

**CONTRA COSTA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**  
**January 25, 2010**

**MINUTES**

The quarterly meeting of the Contra Costa Special Districts Association was held at 10 a.m. on January 25, 2010, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center in Pleasant Hill. Chairperson Bette Boatmun led the meeting with 42 members in attendance, representing 18 special districts.

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Boatmun called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Introductions and comments followed with each representative giving an update on their respective agencies.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 19, 2009, were approved with one minor change.

**Guest Speaker**

Chairperson Boatmun introduced Gregory Gartrell, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant General Manager for Water Resources for the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and Doug Wallace, Environmental Affairs Officer for the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD).

Dr. Gartrell is the recipient of a number of awards, including the ACWA Excellence in Water Leadership Award, and the Hugo B. Fischer Award for model development of the Bay-Delta System. Dr. Gartrell has contributed to many published articles, including several relating directly to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. As Assistant General Manager at the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), Dr. Gartrell has managed Planning and Water Resources Departments, including the Los Vaqueros Expansion Project, CCWD's Alternative Intake Project and CCWD's Future Water Supply Implementation (a fifty year strategic plan for improving the water supply reliability of CCWD).

Mr. Wallace serves as a senior policy advisor and is responsible for advocacy and outreach to the environmental community, urban and business interests, and other stakeholders on water issues. His areas of expertise includes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, climate change impacts on water resources, and water use efficiency.

Both CCWD and EBMUD are concerned with the potential effects regarding East Bay water supply reliability. The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is one of California's most

important resources. Recent legislative efforts to address Delta ecosystem concerns are warranted. Both agencies are committed to restoring the environmental health of the Delta; however, proposed statewide legislation has the potential to negatively affect their customers.

The Delta legislation package signed by the Governor includes four policy bills and an \$11.14 billion bond measure slated for the November 2010 ballot. This Delta legislation will change how decisions are made about water flows in and through the Delta. It will also expand statewide groundwater monitoring programs and will meet the Governor's goal to reduce urban per capita water use 20 percent by 2020.

There are strong concerns that the legislation package fails to acknowledge that upstream diverters shall not be held responsible for making up the Delta water flows that will be taken around the Delta via a Peripheral Canal. Water agencies that will take water supplies from the Peripheral Canal should retain responsibility for contributing water flows to the Delta. EBMUD, CCWD and other water diverters should not have their water supplies reduced as a result of the Peripheral Canal.

Another important factor is that the \$11.14 billion bond measure that is part of the Delta package is not enough to pay for its implementation, which could cost more than \$50 billion.

As the State continues progress with the plan to implement the Delta legislation, CCWD and EBMUD remain committed to Delta restoration efforts, but will also continue to protect the interest of their customers.

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **Program Committee**

Paul Soltow, West County Wastewater District, reported that the committee has met. The April speaker has not yet been confirmed. If your special district would like to make a presentation, please contact Mr. Soltow or one of the other committee members.

#### **Bylaw Committee**

Sherry Sterrett, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, reported that the committee is in the process of revising the 1994 Bylaws. The Committee will e-mail the DRAFT Revised Bylaws for the membership's input.

#### **Membership Directory Committee**

The draft Membership Directory was distributed. The draft will also be e-mailed to the membership for review. Please forward your revisions to Angela Taliani.

### **LAFCO Representative Report:**

Lou Ann Texeira, LAFCO, reported that the reported that the Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) are moving forward.

### **Legislative Committee Report:**

Stan Caldwell, Mt. View Sanitary District, distributed a legislative update.

### **East Bay Regional Park District – Park Advisory Committee Report:**

E. J. Shalaby, West County Wastewater District, distributed the October 26, 2009, Park Advisory Committee minutes.

### **CCSDA's Financial Report:**

Mark Cornelius reported the following:

Savings Account – Ending Balance 12/31/09 \$8,668.71  
Checking Account – Ending Balance 12/31/09 \$1,297.13

### **California Special Districts Association Activities Update:**

- Sherry Sterrett, Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, reviewed CSDA legislative and educational highlights.

### **Other Business:**

Chairperson Boatman made the following announcements:

- Alameda County Special District – Annual Dinner Meeting is March 25, 2010 at the Pleasanton Marriott Hotel.
- 2010 CCSDA Scheduled Meetings:
  - April 19, 2010  
6:00 p.m. (Dinner immediately following meeting)  
Pleasant Hill Community Center  
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA
  - July 19, 2010  
10:00 a.m. (Lunch immediately following meeting)  
Pleasant Hill Community Center  
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA
  - October 18, 2010  
6:00 p.m. (Dinner immediately following meeting)  
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320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chairperson Boatmun adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela Taliani