

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

(Times are Approximate)

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

6:05 – Serve yourself buffet dinner

6:35 – Approval of Minutes from the July 21, 2009 meeting

6:36 – Appointment of Nominating Committee for the 2010 Officers – Don Champion

6:40 – Guest Speaker:

Supervisor Simóne Salinas, District 3 Representative
Topic – Special Districts and State Legislation

7:10 – Action Items:

- Develop a Mission Statement for the SDAMC
- Amend the By-Laws

7:40 – Informational 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
- e. Other reports
 - Ben Post - Update on the SDAMC Website
 - Discuss Letter from Moss Landing Harbor District Regarding the Local Vote Threshold Coalition
 - Possible Discussion of LAFCO Election Processes

7:55 – Members comments

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

Shoreline Occupational Services Conference Center
Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 6:00 pm

8:00 – Adjournment

Draft Minutes of the
Regular Quarterly Meeting of the
Special Districts Association of Monterey County

July 21, 2009

Call to Order:

President Don Champion called the regular quarterly meeting of the SDAMC to order and determined that a quorum was present. Following self introductions, the group enjoyed the dinner buffet prepared by the Shoreline Occupational Service staff.

Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2009 meeting:

The April 21, 2009 draft minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker – Senator Abel Maldonado

Topic – Budget Crisis and the Potential Effect on Special Districts

Senator Maldonado provided an overview of the current budget crisis in California, including the basics, how California got into the current situation, and suggestions how California could get out of this situation. Specifically, Senator Maldonado indicated that there was an approximate \$26 billion budget shortfall that needed to be addressed by cuts (\$15B) and shifts (\$10B). Senator Maldonado reviewed events that had led up to the current situation, e.g., gubernatorial recall effort backed by Darrell Issa and expenditures by then-Governor Davis (\$11B on programs and projects), and indicated that there was a partisan impasse with Republications against new taxes and Democrats against cuts in services. To avoid future budget crises, Senator Maldonado recommended (1) a fair re-apportionment plan, (2), an open primary, and (3) modifications to the term limit ban. Senator Maldonado also noted that changes to the 2/3 vote requirement on budgets and a full-time legislature should be considered. Senator Maldonado answered questions from the group including what happens next year with the California budget, possible changes to the state lottery system, feasibility of a constitution convention, effect of the budget crisis on special districts, and the impact of “government by proposition” in California.

Reports:

- a. Legislative Chair report – Ben Post

No report was provided.

- b. Finance Committee Chair report – Vince Ferrante

No report was provided.

- c. CSDA Region 3 Representative report – Vince Ferrante

No report was provided.

- d. LAFCO Representatives report – Tom Perkins, Don Champion, and Tom Moore

Kate McKenna, LAFCO Executive Officer, indicated that a review of fire service boundaries was being conducted. In addition, Ms. McKenna noted that the Carmel Area Wastewater District was reviewing a Carmel Highlands expansion and that the vote on Carmel Valley Incorporation is scheduled for November 3, 2009.

Tom Moore distributed a *Special District Board Member and Staff Data Collection Form*. Ben Post provided an update on the SDAMC website, i.e., sdaomc.org, and reviewed the purpose of the site and the cost to host the site.

- e. Other reports

None.

Member comments:

- a. Russ Jeffries noted that the Bylaw Committee had reviewed the bylaws regarding officer elections and recommended a change that would allow an officer to serve two consecutive terms (2 years). It was agreed that this recommendation would be agendaized and considered at the October 20, 2009 meeting.
- b. Chris Orman expressed concern regarding the significant increase in election costs in Monterey County, e.g., more than 100% increase in the past four years.

Suggested topics and/or speakers for the next agenda; next meeting date and location:

Central County Meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 6:00 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Vince Ferrante, 2009 Secretary/Treasurer
Special Districts Association of Monterey County