# Record of the Regular Meeting Of the Central Valley Local Chapter of CSDA Board Wednesday March 9, 2018 9:00 a.m.

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1. Call to Order: 9:36am

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Lorenzo Rios

3. Roll Call: Chairman: Lorenzo Rios - Present

Vice-Chair/Secretary: Sandi Miller - Present

Treasurer: Joe Barcelos - Present Trustee: Alan Hofmann - Absent Trustee: Susan Speer - Present

4. Public Comment/Present: Members of the public may speak on any item on the agenda.

No members of the public at this meeting.

## 5. Consent Agenda:

Approval of the minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting of the Board.

Approval of Financial Report: See attached: Joe had nothing to attach at this point. He gave a verbal report: We currently have \$1,135.00 with one deposit to be made in the amount of \$600.00.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Trustee Alan Hofmann, Seconded by Treasurer Joe Barcelos. Motion Carried

#### Old Business Discussion/Action

1. **New Board Member Training:** Chairman Lorenzo will present the outline of the course to the board. *I regret that I was unable to meet with David and Steven. We had been working on this other project for the veterans program. So I do apologize for that.* 

We still have that as a goal. David is very supportive of getting LAFCO on board to support this. Now between last meeting and this I attended the Leadership Academy that CSDA puts on, I will tell you that if you have not attended I will tell you it's a remarkable program. It was 2 days of the best training I have received so far. It's something I tell we should encourage every new GM'S to attend this course. He talked to his board and they are looking to make this required for new board members. The board member that attended with me walked away in awe, he said it answered so many questions for them. They have trying to invent the wheel and discovered that the wheel has already been invented; they even give you a copy to take home. Everyone was very open and sharing information and the staff was incredible. He felt we should continue to provide this but under no circumstance should our training try to replace what CSDA has done. The relationships built at this conference were just as valuable as the training. He feels we could do something locally and that keeps the prices low, I don't think we should do something that is a replica of their training module. But we introduce something that will leverage LAFCO and maybe some basic leadership like a Special Districts 101 and then if they attend ours part of the money goes toward a big price ticket for attending a CSDA conference. This is where LAFCO and our chapter training might bring them in to see the value in the training. I want CSDA to know that the training here in no way will take away from the Leadership Academy course.

He works with a lot of the local business, especially when we are talking about accountants and the law firms in talking with them they told him that when we are ready to host a little conference to let them know. They would love to be sponsors, we could maybe do a \$700.00 sponsorship and they would get a table. That additional money can be used for micro sponsorships to offset the cost of the other conferences so they can see what a value the training is and we will be helping the smaller districts. We can give them even more credit by letting them know about the sponsorship. So it becomes a win win. Lorenzo felt that we do a smaller version to draw out the interest in the full course. He said I'll be honest I feel that I could get the material and walk away understanding it, but that's not the biggest part of it. Talking to other special district managers and finding out what others are interested in and how simple things like the Brown act effects everyone differently. To be honest I don't feel that we can do justice to the program they offer.

- 2. CSDA update: Steven Nascimento of CSDA will be giving us an update. Since we are no longer having our monthly calls to the members, I will start emailing the Big 3 out to my local chapters. Chairman Lorenzo asked if we can post the information onto our web site. Steven thought that it would be fine; the material is all marked with CSDA logos and information. Even if someone that is not a CSDA member receives it, it is still advertising for CSDA. AS long as we leave their logos alone it should be fine.

  The big topics right now are CalPERS, Websites for Special, and Representation on LAFCO. I will be sending out any support letters that CSDA is looking for from the special districts.
- 3. Class Schedule: Setting of the date for the April Budget/Investment class. Vice-chair Sandi Miller shared that it doesn't sound like we will be hosting a conference in April on this, we had talked about a Budget class but everyone is already working on their budget. Chairman Lorenzo Rios most have secured their fourth quarter, are just looking to see if they have any windfalls or shortfalls in their budget. But if they don't have any training they are not going to attend any course. So we should maybe look at the new physical year first quarter, July -September. I still think we need to get some type of training on the books. Sandi said she agreed we need Budgeting and Investments, but since it's too late for this year I'm going to suggest September that way it's still fresh in their minds and not 7or 8 months ago. This would also give her and Joe time to get together and out the class together and the power point presentation on the class. Also Sandra Wheeler was going to attend but she is doing the big ICCFA conference in Hawaii this year, she is unable to attend. Then I also wanted to invite the investment company with CSDA Cal-Trust so we have two different opinions on investing. Neither should change because they are there to promote their company along with the training on how to invest and read the reports. I think this should be in September. Then Steven and I can work with Megan to try and get the Leadership academy here to Clovis in 2019. Steven talked about scholarships for first time attendees and non-CSDA members.
- **4. 501**© **3 Status Up-date:** Treasurer Joe Barcelos will up-date the board on this item. *Not much to update until we have the final papers filled out and ready to go. Then I will need a check to send in with the paper work.*

# **New Business Discussion/Action**

1. **Election of Officers:** Per article 5.4 of our by-laws. Nominations are to be in by the September meeting, Elections to be in December and assuming of office January 1<sup>st</sup>. Since we are still a small group we are unable to follow this. We can move forward at this meeting and the newly elected board would take immediate passion of their new position. This item was moved to the next meeting when we are all present.

### 2. Board Member Reports:

**Lorenzo Rios:** Gave the board a copy of the calendar they are putting out with upcoming events. The events are broken out to the different types of groups. He suggested doing something like this for the chapter.

Sandi Miller: Nothing

Joe Barcelos: Nothing

Alan Hofmann: Absent

Susan Speer: Nothing

## 3. Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted

Sandi Miller

Vice-Chair-recording secretary

Lorenzo Rios

Board Chair