



SANTA CLARA COUNTY

SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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Meeting Agenda

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association
Monday, September 14, 2026
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/9747509355>

Meeting ID: 974 750 9355

Join by Phone:

1 (669) 900-9128, 9747509355#

1. Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment

Opportunity for members of the public to make comments (3 minutes/speaker)

3. Update on Santa Clara County Mosquito and Vector Control District: Services and Emerging Threats

Jeremy Shannon, Assistant Manager, Santa Clara County Mosquito and Vector Control District

4. State Legislative Office Updates

Opportunity to hear updates and ask questions of attending legislative staff

5. Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on June 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Financial Report

6. Partner Agency Reports

- a. Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO)
 - Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer
 - Yoriko Kishimoto, Special District Representative on LAFCO
- b. California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
 - Colleen Haley, CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator

7. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports

8. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

- a. Action Item Review
 - b. Adjourn
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Meeting Minutes

Santa Clara County Special Districts Association

June 1, 2026

12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

SCCSDA President Helen Chapman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members:

Helen Chapman, Director, Santa Clara Valley Open Space District (President)

Jim Beall, Director, Valley Water (Treasurer)

Craig Gleason, Director, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Peter Van Dyke, Director, Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

Mark Shumate, Deputy Chief, Santa Clara County Fire Department

Jon Cowan, Executive Director of Government Relations & Community Partnerships, El Camino Healthcare District

Kent Edler, Director of Engineering and Operations, West Valley Sanitation District

Minna Xu, Director, Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District

Sue Fitzpatrick, Trustee, Saratoga Cemetery District

Eugene Zambetti, Commissioner, Saratoga Fire District

Tim Kiser, District Manager, West Valley Sanitation District

Jo Anne Logan, District Manager, Los Altos Hills County Fire District

Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analysis, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Attendees (Non-Voting):

Yoriko Kishimoto, Director, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer, Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO)

Aaron Hebert, Natural Resources Manager, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Marian Vernon, Wildlife Linkages Program Manager, Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)

Charmaine Zamora, Highway Program Project Manager, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

SCCSDA Support Staff: SCCSDA

Genevieve Yip, Senior Management Analyst, Valley Water

Heather Hamp, Staff Analyst, Valley Water

Belen Avalos, Senior Office Specialist, Valley Water

Nitya Narasimhan, Summer Intern, Valley Water

2. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

3. Update on Wildlife Corridor Work in Coyote Valley

Open Space Authority Natural Resources Manager Aaron Hebert provided an overview of the Open Space Authority and its work in the Coyote Valley. He explained that the valley is a “last chance landscape” and that the Open Space Authority and partners have protected more than 1,600 acres to ensure the long-term survivability of various native species. He noted that transportation barriers are keeping many species stuck in the area, which resulting in in-



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breeding. As a part of their efforts, the Open Space Authority is including public access features on the protected land.

POST Wildlife Linkages Program Manager Marian Verno provided an overview of POST and its priorities, including land protection, habitat restoration, and compatible land use and management. She went over the Coyote Valley Wildlife Crossing Project and highlighted the importance of wildlife crossings in reducing roadkill, increasing road use safety, and improving wildlife connectivity and recognized pivotal partners such as the VTA, Caltrans, and the City of San Jose. She also reported that POST received a \$5 million grant from California Wildlife Conservation Board and the consulting team conducted a feasibility study along US 101 and Monterey for Road constructing wildlife crossings. She also reported on the design and planning work for Coyote Valley Fisher Creek wildlife crossing noting that construction is targeted to begin in 2028.

4. State Legislative Office Updates

No updates were received.

5. Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on 2026 SCCSDA Officers (Treasurer)

Director Sue Fitzpatrick nominated Jim Beall for Treasurer. It was moved by Director Sue Fitzpatrick, seconded by Director Jon Cowan, and unanimously carried that Jim Beall be appointed Treasurer.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on March 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the March 2, 2026 meeting minutes. It was moved by Director Sue Fitzpatrick, seconded by Director Sue Fitzpatrick and unanimously carried that the Board approve the March 2, 2026 meeting minutes.

c. Discussion and Possible Action on Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report. It was moved by Vice President Bill Bosworth, seconded by Director Craig Gleason, and unanimously carried that the Board approve the 2026 meeting schedule.

d. Discussion and Possible Action on Sending Representative to CSDA Annual Conference on August 24-27, 2026 in Palm Desert, CA

President Helen Chapman introduced the item and turned it over to Senior Management Analyst Genevieve Yip, who went over the CSDA Annual Conference. CSDA was unable to waive registration fee for the President to attend this year. The estimated cost for one representative to be \$2,100, which would deplete over half of the total budget.

The Board determined it would be beneficial to refrain from sending a delegate to this year's conference. It was moved by Director Sue Fitzpatrick, seconded by Director Craig Gleason, and unanimously carried that the Board refrain from sending a delegate to the 2026 CSDA Annual Conference.

6. Partner Agency Reports

a. Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO)

LAFCO Executive Officer Neelima Palacherla reported on Santa Clara LAFCO's Countywide Water and Wastewater Service Review, which involves a comprehensive



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review of water services, wastewater services, and stormwater management in Santa Clara County. She reported that LAFCO notified all relevant agencies and convened technical advisory committee for the review. She also reported that LAFCO is hosting community workshops for its Countywide Water and Wastewater Service Review on June 8 and June 9, 2026.

7. Santa Clara County Special District Association Member Reports

Director Peter Van Dyke reported that the Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District will have two new directors following the retirement of two directors. He also reported that the Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District continues efforts to increase participation in its soil health grant program. Director Craig Gleason reported that Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is offering periodic tours of its Highway 17 wildlife and trail crossing projects. Interested members may contact him for information on upcoming tours. Director Jim Beall provided background on the Highway 17 wildlife crossing project, noting that Caltrans employees initially raised concerns about wildlife deaths along Highway 17, Highway 101, and other roadways. He also mentioned efforts during his tenure in the State Senate to secure funding for the Trout Creek wildlife crossing and recognized the multi-agency effort involved in advancing the project. Director Minna Xu reported that the Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District public pool renovation was completed and the free community swim event held on May 24 was well attended. She also reported increased public rentals of the facility lobby and plans for additional remodeling. Director Aaron Quigley reported that VTA's June 4 Board meeting would include Item 8.1, an investment framework identifying priorities for potential Santa Clara County revenues associated with the SB 63 regional transportation measure. He noted that the framework focuses on reinvesting in the foundation of the transit system, enhancing customer experience, improving VTA's business model and productivity, and transforming service through partnerships and technology. President Helen Chapman reported on a proposed battery energy storage project in Coyote Valley, adjacent to the wildlife corridor near Bailey Avenue and Monterey Highway. She reported that the Open Space Authority Board unanimously voted to oppose the proposed location and authorized a letter and resolution of opposition to the California Energy Commission, citing concerns about locating the facility in an area prioritized for open space, wildlife connectivity, and agriculture. Director Peter Van Dyke expressed concerns regarding potential impacts of development on agricultural land and groundwater recharge in South County, particularly between Morgan Hill and San Martin. President Chapman noted related concerns regarding potential impacts to the water table and nearby agricultural uses.

8. Review of Action Items and Adjournment

a. Action Item Review

None.

b. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



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Item 5B. Financial Report

Balance on hand as of 5/29/2026	\$3,859.21
Deposits	+0.00
Withdrawals	
<i>Banking Service Fee (June)</i>	<i>-\$16.00</i>
<i>Banking Service Fee (July)</i>	<i>-\$16.00</i>
<i>Banking Service Fee (August)</i>	<i>-\$16.00</i>
Remaining Balance as of 9/11/2026	\$3,811.21