



**Stanislaus-San Joaquin
Bi-County Special
Districts Association**

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Date/Time: Friday, October 11, 2024 9:30- 11:00 AM.

**Location: Modesto Irrigation District Board Room (1231 11th Street,
Modesto)**

Zoom Link:

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Chapter Website: [Stanislaus-San Joaquin Bi-County Chapter of CSDA
\(specialdistrict.org\)](https://www.stanislaus-san-joaquin-bi-county-chapter-of-csda.org)

Agenda

- 1. Welcome** (*Dana Ferreira, Chapter President, Modesto Irrigation District*)
- 2. Introductions** (*Group*)
- 3. Review/Approve Minutes from June 7, 2024 Meeting** (*Attachment*)
- 4. Guest Speaker:** Assembly Member Juan Alanis, District 22
- 5. CSDA Annual Conference Recap**
- 6. CSDA Legislative Update**
- 7. Local District Roundtable/Updates**
- 8. Wrap – Up/Questions/Next Meeting Place and Time**

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Quarterly Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2024 9:30- 11:00 AM.

**Meeting Location: San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control
District: 7759 S. Airport Way, Stockton**

Zoom Link:

Agenda

- 1. Welcome** (*Dana Ferreira, Chapter President, Modesto Irrigation District*)
Dana called the meeting to order at 9:30am
- 2. Introductions** (*Group*) –
In attendance were: Omar (SJ Mosquito), Katie (SSJID), Raychel (Tracy-Rural Fire), Clint (Stanislaus Consolidated Fire), Dana (MID), Justin (SEWD), Marcus (CSDA), Dane (CSDA), Lori Aubin (The KYA Group), JD Hightower (San Joaquin County LAFCO), Kamal Bagri (San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner), Scot Moody (OID).
- 3. Review/Approve Minutes from March 15, 2024 Meeting** (*Attachment*)
Omar moved approval. Justin seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. Guest Speaker:** San Joaquin County Agricultural Commission, Kamal Bagri
Major crop in Stanislaus – almonds. San Joaquin – many different types of crops grown. Very good soil.
Also weights and measures.
42 staff members – 25 part-time seasonal. \$9.6M budget. Most money comes from unclaimed gas tax revenue. Lot of state projects.
Talked about top ten 10 countries we export to. Most cherries go to Taiwan.
Growers have to get permits to spray pesticides on crops.
- 5. CSDA Legislative Days Recap** (*Discussion*)
Katie, Dana, Raychel and Karin attended CSDA Legislative Days on behalf of the Chapter For feedback, Dana mentioned her request that CSDA alert attendees that they are in a legislative office meeting prior to the event so the attendees can prepare.

Additional feedback from Katie: She really appreciated the policy speakers. She wished she could have heard more of their presentations.

6. Discussion of Chapter Reception for Assembly Member Alanis (Dana)

At Legislative Days, the Chapter attendees broached the idea of organizing a reception/event for Asm. Alanis. He has been supportive of local districts and very responsive to local districts. Attendees thought a local event would help raise the profile of the local Chapter.

Omar supported this idea and the idea to include Asm. Flora was also discussed so as to include San Joaquin County districts in this event. (Alanis covers Stanislaus County only).

A timeframe for this event would be late August or early September. Chapter members recognized the need to coordinate details.

Katie brought up the idea of having local Board members sponsor an event at their homes or other private venue. Dana said she will ask one of her Board Members (Nick Bloom) about potentially hosting such an event.

Overall, there was agreement that this type of event would be beneficial.

Katie suggested that the Chapter produce a letter from us as individuals to reach out to other districts to invite them to this event.

Katie also requested that we put the CSDA Chapter logo on our agendas. Dane will send logo to Raychel for Chapter website.

7. CSDA Legislative Update (Dane Wadle, CSDA)

Marcus from CSDA provided an update on multiple bills that CSDA is tracking or advocating on: Included were (AB 3071, AB 2079: Groundwater Extraction – New requirements on permitting on non-residential wells. Oppose: Another SGMA requirement. SB 1255: Around 3,300 connections. Looks to pull information what it would take to stand up a Low Income program. Around \$240M. CSDA oppose unless amended.

AB 2557: Local agencies contracts for special services: Difficult to contract for almost any services. CSDA opposes. Big priority for CSDA.

SB 252: PERS divestment bill for fossil fuels.

AB 2813: Clean-up bill to ACA 1. Trying to strike 55% threshold for special taxes.

SB 1164: Property tax exemption for newly-constructed ADUs. Oppose

AB 2149: Gates

Dane provided an update on CSDA's advocacy efforts related to the California Business Roundtable initiative.

8. Local District Roundtable/Updates

SEWD: Starting irrigation season. U.S. Senate Butler is recommending a \$23M project to committee for the fish ladder project.

OID: Last month, district reps met with the State Senate Prop Tem and the Lieutenant Governor at the Stanislaus Farm Bureau meeting.

SJ Mosquito: Last week, Eastside Mosquito District had a West Nile case on May 22. Earlier this week, SJ had a West Nile case with a hummingbird. Mosquitos hanging around hummingbird feeders.

San Joaquin LAFCO: clarified a webinar recently which said that LAFCO is the appropriate place to report Brown Act violation. JD says that is not true.

SSJID: Trying to move irrigators from flood irrigation to drip irrigation. Tri-Dam Authority state legislation to move their meetings to Sonora. Last thing: San Joaquin County communicators group meets quarterly.

Raychel: District has some ERAF \$ coming in. Hazmat training last week. Fire hit Tracy last Saturday. (small - 14,000 acres).

Stanislaus Consolidated: Joint Fire Drill at Turlock Lake (Joint with CalFire).

ADU permits are big lately in Riverbank. A lot of tiny home communities coming in. 30 residential permits for Riverbank. Waterford issuing permits. Planned community in Waterford.

MID: Held a tour for a bunch of electeds for electric sustainability project. Launching a new website. AB 460 amended to just be a fee violation bill (good news). It's a penalty bill to help with illegal diverters. Everyone changing position to neutral.

9. KYA Group – Update.

Lori Aubin provided an update on the KYA Group. Surfacing solutions for indoor and outdoor. Manufacturing reps. Did a lot with schools originally. Went to the federal govt and got a GSA contract. Manufacturing reps.

Materials based contract.

Civics Buys – Contract has over 3,500

Does a lot of synthetic turf for schools. Partner with local subs.

Reaching out: If you have a project going on. Looking to add materials to the contract.

Kind of design builds.

The organization has over 200 employees. \$225M in sales. Lori came on board about 6.5 years ago to build up the Central Valley region.

10. Wrap – Up/Questions/Next Meeting Place and Time

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 11th at Modesto Irrigation District.

11. Adjourn – 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.