



### Alameda County Special Districts Association

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Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Hosted by:*  
Alameda County RCD  
*Located at:*  
Teleconference Only

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83538619878>

Meeting ID: 835 3861 9878  
Dial by your location: 1 669 900 6833

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 Katherine Boxer, Alameda County Resource Conservation District (RCD) for hosting and Jennifer Trevis for taking minutes

#### 2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS (Name & District)

- 2.1. Self-introductions

### 8:15 A.M.

#### 3. GUEST SPEAKERS

- 3.1. Katherine Boxer, Chief Executive Officer  
District Mission and Overview
- 3.2. Farley Connelly, PhD. Biologist, Presentation on eDNA; a  
New Species Identification Tool
- 3.3. Drew Engstrom, Stream Restorationist, Presentation on  
Stream Restoration Planning & Implementation
- 3.4. Kyle Packham, CSDA Advocacy & Public Affairs Director,  
State of California Budgetary Report

### 9:25 A.M.

#### 4. UPDATES

- 4.1. Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission  
Chapter Representatives: Ralph Johnson, Georgan  
Vonheeder-Leopold, and Executive Officer, Rachel Jones
- 4.2. East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee  
Chapter Representative: Roland Williams



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**5. BUSINESS**

- 5.1. Annual Dinner Save the Date: 3/20/23
- 5.2. No dues for fiscal years 2021/2011 & 2022/2023
- 5.3. Financial Report: Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Treasurer
- 5.4. Approval of November 2022 Membership Minutes (**Action Item**)

**6. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

- 6.1. Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Annual Dinner: 6-8pm  
Redwood Canyon Golf Course

**10:00 A.M.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Alameda County Special Districts Association**

**Wednesday, November 9th, 2022**

Hosted by: **EBMUD**

Located at: **Teleconference Only**

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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**

Presented on East Bay MUD's History through the stories of who built EBMUD.

3.2 Linda Hu, Manager of Water Supply Improvement Topic: Current Drought Conditions

Presented on EBMUD's Water Supply and current drought conditions. Discussed EBMUD's present water supply and where EBMUD is exploring using wastewater services in the future.

Received questions on infrastructure improvements, water conservation, climate change's impact on EBMUD's water treatment plant, and were thanked for highlighting some of the employees from the past. CVSAN – Roland Williams mentioned that he hopes the new EBMUD board will continue to look for ways to partner with them.

**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**

ACLAFCO: Commission meeting tomorrow 11/10 – staff is looking to do an island annexation program. Looking at unincorporated areas of Alameda County. Looking at the cost of annexing these areas into different cities. Hoping to have a robust work program by spring of next year. Looking at incorporation feasibility at Castro Valley. Reviewing south Livermore area plan and the scope of that.

A few weeks ago, Newport beach, California LAFCO Meeting – Fun times. Great questions from the audience and similar to the coral Fairview questions that ACLAFCO received. Took a boat trip around the

Newport Harbor. Discussed special districts port authority and the things that they must put up with. Great two-day trip and if you get an opportunity to go on these types of trips, you should.

LAFCO will pass out conference announcements in the future. Also, we are losing Ayn Weiskamp to retirement. She has been with EBRPD since 1999 and LAFCO commission since 2008. We are going to miss her so much and will be sending out thank yous for her service.

#### 4.2 East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee Chapter Representative: Roland Williams

Roland Williams to report – No update provided.

#### 4.3 East Bay EDA Chapter Representative: Ryan Clausnitzer

Start Here: Mosquito district was formed almost 100 years. People tend to forget about them. If anyone would like to be the EDA Chapter rep, let Ryan know. Went to a meeting a few weeks ago and it was all about rents and offices and commercial real estate in Alameda and Contra Costa County. Hasn't rebounded as fast as other places. It isn't always what the news tells us "Businesses are fleeing to Texas" but they have rebounded a little quicker. The Alameda and Contra Costa County Chapters of Special Districts are the last two districts that aren't meeting in person. That extends to the business community as well. People in the Bay Area are open to technologies and are adaptable, but this hurts the business community. Commercial real estate loses rents, which lowers the value of the buildings so there is a ripple effect. If anyone wants to be the East Bay EDA Chapter Rep, let Ryan know and he will get you in there. We don't have a large presence there. Good place to remind folks of what role we play in business development in the area.

#### 4.4 CSDA General Updates: Colleen Haley

Start Here: Thank you Frank! We are ending our leg sessions. Prepared a leg report for everyone. Putting it in the comments. Asking for how everyone feels their services are helping. Is there any information you are looking for? Mainly Colleen reports on advocacy news, but we have professional development, and membership conferences, and anything else you are looking for from CSDA. Leg/advocacy news- call to action ca roundtable business – going to the ballot in 2024. Should have the signatures for the ballot soon for 2024. It would vastly reduce the amount of money special districts are able to save and reserve. Colleen has more information at [ColleenH@csda.net](mailto:ColleenH@csda.net). Looking for more suggestions on legislation if there is anything that anybody needs, CSDA are looking for help.

Beverly Green, AC Transit – Thank you for your work Colleen for the work that you have done to make sure that special districts are recognized and to support to AC Transit. AC is looking for assistance with prioritizing electricity for our Zero Emission Coaches when there is a call for decreasing electric use. CSDA is going to be supportive of that and of course will continue to partner with AC Transit.

Looking to finalize our legislator of the year. Someone from the Bay Area and they will send out that soon.

Having year end coordination meeting in December. Please send ideas to her and she will share them with the team!

**9:45 A.M.**

**5. BUSINESS** 5.1 Financial Report: Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, Treasurer

Start Here: Nothing to report. Current bank balance is \$6715 we were charged an analysis service charge of \$60. Upsetting since we are a non-profit. Looking to set an appointment to change the signature card. Going to ask the bank to reverse that fee. So few transactions for that large of a fee.

5.2 Approval of August 2022 Membership Minutes (**Action Item**)

Start Here: Sheila and Georgina moved and approved the meeting minutes from August 22.

## **6. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

6.1 Wednesday, January 11th, 2022

Host: Alameda County Resource Conservation District

Speaker: **TBD**

Ryan will send out notices. Alameda County Resource Conservation District. Looking forward to hearing from them.

**10:00 A.M.**

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