: Roland P. Williams, Jr.

4.4. CSDA General Updates: Colleen Haley

#### 9:45 A.M.

### 5. BUSINESS

5.1. Approval of January Membership Meeting Minutes (**Action Item**)

5.2. Financial Report: Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, Treasurer

5.2.1. Membership Dues

### 6. UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

ACSDA/CCSDA Joint Meeting: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: DSRSD

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Host: HARD

Location: San Felipe Community Center

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Host: OLSD

Location: CVSan Office

#### 10:00 A.M.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

\*\*\*Special Notice\*\*\*

**Immediately following the ACSDA meeting at 10:05:**

**Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)**

**Alameda County Independent Special District Selection Committee (ISDSC), Meeting conducted by LAFCo.**

**All special district voting representatives are to remain for the ISDSC meeting.**

**Zoom Link for LAFCo Meeting Only:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83069312142>

Meeting ID 830 6931 2142

**Alameda County Special District Association (ACSDA)  
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday January 8, 2025**

**8:00 A.M.**

**Hosted by: Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District (AMCAD)  
Presiding: Roland P. Williams, Jr. President**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 ACSDA President Roland P. Williams Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

1.2 Mr. Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.3 Mr. Williams extended thanks to ACMAD for hosting the meeting.

**2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

2.1 The attendees introduced themselves and shared what their favorite meal was from the holidays.

**3. SPEAKERS**

3.1 Introduction by Ryan Clausnitzer, ACMAD General Manager.

ACSDA Past President Ryan Clausnitzer provided an update about current events related to mosquitos in the Bay Area and reported there was a new mosquito discovered at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. He noted the quick response by ACMAD with abatement work completed within a 24-hour period which was critical in preventing spread of the new mosquito within Alameda County. He noted the significance of this response as they had prevented health hazards from a mosquito that is capable of transmitting Dengue, which is a lifelong disease.

Mr. Clausnitzer explained that mosquito diseases originate from birds and mosquito abatement can also help to prevent bird flu. He noted that ACMAD is also tasked with collecting and testing dead birds. He reported that bird testing is currently suspended due to health risks associated with bird flu.

Mr. Clausnitzer stated that ACMAD is committed to having a local and global impact, and through Rotary International and a colleague in Ethiopia, a connection was formed to collaborate which has led to an inspiring story they can now share.

Mr. Williams asked how the foreign mosquito species arrived in Pleasanton. ACMAD Lab Director Dr. Eric Haas-Stapleton explained that mosquitoes travel the same way people do and they were likely transported by vehicles or in plants. He noted there are horse trailers at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds for horse racing events and they believe this is how the mosquitos arrived. He explained that

ACMAD is trying to implement an inspection program of new vehicles on the property which will be helpful with preventing future incidents. He also noted that only 11 mosquitos were found, but that they can multiply fast and quickly eradicating them was important.

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) Board Member Peter Rosen asked if one mosquito species is able to breed with others, and Dr. Haas-Stapleton replied no this was not a possibility, but added that this species was resistant to common bug sprays and can evolve and develop resistance very quickly.

### 3.2 Presentation on Collaborating Globally to Build Local Mosquito Control in Ethiopia by ACMAD Lab Director Dr. Eric Haas-Stapleton.

Dr. Haas-Stapleton started his presentation with an explanation that the work ACMAD does has immediate impact in Alameda County and that Mr. Clausnitzer and his team are trying to grow that impact locally and globally. He explained how mosquito control played a crucial role in the development of the Bay Area economically and he demonstrated this by showing the prevalence of yellow fever in the late 1800's compared with the significant decline of it in 2020. He provided some historical information about the formation of ACMAD in 1930 and the severe marsh mosquito problems faced at the time, but showing how locally funded mosquito control contributed to overall community growth.

Dr. Haas-Stapleton presented discoveries that were shared at an international science conference and highlighted how interagency partnerships and funding helped advance mosquito control efforts. He explained how in countries like Africa, mosquito control is largely achieved with bite prevention measures such as bed nets, whereas in the US, there are more advanced control methods for mosquitoes. By sharing these practices, along with equipment and educational resources, the pilot project in Ethiopia shows how they can significantly impact economic development for these communities.

