Central Valley Local Chapter (CVLC) of the California Special District Association

**Minutes**

February 7, 2023

1. **Agenda Items:**
2. ***Introductions***
	1. Introduction to the Local Chapter: All attendees were asked to introduce themselves, their role, the District they represent, and what their District does.
	2. Introduction of the new CVLC Board
	* Lorenzo Rios, President
	* September Singh, Vice President
	* Steve Haze, Treasurer
	* Berta Mims, Secretary
	* Kristi Robinson, Water Waze
* Lorenzo Rios thanked Jessica Ritter, Site Logiq for sponsoring breakfast. She shared with the group that Site Logiq is dedicated to delivering comprehensive facility solutions that support resiliency, future-proofing, energy savings & sustainability for our clients.
* Lorenzo Rios shared with the group that the goal of the Central Valley Local Chapter is to provide training and interactions with other Districts to be able to apply the training to each respective District. He shared with the group that CSDA has a pricing structure based on budget and that Chris Palmer can add more information.
1. ***Legislative Update by CSDA***
	1. Chris Palmer shared that if your revenue is under $250,000 or under they have the Pay What You Can model.
	2. Budget was introduced by the Governor with a deficit, leaving key funding, and does not touch the reserves. More information will come in May.
	3. AB361- Virtual teleconference meetings were allowed during COVID during the Declaration of Emergency which ends February 28th. Now allows two options: 1. Pre COVID Brown Act Rules 2. AB2249 Which gives some flexibility. Trying to make AB361 permanent for region areas as needed.
	4. California Air Resources Board is trying to implement medium to large fleet sized vehicles have to be zero emission 50% by 2024 and 100% by 2027. CSDAs issues with it is cost, procurement, technology, people to work on them, and what would happen in an emergency.
	5. National Special Districts Coalition, federal lobbying which was taken over by Cole Karr as the Executive Director. Policy priorities include: special district defined in federal statute, water infrastructure and wile fire prevention, ZEV, and more.
	6. Blake Zante shared with the group that they are working on the Farm Bill and Water for CA Act.
	7. Steve Haze asked about the Inflation Reduction Act, and Blake will follow up with Steve and CSDA. Jessica stated that the IRA has some funds for clean energy projects. In the IRA this changed the ability for a special district to get a 30% tax credit for the projects.
	8. Lorenzo Rios asked if there was any movement on the type of vehicles that are allowed for the Public Benefits Program. Jessica stated there is not a lot of flexibility on types of vehicles, but to connect with her individually.
	9. Vivian Cao gave an update from Senator Groves office. The priorities are affordability and inflation, human trafficking, and CPUC hosting information hearing regarding natural gas price hikes.
	10. Alisha Gallon shared the priorities of Senator Patterson making the state legislator work for the public, EDD issues, funding for education/outreach for teaching youth and their parents about fentanyl, and the sentencing for those who sell fentanyl.
2. ***Input for Upcoming Training***
	1. Lorenzo Rios asked the attendees to fill out the half sheets in front of them including 3 training opportunities they would like to see. He shared with the group that the local chapter can come together and give the CSDA a list of things we would like to happen and by coming together we can better advocate for our community as a whole. He shared with the group the Farm Bureaus model for the FAACT class and how the local special districts can do something similar and allow the constituents the ability to learn about special districts.
3. ***Meeting Calendar for the Year***
* 2nd Month of the Quarter, 1st Tuesday
* May 2nd, 2022 10am-12pm, Self Help Enterprises (hosted by Armando)
1. As the host of the meeting Lorenzo Rios shared with the attendees what the Clovis Veterans Memorial District does and the spaces it offers. He took them on a tour of the facility.
2. Lorenzo Rios shared with the attendees that unfortunately Kristi Robinson will not be able to be a part of the Board. Adam Ramos from Calwa Recreation and Park District stated he would be interested. With no objections he was voted to the Board of Directors as a trustee.
3. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.