



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 District Board Member*
- Jack Bebee – Past President, *Fallbrook Public Utility District General Manager*
- Teresa Penunuri – Chair, Water Utilities Committee, *Santa Fe Irrigation District*
- Jenny Diaz – Chapter Administrator

MINUTES – July 21, 2025
Meeting held via Zoom

Directors Present:

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

Directors Absent:

Paulina Martinez-Perez

Staff/Guests Present:

Jenny Diaz

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.
- Items to be added to the Agenda – No items added.
- Treasurer’s Report (*Stevenson*)
 - Approval of Expenditures
 - Rich covered income and expenses for May and June, including membership dues and lunch meetings.
- Membership Report (*Sullivan*)
 - Membership – Elaine reported no new membership applications, though she continues to reach out to potential members during meetings.

The minutes presented herewith are not a verbatim transcription of the Executive Board meeting. The intent is to provide a synopsis of key points of discussion and to chronicle decisions and actions taken by a quorum of the Board of Directors.

- Scholarships – The board approved a \$2,025 donation to CSDA for the 2025 fiscal year, maintaining a similar level to last year's, \$2,324.
- State CSDA Report (*MacKenzie*)
- The team discussed two legislative matters affecting special districts. Jo reported that a bill opposing special district funding had passed committees and was moving forward, with opposition from organizations including CSDA and CMUA due to concerns about onerous requirements and unclear definitions. Jose highlighted SB 707, which imposes new Brown Act requirements on public meetings for special districts serving populations over 200,000, expressing concerns about the potential for expanding these requirements to smaller districts and the added workload this would create.
 - The team discussed the need for a ceremonial check to be presented at the upcoming CSDA conference, with Rachel confirmed to represent the group at the Member Forum. The presentation is scheduled for the last afternoon of the conference, likely on Wednesday.
 - The group discussed travel arrangements for the upcoming conference, noting significant challenges with limited flights and hotel availability. Elaine shared a previous experience where a bellman arranged transportation when regular options were unavailable, emphasizing the importance of advance planning. Jo recommended JSX, a private jet-style service from San Jose, as a cost-effective alternative that saved time and money compared to driving or flying into Monterey.
- Committee Reports
- Grant Committee (*Martinez-Perez*) – No report.
 - Audit Committee (*Stevenson*) – Rich indicated he might have an audit report for the next meeting.
 - Nomination Committee (*Bebee*) – Jack announced that nominations for the positions of Second VP and Secretary will take place in November, with elections following in November.
 - District News Updates (*Martinez-Perez*) – No report.
- Quarterly Chapter Meetings (*Martinez*)
- Teresa reported on the Water Utilities Committee transition, noting their next speaker would be Jenny Pierre from State Water Contractors in September, and they decided to schedule a meeting in January to discuss Colorado River issues.
 - The next dinner meeting is scheduled for August 21, beginning at 5:45 pm. Given that this dinner will be sponsored by ESG (Energy Systems Group), it was discussed that the arrangements would be handled outside the Butcher Shop with the sponsor gathering at the bar inside the room.
 - Rachel shared insights from a presentation by San Diego County Public Health Department on health disparities and data collection methods, emphasizing the importance of understanding data sources for program planning. The group discussed the value of data-driven decision-making and the upcoming General Manager Summit, with Rachel highlighting a particularly engaging session on AI and deep fakes. Participants expressed interest in future GM Summits and shared experiences of past events.
 - Location – The Butcher Shop
 - Elections – No report.

- New Business
 - Jo shared the proposed candidates for Region 10 Aqua region positions, including Scott Maloney, Dana Friedhoff, Jose, and Alexandra Burtner.
- Next Executive Board meeting is set for October 20, 2025, via Zoom.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Diaz