Dr. Haas-Stapleton explained that mosquitoes breed in stagnant water and eliminating the stagnant water controls mosquito development. He explained how the project in Ethiopia where a tractor was supplied supported agricultural development and community growth, but was also effective with mosquito control. He explained the different phases of the project which included funding to obtain and deliver a tractor, the tractor use for farming which led to increased community wealth, and the allocation of some of the funds for mosquito abatement. He stated there are longer term goals to help people develop skills and expertise and to improve infrastructure, but the success of this story is that a pilot program has already been completed.

Mr. Rosen asked if mosquitos are resistant to *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *israelensis* (Bti), a toxin used to kill mosquito larvae. Dr. Haas-Stapleton stated it was effective but that it is expensive and while the Bay Area has access to advanced resources, the goal is to give other communities access to these

resources as well.

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) Board Member Ralph Johnson asked if mosquito populations will increase in areas where there are projects to restore marshlands. Dr. Haas-Stapleton stated mosquito production in marshlands can be managed by putting in drainage ditches. He noted that cross-agency engagement is needed to implement such measures.

Mr. Clausnitzer noted that although ACMAD receives subsidies, it does not receive property tax revenue. He noted that simple measures which are cost-effective for mosquito prevention can have much larger impacts and benefit public health.

Mr. Williams noted that Castro Valley Rotary Club also funds international projects. Dr. Haas-Stapleton stated tractors for the Ethiopia mosquito control project were purchased through Rotary International. He noted that once the tractors were delivered, no additional funding was required and the project has been self-sustaining.

### 3.3 Enterprise Mobility Introduction by Allen Moody and Travis Materi.

Mr. Williams introduced Allen Moody and Travis Materi from Enterprise Mobility.

Mr. Moody and Mr. Materi provided an overview of Enterprise Mobility's services, which includes rental programs that are designed to support special districts. They highlighted that the program offers unlimited mileage, insurance protections and flexible vehicle options to help supplement district fleets based on operational needs.

Enterprise Mobility's rental program allows districts to rotate vehicles throughout the rental period, which Mr. Materi noted has been a benefit for agencies utilizing the rental fleet vehicles for specialized purposes, such as on surveillance teams. He stated that reservations can be made through different channels for convenience. Mr. Materi also stated that CSDA fleet customers who are challenged with budget constraints and increasing costs also benefit from their services, since they consider vehicle life cycles to develop cost effective plans for districts.

Mr. Rosen asked how they are handling the transition in California to electric vehicles (EVs). Mr. Moody stated that Enterprise Mobility is integrating EVs into its fleets and this is another benefit for districts because they can test vehicles they may be interested in, as rentals before purchasing them.

CVSan Board Member Timothy McGowan shared his experience at East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) noting that Enterprise's program was also extended as a benefit to employees renting vehicles for personal use and that the discounts were significant when he had compared them with other service

providers.

Alameda County Industries (ACI) General Manager Chris Valbusa inquired about the availability of commercial fleet vehicles in the Bay Area. Mr. Moody responded that vehicles are typically provided within a week and often, same day availability is possible.

#### **4. UPDATES**

##### **4.1 Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson, Mariellen Faria, Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold and Executive Officer Rachel Jones.**

LAFCo Executive Officer Rachel Jones reported the first meeting of the year will be the next day on Zoom. She reported the agenda includes discussions with water and wastewater committees and consultants about local water reuse and recycling. Ms. Jones also reported an internal restructure of the LAFCO organization as they transitioned to becoming completely independent from Alameda County. She also announced an open seat for an Alternate Commissioner and that they will have an election in May.

##### **4.2 East Bay EDA Chapter Representative: Ryan Clausnitzer**

Mr. Clausnitzer reported on a presentation on proposed updates to one of the terminals at the Port of Oakland. He also stated the legislative advocacy group is a diverse group who are engaged in discussions on various policy measures.

Mr. Williams stated he was interested in inviting a representative from the East Bay EDA to give a presentation for ACSDA. He inquired whether EDA supports local Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Clausnitzer explained they serve as a network of government leaders and businesses to work on initiatives that benefit communities and the environment, such as improving parks and reducing mosquitoes.

