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**VCSDA**

**MINUTES**

VENTURA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
DINNER MEETING  
&  
TOUR OF THE HILL CANYON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

An interesting and informative tour of the facility was conducted by Chuck Rogers, Plant Superintendent.

**1. Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call**

President Lange called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and Gail Pringle of Calleguas Municipal Water District led the flag salute.

Roll call was taken.

The following districts and agencies were represented:

**Calleguas Municipal Water District  
Camarillo Health Care  
Camrosa Water District  
Conejo Recreation and Park District  
Montalvo Municipal Improvement District  
Ojai Valley Sanitary District  
Oxnard Harbor District  
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District  
Saticoy Sanitary District  
United Water Conservation District  
Ventura River County Water District  
LAFCO  
Hill Canyon Water Treatment Plant, City of Thousand Oaks**

**2. Welcome and Introductions – President George Lange**

Lange welcomed and thanked everyone for his/her attendance and support. He thanked Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant staff members for their help and hospitality in hosting the meeting.

**8. Guest Speaker: Chuck Rogers, Plant Superintendent Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Rogers provided an overview of the Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant. He spoke of current methods and future technologies. He said that the facility's capacity is 14 million gallons per day, the City of Thousand Oaks makes one million dollars per year in reclaimed water sales, seven acres of wetland adjacent to the plant have been created, a solar project is part of the facility, and the facility is both a financial and environmental asset of the community.

Lange thanked Rogers for his hospitality and informative presentation.

**3. Approval of the Minutes for October 7, 2008**

Fox noted that the information relative to the Leisure Village recycled water project was inaccurate.

**It was moved by Fox, seconded by Cofer, and carried, with one abstention (Curtis), to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008 as modified; i.e., minutes to reflect that the recycled water project for landscaping at Leisure Village has now been completed.**

**4. Treasurer's Report –Jack Curtis**

Curtis provided a Treasurer's Report on the Association's funds for the period of August 30, 2008 to November 28, 2008. The balance on hand as of October 7, 2008 was \$8,226.45. Checks paid through November 28 totaled \$926.63. Balance on hand as of November 28 was \$7,720.77.

**It was moved by Acosta, seconded by Fox, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 9, 2008.**

**5. Reports & Announcements**

**a. LAFCO Update – Kai Luoma**

Luoma presented a LAFCO update. He said that Kim Uhlich was on vacation. He said that work continues on Municipal Service Reviews and staff will present an update on the MSR process in February. Staff is reviewing environmental documents for several large annexation projects that are expected to be submitted to LAFCO in the near future. The terms of Ted Grandson, John Zaragosa and Ken Hess have ended, and Bill Lotts was elevated to full Commissioner, Gail Pringle was elected Special District Alternate, and the City Selection Committee will meet shortly to elect a City Member Alternate.

Lange thanked Luoma.

**b. Legislative Update - Elaine Freeman**

Freeman provided an update on legislation of interest to special districts.

Specifically, she reported on Senate President Pro Tem Steinberg's goals and vision for the first 120 days of the session. She said the CSDA Legislative Committee will meet January 9 and the Committee will continue to review introduced bills and take a position. Propositions will be studied as well, and the Board of Directors of CSDA will make the final decision on what position to take based on the Legislative Committee's recommendation.

Lange and the group thanked Freeman for her presentation.

**c. CSDA Update – Jim Acosta, CSDA President**

Acosta said that CSDA will continue to communicate on a timely basis, relative to budget concerns and the deficit. He urged all to contact their legislators regarding the importance of special districts. He noted the 2009 conference, urged all to attend, and said that, unfortunately, prices must be increased. He asked for each agency's support on issues facing special districts, and urged all to pay their dues. He said that Ventura County will be well represented in Sacramento.

**d. VCSDA Website Report – Lee Martin**

Martin presented a website update. He thanked all those who provided updated information. He said that documents have been changed to PDF format, Camarillo Health Care District's website link has been added, and a new webpage for United Water Conservation District has been created. He urged that VSDA be included as a link on each agency's website, spoke of the benefits of webcams, and said he envisions the VCSDA website as an example to other special district agencies. He urged everyone to keep him informed of any changes that should be reflected on the website. He provided suggestions and ideas, and offered his services.

Lange thanked Martin.

**e. VCSDA RPRP (Roving Public Relations Panel) – George Lange**

Lange said that no recent requests for presentations have been received.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Members' Contribution to our VCSDA Newsletter...*The President's Page* – George Lange**

Lange said that the next President's Page will be in January and asked for input.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. VCSDA Nominations & Annual Dinner Committees**

Acosta said that reservations have been made at the Tower Club for the February meeting. Cofer said that the Nominations and Awards Committee will meet soon.

### **b. VCSDA Representative to Ventura Regional Sanitation District Select Process**

Lange stated that the process has been dormant, and efforts are being made to revitalize the process.

Curtis said that five representatives from six districts met recently, another meeting is planned, and it is hoped that a consensus will be reached. He thanked Nancy Acosta for her input.

## **9. Members Comments**

Berg suggested that consideration be given to VCSDA hosting a booth at the Ventura County Fair. There was general consensus to pursue this effort.

Fox recommended that CSDA members who attend various meetings of other agencies such as Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) regularly report back to members to facilitate communication. There was general consensus to agendize this effort.

## **10. Adjournment to Annual Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at Tower Club**

Lange said the annual dinner meeting will take place on February 3, 2009 and will be held at the Tower Club in Oxnard.

Lange again thanked staff members of Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant, City of Thousand Oaks, for their hospitality.

Lange declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shirley Ohren, Secretary