

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Staff Report

TO: Chair Faltings and Board of Directors

FROM: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager

PREPARED BY: Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant to the General Manager

DATE: February 23, 2022

SUBJECT: California Special Districts Association Board of Directors
Call for Nominations – Seat B

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors consider whether to nominate, by resolution, a fellow LARPD Director or the General Manager for election to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors –Seat B, Bay Area Network, for the 2023-2025 term.

BACKGROUND: CSDA has an opening on its state Board of Directors for a representative from LARPD’s area (Bay Area Network – Seat B). Incumbent Ryan Clausnitzer, GM of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District is running for re-election. The attached memorandum from CSDA calls for nominations and describes the responsibilities of serving on the CSDA Board, as well as the nomination procedures.

The deadline for receiving nominations is March 31, 2022. Staff will send the nomination form and supporting documentation if the Board nominates a candidate.

Attachment: CSDA Memorandum of February 15, 2022

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CSDA Board of Directors Call for Nominations - Seat B

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Deadline: Coastal Network April 11, 2022. All Other Networks March 31, 2022.

The California Special Districts Association Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for independent special district board members or their general managers who are interested in leading the direction of CSDA for the 2023 - 2025 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 they seek to represent (see the [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, education, and resources. The CSDA 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 summer/fall. (CSDA does not reimburse travel related expenses for the two conferences even if a board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event; however, does comp registration for the two events.)
- 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.)
- Complete Annual Chief Executive Officer Evaluation.

Please review the [CSDA Board Policy 2.16 Board Commitments & Responsibilities](#).

Contact us



NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Any Regular Member 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 Form. The deadline for receiving nominations for the Northern, Sierra, Bay Area, Central and Southern Networks is March 31, 2022. Due to the current vacancy in the Coastal Network, the deadline for receiving nominations for the Coastal Network is April 11, 2022. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: 916.442.7889

Email: 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 2, 2022. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 8, 2022. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 12, 2022. All selected CSDA Board Members will be introduced at the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase in Palm Desert, CA in August 2022.

EXPIRING TERMS

Northern Network Seat B – Kim Seney, Director, Gold Mountain Community Services District*

Sierra Network Seat B – Jerry Gilmore, Director, Truckee Sanitary District*

Bay Area Network Seat B – Ryan Clausnitzer, GM, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District*

Central Network Seat B – Lorenzo Rios, GM, Clovis Veterans Memorial District*

Coastal Network Seat B – **Vacant**

Southern Network Seat B – Don Bartz, GM, Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services 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 2, 2022.* All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 8, 2022.

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail amberp@csda.net **by March 31, 2022** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 2, 2022 per district request only.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at amberp@csda.net.

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Policy 2.16: Board Commitments & Responsibilities

Overview:

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring the Association's long-term financial stability and integrity. Directors ensure the Association fulfills its mission to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy and other services for all types of independent special districts. In order to foster the Association's continued viability and growth, effective member engagement and sufficient revenue are essential. Accordingly, Directors pledge to be active participants and promote the Association and its services.

Core Commitments:

1. Support the approved CSDA mission statement, vision statement, and Board beliefs.
2. Advocate for the Association and its members.
3. Serve as a part of a unified governing body.
4. Govern within Board policies, standards and ethics.
5. Dedicate the time and energy necessary to be effective.
6. Represent and make policy decisions based on the impact to the entire special districts community.
7. Respect the individual views of Directors, then collectively support Board decisions.
8. Communicate as a cohesive Board of Directors with a common vision and voice.
9. Operate with the highest standards of integrity and trust.

Date Approved: 11/8/2013

Date Amended: 03/13/2015, 11/13/15, 09/02/16, 01/20/17, 01/19/18, 1/17/2020



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Duties & Responsibilities:

General Participation

1. Regularly attend Board meetings – a Board member may be dismissed after three unexcused absences.
2. Actively participate in decision-making by being familiar with issues and prepared to address all agenda items.
3. Participate in setting CSDA policy, budget approval and establishing the direction for the Association through the Strategic Plan.
4. Actively participate as a member of at least one and no more than two CSDA committees – Board Officers may participate in more than two committees as required in the CSDA Bylaws and Board Policy Manual.
5. Attend the Association's annual conference and legislative days and participate in other meetings/events.

Governance & Training

1. Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) within 2 years of being elected/appointed to the CSDA Board of Directors prior to the expiration of a CSDA Board Member's full-term of office. If not completed by the end of the full-term, the CSDA Board Member shall be ineligible to run for re-election on the CSDA Board of Directors unless they are registered to attend the next available SDLA event.
2. Attend Board member orientation training provided by CSDA.
3. Provide CSDA electronic certificates for posting on the CSDA website indicating current and successful completion of AB1234 (Ethics Training), AB1825 (Harassment Prevention Training), and graduation from the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA).

Association Programs

1. Actively understand and encourage participation in CSDA partner programs (SDRMA, CSDA Finance Corporation, SDLF) as well as other CSDA endorsed services within your district, chapter, Network service area and statewide.

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CEO Performance Evaluation

1. Complete and submit the annual Chief Executive Officer (CEO) performance evaluation form by the designated due date. A written request to be excused from submitting the CEO evaluation form may be submitted to the CSDA President for consideration. The CSDA President shall determine if the request is approved or denied using Board Policy: 2.17-Excused Absences as guidance. If the CEO evaluation is not completed by a CSDA Board Member that has not been excused, that individual shall be ineligible to run for re-election on the CSDA Board of Directors upon completion of their term.

Advocacy, Recruitment & Retention

1. Encourage timely responses from your district and service area to CSDA legislative calls to action and other grassroots efforts. Play an active grassroots role within your service area and participate in grassroots campaigns coordinated by CSDA.
2. Advocate for CSDA with an emphasis on building relationships and furthering the understanding/awareness of special districts and the Association within your service area, chapter and statewide.
3. Promote CSDA membership and engagement opportunities in ways appropriate within your service area (i.e. sponsorships, advertisers, exhibitors, speakers, professional development opportunities, services, programs, etc.).

Finance

1. Read and understand CSDA financial statements and otherwise assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility.

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