

## **Agenda Item 8F**



## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Board of Directors

**PREPARED BY:** Steven Palmer, PE, General Manager *SP*

**SUBJECT:** Nomination of a Representative to California Special District Association Board of Directors

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Board discussion and action regarding the nomination of a representative to the California Special District Association (CSDA) Board of Directors.

### **BACKGROUND**

CSDA is seeking nominations for representatives to their Board of Directors (Attachment 1). Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) is in the Sierra Network and the term for Seat C has ended. CSDA is accepting nominations from member districts in the Sierra Network for this seat. DSPUD may nominate one of its' own Board members for the CSDA Board. The incumbent to this seat is Pete Kampa from Groveland Community Services District and he is running for re-election.

Members of the CSDA Board need to be interested in the issues confronting special districts state wide and are expected to:

- Attend all board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
  - (CSDA reimburses directors for their related expenses for board and committee meetings as outlined in board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events:
  - Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the Spring
  - CSDA Annual Conference - held in the Summer/Fall.
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.

Note: CSDA does not reimburse expenses for the CSDA conferences or academy classes even if a board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event.

Nominations are due by April 10, 2026. Once nominations are collected, CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 9, 2026.

**DISCUSSION**

A nomination may be made by minute action of the Board.

Following action by the Board, the nominee will need to complete the Candidate Information Sheet in Attachment 1.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If a representative from DSPUD is nominated and elected, their expenses to travel and attend the required conferences and leadership academy would be reimbursable from DSPUD.

**CEQA ASSESSMENT**

This is not a CEQA Project

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. CSDA Call for Nomination

# **Attachment 1**

**CSDA****California Special  
Districts Association***Districts Stronger Together*

**DATE:** February 9, 2026

**TO:** CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers

**FROM:** CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

**SUBJECT:** **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
SEAT C**

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The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2027 - 2029 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent.  
(See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, professional development, and other resources for members. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

**Commitment and Expectations:**

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.  
*(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).*
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*

**Nomination Procedures:** Any Regular Member district in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 10, 2026. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: 916.442.7889  
E-mail: [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net)

**Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.**

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 9, 2026. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2026. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 31, 2026. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the CSDA Annual Conference in Palm Desert, CA in August 2026.

#### Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

<b>Northern Network</b>	Seat C – Fred Ryness, Director, Burney Water District*
<b>Sierra Network</b>	Seat C – Pete Kampa, General Manager, Groveland Community Services District*
<b>Bay Area Network</b>	Seat C – Antonio Martinez, Director, Contra Costa Water District*
<b>Central Network</b>	Seat C – Curtis Jorritsma, General Manager, Hilmar County Water District*
<b>Coastal Network</b>	Seat C – Vince Ferrante, Director, Moss Landing Harbor District*
<b>Southern Network</b>	Seat C – Nikki Winslow, District Director, Altadena Library District*

(\* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

**CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely.** *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 9, 2026. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2026.*

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net) **by April 24, 2026** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

**CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 9, 2026 per district request only.**

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net).



**California Special  
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**2027-2029 TERM BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM**

**Name of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Network:** \_\_\_\_\_ (see map)

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form, a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate, and  
Candidate Information Sheet by mail or email to:**

CSDA  
Attn: Amber Phelen  
1112 I Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(877) 924-2732

amberp@csda.net

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:***

**April 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**



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**2027-2029 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected/Appointed/Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service with District: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What other state-wide associations have you been involved with? (such as CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. List your local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

