

Central Valley Local Chapter (CVLC) of the California Special District Association
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 6, 2026

LOCATION: Virtual on Microsoft Teams Platform

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman: September Singh Secretary: Chenoa De Freece
President: Amy Cross Trustee: Jodi Holeman
Vice President: Open
Treasurer: Steve Haze

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee: Mark Greenall

OTHERS PRESENT: Erasmo Viveros

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Amy Cross called the meeting to order at: 3:33 PM

2. **WELCOME & ROLE CALL**

3. **GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS:**

After discussions and opportunity for comments, a motion was made to approve the following general consent items:

- a) Approval of Agenda
- b) Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes from October 7th, 2025
- c) Approval of Executive Meeting Schedule for 2026
 - i. January 6th, 2026 3:30pm - 5:00pm
 - ii. April 14th, 2025 3:30pm - 5:00pm
 - iii. July 14th, 2025 3:30pm - 5:00pm
 - iv. October 13th, 2025 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Made by: Cross
Second by: Singh

Aye: Holeman, Haze, De Freece, Cross

4. **TRUSTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

A. Local, State, and Federal Stakeholder Reports

A meeting with our lobbyist took place recently with no updates on a few two year bills in the works.

A first draft of the California budget release is anticipated around January 29th. Expecting

budget caps on bill costs to influence bill progression.

Accessibility compliance under SB 929 and Assembly Bill 434 was discussed, focusing on document accessibility through special district websites required by April 2027.

Made by: Viveros

B. Treasurer's Report

No income and no expenses.

Made by: Haze

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. CALL OF TRUSTEES

A motion was made to welcome new trustees the 2026 CVLC organization year.

Trustee: Veronica Cazares

Trustee: Stephaine Yang

A motion to acknowledge trustee vacancies for the 2026 CVLC organization year.

Trustee: Lorenzo Rios

Trustee: Mia Neunzig

Vice- President: Berta Mims

B. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After discussions and opportunity for comments, a motion was made to elect officers for the 2026 CVLC organization year.

President: Jodi Holeman

Vice President: Mark Greenall

Treasurer: Steve Haze

Secretary: Chenoa De Freece

Made by: Cross

Aye: Haze, De Freece, Holeman,

Second by: Singh

Yang, Cazares

C. Goals and Objectives

i. Review of 2025

The goals of 2025 were to grow board membership (accomplished), expand the website (accomplished), and provide suggested educational seminars (accomplished).

ii. Goals of 2026

Organizational structure: Onboarding new officers earlier than the start of new year to allow proper planning and goal setting.

Succession Planning: As a means to prevent burnout and maintain chapter momentum current trustees proactively recruit replacements to avoid gaps when trustees step down.

Outreach: The chapter will focus on increasing district participation by at least 5% in 2026 using attendance metrics to track progress. Leveraging regional conferences in respected industries, providing brief presentations, and distributing marketing materials to increase chapter visibility.

Event Planning: Create detailed event checklists and training materials outlining tasks like securing speakers, designing flyers, and managing invitations via platforms like Mailchimp and Eventbrite.

Website: Continuous development and updates to website.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Website Review- Continuous development and updates to website (Holeman/ Greenhall).
- b. CVLC-CSDA Bylaw trustee review- focus group (Holeman/ Haze/ Singh).
- c. CVLC-CSDA flair item quotes- Research the cost of high value flair options (De Freece).
- d. Newsletter- Tabled to a further date. For next meeting the creation of pamphlet outreach material will be reviewed (De Freece)

7. Training Requests

- a. Proposed Training Topics to be Adopted (2026):
 - i. 2026 Brown Act Update- Removed from CVLC training list as CSDA Brown Act training is schedule for January 20th, 2026. The local chapter will promote this event. A new event idea- Government Affairs Roundtable Lunch focused on informal regional discussions with staff from vector control, sanitation, water, and veterans memorial districts.
 - ii. Strategic Conversations: Representing Your Agency with Confidence
 - iii. LAFCO
 - iv. Cybersecurity
- b. Proposed Training Dates to be Adopted (2026):

New 1st event date proposed for March instead of February 10th. Other training dates TBA.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:06pm

