



Santa Barbara County

Chapter of the

**California Special
Districts Association**

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CHAPTER MEETING

July 27, 2026

[La Botte @ Mama's Caffe, 112 South I St, Lompoc](#)

5:30-6:00 – In-Person Networking

6:00-6:30 – Dinner

6:30-7:30 – Business Meeting

MINUTES

Approved by SBCCSDA Board of Directors – August 5, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Allen at 7:06 p.m.

2. Introductions (voting members in bold, quorum = 1/3 of membership (five agencies))

Board of Directors:

President Allen, **Vandenberg Village Community Services**; Director Thomas, **Goleta West Sanitary District**; Director Stassi, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*

Attendees:

Tom Evans, Board Member, **Goleta Water District**; Susan Klein-Rothschild, *Board Member, Goleta Water District*; Joey Hilliard, General Manager, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Kristyn Lopez, Office Manager, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Bill Rosen, Board Member, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Eva Turenchalk, Board Member, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Margaret Zhu, Board Member, *Goleta West Sanitary District*; Jim Keeling, Board Member, **Mission Hills Community Services District**; John Weigold, General Manager, **Montecito Sanitary District**; Dorinne Lee Johnson, Board Member, *Montecito Sanitary*

District; Phil Carpenter, Board Member, ***Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District***; Richard Gonzales, Board Member, *Vandenberg Village Community Services District*.

Scott Duffield, General Manager, *Heritage Ranch Community Services District/California Special Districts Association*; Pam Duffield, *California Special Districts Association*; Richelle Noroyan, Public Affairs Field Coordinator - Coastal Network, *California Special Districts Association*; Ernest Kim, *Ameresco*; Reagan Ballo, *Five Star Bank*; Anthony Acosta, *Kya Services*; Shantae' Hansen, VC3.

3. Guest Speaker

Ernest Kim from Ameresco took a few minutes to introduce himself and his firm. Ameresco is a CSDA affiliate that specializes in energy infrastructure. Mr. Kim encouraged the members to contact Ameresco for a free energy assessment.

4. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Presentation of Approved Minutes

The Chapter Minutes of April 27, 2026 were approved by the Board of Directors at their May 6, 2026 meeting.

6. Reports

a. CSDA Regional Report

Richelle Noroyan, Coastal Network Public Affairs Field Coordinator, provided a legislative update. The legislature is on summer break but there are a few bills that CSDA is working on. Notably, the High-Speed Rail bill which would divert property taxes from special districts, SB992 which proposes a higher (\$250,000) threshold for mandatory audits. CARB may extend the public comment period. CSDA will notify its members when/if comments are needed. During the previous session, CSDA reviewed 2,178 bills and published positions on 1,475.

She reminded the attendees that the Special District Leadership Academy will be in San Luis Obispo in September and that the CSDA Annual Conference is in Palm Desert. She also announced that the Board Secretary Conference will be in Santa Barbara in November.

b. Treasurer

President Allen reported that the checking account balance was \$23,225.19. For 2026, 16 districts have paid their regular dues, and three associate members have paid their dues.

7. Old Business

Board Vacancies

President Allen reminded the membership that the board is still looking for a Treasurer to replace Ms. Reade and a Secretary to fill the position vacated by Dr. Allen. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the board at info@sbccsda.org.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Future Agenda Items

Requests for future agenda items should be sent to the chapter at info@sbccsda.org.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Board:	August 5, 2026 – Zoom
Chapter:	October 26, 2026 – Goleta

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Allen, Ph.D., CSDM
Secretary