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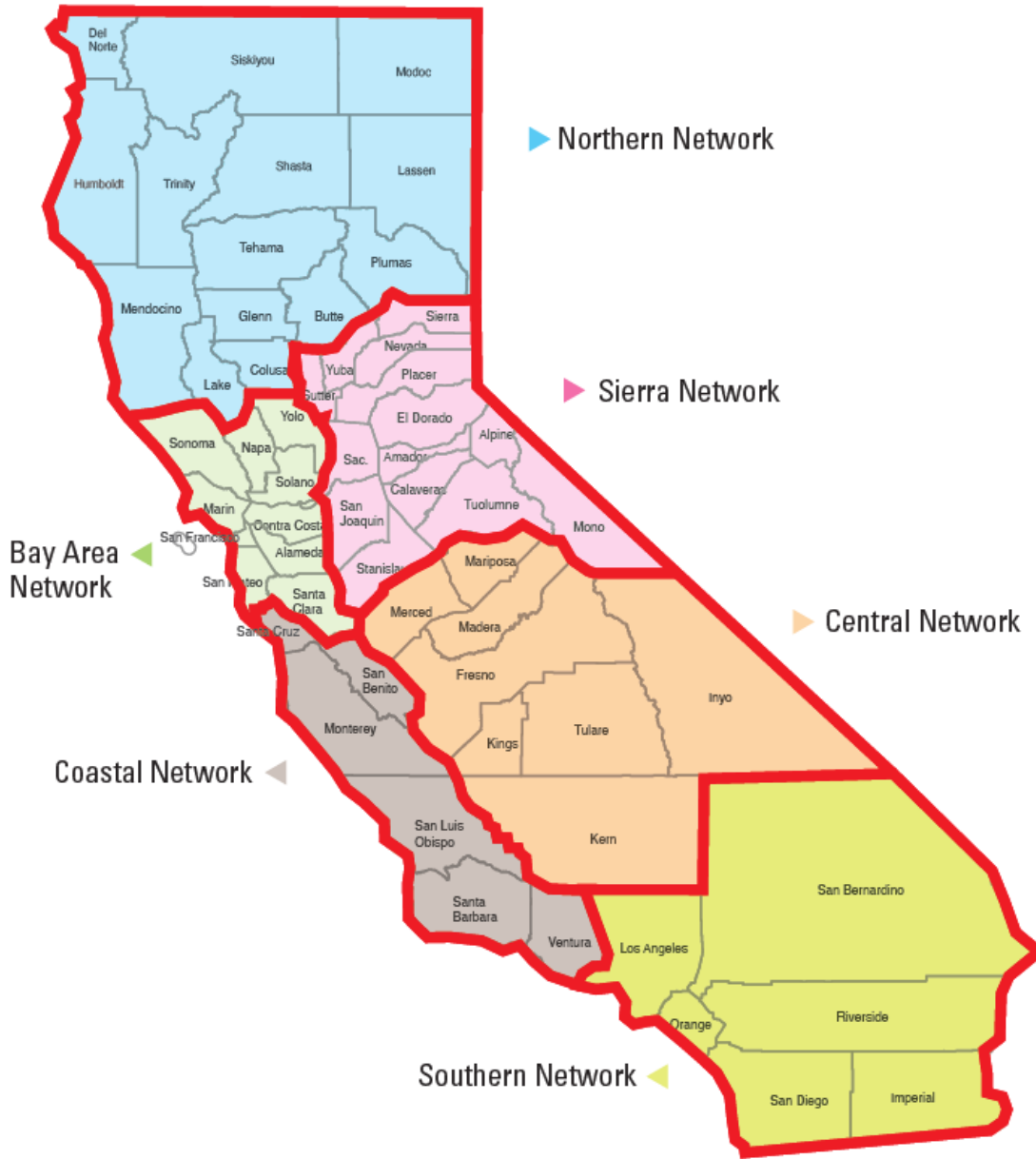
4. List your involvement in civic and/or non-profit organization:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Candidate Statement – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after the nomination deadlines will not be included with the ballot.**



California Special Districts Association  
**DISTRICT NETWORKS**



**2026 Board of Directors by Networks**

**Northern Network**

Greg Orsini, *McKinleyville Community Service District*  
 Fred Ryness, *Burney Water District*  
 Kevin Phillips, *Paradise Irrigation District*

**Sierra Network**

Steve Palmer, *Donner Summit Public Utilities District*  
 Pete Kampa, *Groveland Community Services District*  
 Noelle Mattock, *El Dorado Hills Community Services District*

**Bay Area Network**

Kathryn Slater-Carter, *San Mateo County Harbor District*  
 Ryan Clausnitzer, *Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District*  
 Antonio Martinez, *Contra Costa Water District*

**Central Network**

Curtis Jorritsma, *Hilmar County Water District*  
 Patrick Ostly, *North of River Sanitary District*  
 Lorenzo Rios, *Clovis Veterans Memorial District*

**Coastal Network**

Scott Duffield, *Heritage Ranch Community Services District*  
 Vincent Ferrante, *Moss Landing Harbor District*  
 Elaine Magner, *Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*

**Southern Network**

Don Bartz, *Phelon Pinon Hills Community Services District*  
 Jo MacKenzie, *Vista Irrigation District*  
 Nikki Winslow, *Altadena Library District*