



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: August 14, 2009
 TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: Director Parker
 SUBJECT: Report on July 21, 2009 Special Districts Association of Monterey County Meeting

On July 21st, I attended the quarterly meeting of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County, representing the District. William also attended the meeting. The meeting agenda is attached for your information.


State Senator Abel Maldonado was the featured speaker. His remarks focused on the State Budget crisis, poor leadership from our Governor and the ineffective nature of the State legislature of late. He made several suggestions to improve matters, including:

1. Reapportionment
2. Open primaries
3. Extend term limits modestly
4. Eliminate the 2/3 vote requirement to pass the Budget
5. Go to a part time legislature

Chris Orman, Fire Chief for the North County Fire Protection District, reported on the high cost to carry out elections for many Special Districts, since the County has begun to apportion more accurately the true costs. Those costs range from \$50,000 to \$500,000, which may be prohibitively high in some cases. This is one of the downsides to high voter registration and turnout.

Tom Moore, Boardmember for the Marina Coast Water District, requested that Boardmembers of each special district complete a questionnaire with their contact information and length of service on the special district board. The goal is to post the information on a website and create a paper directory, in an effort to more clearly inform the public on the value provided to them by special districts.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on October 20, 2009.


 Director Jane Parker

Attachment

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

(Times are Approximate)

6:00 – Call to Order, welcome by President Don Champion; self-introductions

6:15 – Serve yourself buffet dinner

6:45 – Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2009 meeting

6:46 – Guest Speaker – Senator Abel Maldonado

Topic – Budget Crisis and the Potential Effect on Special Districts

7:30 – Reports:

- a. Legislative Chair report – Ben Post
- b. Finance Committee Chair report – Vince Ferrante
- c. CSDA Region 3 Representative Report – Vince Ferrante
- d. LAFCO representatives report – Tom Perkins, Don Champion, Tom Moore
- e. Other reports
 - Kate McKenna - LAFCO
 - Chris Orman, Tom Moore - Election Costs
 - Ben Post - Update on the SDAMC Website

7:55 – Members comments

7:58 – Suggested topics and/or speakers for next agenda; next meeting date; location:

Central County Meeting Location – Tom Perkins
Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 6:00 pm

8:00 – Adjournment

Special District Board Member and Staff Data Collection Form
(Please print clearly)

For each data element, please indicate whether you want the element published on the SDAMC website or in a paper directory or both.

Name of Special District:	
Your Full Name	
Your Position (Director, General Manager, Chief, Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> General Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Chief <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Your Street Address, City, State, Zip	<input type="checkbox"/> On website <input type="checkbox"/> In paper directory
Your Home Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> On website <input type="checkbox"/> In paper directory
Your Work Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> On website <input type="checkbox"/> In paper directory
Your Cell Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> On website <input type="checkbox"/> In paper directory
Email Address	<input type="checkbox"/> On website <input type="checkbox"/> In paper directory
Month and year of the end of your current term in office or your current contract, as applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> On website <input type="checkbox"/> In paper directory
Number of years you have served in this position	<input type="checkbox"/> On website <input type="checkbox"/> In paper directory
Your position is: <input type="checkbox"/> Elected OR <input type="checkbox"/> Appointed by _____	
By signing below you authorize the Special Districts Association of Monterey County to publish on its website and/or in a paper directory the data elements shown above as indicated by the selections you have made in the boxes to the right of each element.	
Signature	Date

The following questions are optional. Your answers to these questions will NOT be put on the website or in the directory, but will instead be used by the Executive Board to help plan future activities of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDAMC).

1. What is the most significant and difficult challenge or problem that your special district currently faces?

2. Should the SDAMC develop an educational program about special districts for the public and other elected officials in Monterey County?

3. Should the SDAMC develop a public service announcement about special districts in Monterey County for local radio and/or television?

4. To what extent do you support or oppose the consolidation of similar special districts in Monterey County? Why?