



**California Special  
Districts Association**

*Districts Stronger Together*

**DATE:** February 10, 2025

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

**FROM:** CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

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

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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 2026 - 2028 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 in the Northern Network is April 21, 2025. The deadline for receiving nominations in all other Networks is April 11, 2025. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

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***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 10, 2025. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 25, 2025. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 29, 2025. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Monterey, CA in August 2025.

#### **Expiring Terms**

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

<b>Northern Network</b>	Seat B – Kim Seney, Director, Gold Mountain Community Services District
<b>Sierra Network</b>	Seat B – Jerry Gilmore, Director, Truckee Sanitary District*
<b>Bay Area Network</b>	Seat B – Ryan Clausnitzer, General Manager, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District*
<b>Central Network</b>	Seat B – Lorenzo Rios, CEO, Clovis Veterans Memorial District*
<b>Coastal Network</b>	Seat B – Scott Duffield, General Manager, Heritage Ranch Community Services District*
<b>Southern Network</b>	Seat B – Don Bartz, General Manager, 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 10, 2025.** All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 25, 2025.

*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 25, 2025** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

**CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 10, 2025 per district request only.**

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