##### **4.3 East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee Chapter Representative: Roland P. Williams, Jr.**

Mr. Williams stated this will be his final term and in 2026, ACSDA will need a new member to serve on the committee. He explained that Park Advisory Committee (PAC) consists of 20 members and the nominees are all from different districts to promote diversity. The meetings are held on the third Monday of each month and representatives serve as ambassadors. He stated that attendance at tours and events is optional, and usually on weekends, and explained that representatives may assist with tabling and outreach

Mr. Williams reported that recent meetings were mainly about finances. He noted that East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD's) net assets are over \$1 billion and the annual budget is over \$300 million. He reported that their expenditure report on Measure WW was reported on current projects which he thought were impressive. The Trails Program Report shared that they have 1,000 miles of trails that need to be maintained.

#### 4.4 CSDA General Updates: Ryan Clausnitzer

Mr. Clausnitzer reported that CSDA Bay Area Field Representative Colleen Haley is currently on maternity leave and he reported mother and baby are doing well. CSDA Senior Public Affairs Coordinator Dane Wadle is covering the Alameda County Chapter in her absence, but was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Clausnitzer provided information on the National Special District Association which was formed during the pandemic and explained that funds were allocated from the federal government to counties, but special districts were not explicitly included in the funding distribution. He noted that efforts to secure funding for special districts has faced challenges, most recently due to the inclusion of the term “grant” in the legislation, which led to its blockage in the Senate. He noted that they will need to restart the legislative process and the intent of this effort was to ensure that special districts were included in the allocation of existing funds, and no additional federal grant funding was being requested. Mr. Clausnitzer also reported that the National Special District Association has transitioned from a coalition to a formal organization and six or seven states participate. He also reported on legislative discussions related to electric vehicles (EV) and a bill seeking to include leased gas-powered vehicles in agency EV fleet calculations was vetoed, but he noted they hope to reintroduce the measure in the next legislative session. Mr. Williams asked if there is data on how many agencies lease gas-powered vehicles and noted this information could strengthen discussions and future legislative efforts on this issue.

Mr. Clausnitzer announced the Special District Legislative Days conference will be in Monterey this year, and is scheduled for May 20 – 21. The General Manager Leadership Summit will be in Lake Tahoe, June 29 – July 1.

Mr. Clausnitzer also highlighted that CSDA members can rent vehicles through Enterprise Mobility and that this was a great benefit. He noted that often people are surprised when they discover what the discount is and that they can rent a vehicle in Hawaii for as little as \$40 per day, which is even lower than Costco rates.

## **5. BUSINESS**

### 5.1 Approval of November Membership Meeting Minutes

ACSDA Treasurer Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold moved approval of the minutes, and ACSDA Vice President Shelia Young seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 5.2 Financial Report: Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Treasurer

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold reported that they had almost \$9,800 in the bank.

#### 5.2.1 Membership Dues

Ms. Vonheeder-Leopold reported that dues emails had gone out. She stated that she received notification about three agencies emails that had not gone through, which were Alameda County Water District, AC Transit, and Union Sanitary District. She stated that payments can be made via check or the link that was

provided. Mr. Clausnitzer stated he had received the email but it was a ZIP file.

5.3 Hosting agencies needed: Roland P. Williams, Jr. President.

Mr. Williams stated agencies are needed to host ACSDA Membership meetings and the location of the meetings will be at the CVSan office. He provided dates that are still available for hosting a meeting in 2025 and 2026. Some discussion ensued about having meetings at other agencies but it was noted that attendance is higher when the meetings are in a central location to everyone, which the CVSan office provides.

**6. UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

6.1 Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Annual Dinner: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Wedgewood at Redwood Canyon Golf Course

Mr. Williams noted the upcoming dinner. ACSDA Chapter Coordinator Purvi Solanki stated that an email invitation had been sent to the ACSDA Membership to RSVP and purchase tickets.

6.2 Wednesday May 14, 2025

Host and Topic: TBD.

Location: CVSan Office

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.