



# Sonoma-Napa Bi-County Special Districts Association

## Membership Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 25, 2024 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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**This meeting was held virtually**

### Call to Order/Roll Call

#### Roll Call:

Jennifer Bechtold, Ramona Faith, Michael Gadoua, Sage Howell, Brittany Jensen, Wes - Napa County Mosquito, Peter Bonkrude, Reagan Ballo, Jeff Kramarsic, Tamara Davis, Colleen Haley, Ray Peterson, Lucas Patzek, Kiersten Bjorkman

#### I. Open Forum/Public Comment – Ramona Faith, President

There was no comment.

#### II. Discussion and Approval of Chapter Membership for Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Motion to accept the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District into the Chapter made by Jennifer Bechtold and seconded by Tamara Davis.

Membership process was reviewed with the Association.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

##### A. April 25, 2024

Motion to accept the minutes of April 25, 2024 made by Tamara Davis and seconded by Peter Bonkrude.

IV. New Business

A. Change of Executive Board Positions

President: Jennifer Bechtold  
Vice-President: Michael Gadoua  
Secretary: Brittany Jensen  
Treasurer: none  
Member at Large: Tamara Davis

Motion by Peter Bonkrude and seconded by Tamara Davis.

B. Discussion on How Chapter Can Best Serve Sonoma and Napa Special Districts and Future Agenda Topics

Brittany mentioned that she had put together a survey, and while we only received six responses, she shared the feedback received. The survey will be sent out to the full group again now that we have new Napa CSDA members.

Colleen shared how other Chapters thrive and grow. Ramona mentioned she feels it's important to keep bringing forward topics that affect our districts in both Napa and Sonoma County. Jennifer encouraged districts to help increase attendance, whether through peers or bringing new districts into the Chapter.

The Executive Committee will meet to review future speakers and discussion items and then provide recommendations to the group.

Peter suggested inviting all Districts to our meeting to present what their districts do. Michael suggested in-person meetings and feels they are more effective.

Brittany would like to have a discussion next meeting on direct funding and bonds. Lucas asked how CSDA advocates with our lobbyists. Regan suggested hybrid meetings.

C. Special District Spotlight – Featuring Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Brittany gave a very informative presentation on Gold Ridge Resource Conservation and what their district focuses are.

V. CSDA Update: CSDA Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator, Colleen Haley

Colleen noted the California Business Roundtable Initiative has been taken off the ballot by the Supreme Court, due to this being unconstitutional. Also, special districts are getting access to more funding through creation of a definition for special districts

*New Business Continued:*

to be included in the government code. Bill passed the house and is now in the Senate. This would help us get more federal grants and relief.

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting October 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Sonoma County Special Districts meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.