

MEETING SUMMARY
ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER – CSDA
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Attendees:

AC Transit	Rocky Fernandez
Alameda County Agriculture (also representing ACMAD)	Gregory Gee
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District	Jim Kohnen
Alameda County Public Works Agency	Janice Thoni
Alameda County Vector Control Services District	Lucia Hui, Daniel Wilson
BART	Roddrick Lee, John McPartland
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Timothy McGowan, Roland Williams
Dublin San Ramon Services District	Bert Michalczyk, Georgean Vonheeder
East Bay Economic Development Alliance	Bruce Kern
East Bay Municipal Utility District	Greg, Chan Katy Foulkes
East Bay Regional Park District	Erich Pfuehler, Carol Severin, Doug Siden
Hayward Area Recreation & Park District	Louis Andrade, Rita Shue
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District	Tim Barry, Maryalice Faltings, David Furst, John Lawrence, Gretchen Sommers, Beth Wilson
Livermore, City of	John Marchand
LAFCo	Mona Palacios
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Frank Sidari, Jason Warner
Union Sanitary District	Richard Currie
Zone 7 Water Agency	Dick Quigley

Meeting Summary:

1. ACSDA President, and East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board Member, Doug Siden called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. President Siden welcomed visitors and attendees, and asked them to introduce themselves and share highlights of the summer.
3. Welcome
 - 3.1 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board President, Maryalice Faltings, introduced City of Livermore Vice Mayor John Marchand. Mr. Marchand welcomed everyone to Livermore and expressed the view that there is no higher calling than public service.
 - 3.2 Roddrick Lee introduced John McPartland from Livermore, who is the new BART board member who spoke briefly.
 - 3.3 ACSDA Vice President and General Manager, LARPD, Tim Barry, welcomed the group and gave a slide presentation on LARPD and its services.
4. Unveiling of new Alameda County Special Districts Banner. President Siden unveiled the new Chapter banner and announced that ACSDA will receive the 2009 Chapter of the Year Award at the CSDA Annual Conference the week of Sept. 21.

5. Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Wisoff, Principal Deputy, Principal Associate Director National Ignition Facility and Photon Science, spoke about the National Ignition Facility (NIF), which began operations in Livermore in March of this year. Dr. Wisoff explained that NIF's goals include finding solutions on earth for permanent energy renewal. His video presentation, "National Ignition Facility—Bringing Star Power to Earth," demonstrated the Laser Inertial Fusion Energy (LIFE) process and provided a virtual tour of the facility.
6. Special Presentation: "The Community Economic Benefits of the New National Ignition Facility." Presented by Rob White, Director of Economic Development for the City of Livermore. Mr. White said that NIF has given the city the opportunity to tell what it is trying to accomplish. He also talked about the features of Livermore that make it an interesting hub for opportunity, including the Livermore Science & Technology Center.
7. Special Report: "The Impact of the State of California Budget on Special Districts.: Eric Pfuehler, EBRPD Legislative Administrative Manager and member, CSDA Legislative Committee. Mr. Pfuehler talked about Prop. 1A and the applications for exemption, noting that the securitization process is very complicated. He said there is a stalemate on moving anything on water policy for the state. He also reported that California Forward is working to open up and reform the processes of California government and the Bay Area Council is discussing a constitutional convention. Lastly, Mr. Pfuehler said that he thinks there will be a healthcare reform package this year.
8. Updates:
 - 8.1 California Special Districts Association: Jim Kohnen, Board Member. Mr. Kohnen reported that the ballots for the CSDA Board election will be counted today. He said there is much going on in Sacramento and invited the districts to attend the CSDA conference next week.
 - 8.2 East Bay Economic Development Alliance: Bruce Kern and Doug Siden. Mr. Kern said the EDA is trying to bring Contra Costa County special districts on board in order to promote the economic vitality of the region. He said EDA continues providing information to improve the districts' understanding of the current economy. He talked about commercial properties and assessments and the impact of this on property taxes. He listed a number of upcoming events. President Siden asked how many are attending CSDA conference and invited all who go to help accept the Chapter of the Year Award when it is presented.
 - 8.3 LAFCo: Representatives Katy Foulkes (Chair) and Ayn Wieskamp, Alternate Louis Andrade and Executive Director Mona Palacios. Ms. Foulkes reported that LAFCo met last week and approved annexation of a parcel to Livermore and approved new rates for applications. Ms. Palacios said the new fees are listed on the LAFCo website, noting that each special district and the counties will get new rates and, hopefully, dues will decrease. The LAFCo annual conference will be held Oct. 28-30 in Yosemite. Ayn Wieskamp was unable to attend the meeting.
 - 8.4 East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee: Roland Williams, Alameda County Special District Representative and General Manager of Castro Valley Sanitary District. Mr. Williams stated that he had been away on business and personal travel and did not attend that last meeting. He said he will report next month.
9. Organizational Business
Minutes of the July 8, 2009 Meeting: President Siden distributed minutes from the July 8 meeting.

