



2025 San Diego Chapter Directors

- Jose Martinez – President and Board Chair, *Otay Water District General Manager*
- Rachel Mason – First Vice President, *Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District*
- Elaine Sullivan – Second Vice President, *Leucadia Wastewater District Board Member*
- Paulina Martinez-Perez – Secretary, *South Bay Water Board Member*
- Richard Stevenson – Treasurer, *Sweetwater Authority Finance Director*
- Jo MacKenzie – State CSDA Director/Legislative Rep, *Vista Irrigation Dist. Board Member*
- Jack Bebee – Past President, *Fallbrook Public Utility District General Manager*
- Jenny Diaz – Chapter Administrator

MINUTES – January 27, 2025
Meeting held via ZOOM

Directors Present:

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| Jose Martinez | Richard Stevenson |
| Rachel Mason | Jo MacKenzie |
| Elaine Sullivan | Jack Bebee |
| Paulina Martinez-Perez | Jo MacKenzie |

Directors Absent:

None

Staff/Guests Present:

Jenny Diaz

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
- Minutes of the October 28, 2024 meeting
 - Presented for consideration and approval.
 - *First and seconded by Bebee and MacKenzie (respectively), the motion carried unanimously.*
- Items to be added to the Agenda – No items added
- Treasurer’s Report (Stevenson)
 - Approval of Expenditures
 - First and seconded by Paulina Martinez-Perez and Jack Bebee (respectively), the motion carried unanimously.

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- Other Discussion: Rich, Paulina, and Jose were nominated as bank signatories
 - Approve the following list of Executive Board Officers to have access to the Bank of America San Diego County Chapter of the CSDA Checking Account (Account ending in 9148)
 - President – Jose Martinez
 - Secretary – Paulina Martinez-Perez
 - Treasurer – Rich Stevenson
 - First and seconded by Rachel Mason and Paulina Martinez-Perez (respectively), the motion carried unanimously.
- Membership Report (Sullivan)
- Membership – Elaine recommended to compile a list of small districts that are not CSDA members by cross-referencing CSDA membership with LAFCO's special district list. Jo mentioned the San Diego Unified Port District's recent membership in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the potential implications for the district's budget.
 - Scholarships
 - Incentives
Jose and Elaine discussed the challenges of accommodating smaller districts with limited budgets in their meetings. Elaine expressed concern about the potential for a trend of virtual attendance, which could lead to fewer in-person attendees. Jose suggested that the State organization could offer subsidized online training for these smaller districts, focusing on fundamental governance topics.
- State CSDA Report (MacKenzie) – Jo discussed the introduction of Assembly Bill 259, which aims to eliminate the sunset clause from a previous bill.
- Committee Reports
- Grant Committee (Martinez-Perez) – The Grant Awards program, which is now open, has been expanded to include all US high schools, not just California. The program offers scholarships of \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place.
 - Audit Committee (Stevenson) – no report.
 - Nomination Committee (Beebe) – no report.
 - District News Updates (Martinez-Perez) – Paulina stated she would include information about ACWA Region 10 board nominations in the newsletter based on recommendation from the board.
- Quarterly Chapter Meetings (Martinez)
- Thursday, February 27, 2025 Program – Rachel shared her plans for the quarterly chapter meetings, including a panel of fire captains.
 - Site Logic has offered to host the happy hour and the board agreed to try out with two drinks per person. This is done with other chapters. The team discussed the financial aspects of their dinner meetings. They noted that they were getting 95% of their payments through the credit card portal, reducing the need for bank visits. They also discussed the possibility of applying a surplus to future dinners to offset costs. The team agreed to keep the current cost of \$80 per person for the next dinner, pending further review in February. Based on this the happy hour

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would start at 5:45pm instead of 6pm. The dinner program would still begin at the normal 6:45pm.

- Location – The Butcher Shop
- Elections – No report

- New Business
 - There was a discussion on the status of COWU and the lunches going forward.

- Next Executive Board meeting is set for April 21, 2025, via Zoom.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Diaz