

**California Special Districts Association**

**Board of Directors – Seat B**

**2019 Election**

**Official Ballot**



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### 2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Ginger Root

District/Company: Country Club Sanitary District

Title: GM / Clerk of the Board

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Appointed

Length of Service with District: 20+ years

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

CSDA Board representative  
Audit Committee (Chair) Finance Committee

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

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

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4. List civic organization involvement:

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Name: GINGER ROOT

District/Company: LINCOLN RURAL COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Title: CAO / CLERK OF THE BOARD

Elected/Appointed/Staff: STAFF

Length of Service with District: 02/05/1975 TO PRESENT

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

DIRECTOR FOR CSDA - AUDIT COMMITTEE - FISCAL COMMITTEE

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

NO

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

4. List civic organization involvement:

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**Sierra Network Seat – B**

**Candidate Statement – Ginger Root**

I have worked with Special Districts since January 1, 1976 as a Board Clerk, and now a CAO for three Fire Districts, Board Clerk for a fourth Fire District, and a Board Clerk and GM for a Sanitary District. in San Joaquin County. I am a nonvoting member of the three Fire District Boards of Directors. I was Treasurer of the San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association for 27 years. I worked with the Special Fire Districts as a participant and a discussion contributor when writing SB 515 the "Fire Protection District Law of 1987". I have been a member to the CSDA Board for three terms and two appointed years. I served as Treasurer for two years. California Special Districts Association is growing and developing in a very positive way and I am privileged to serve on the Board and would like to continue to do so this coming term. I respectfully request that you support me and vote for me.

Thank you,  
Ginger Root



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

Name: Chris Burns

District/Company: Reclamation District 1000

Title: Trustee

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Nov 2017

Length of Service with District: 1.5 years

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

2018 CSDA Annual Conference - Indian Wells.

CSDA Gold Country Regional Chapter Workshop Jan 2019

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

Not as a member or elected, but have worked with many  
during my career - RLRC, CSAC, League and ACWA

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

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

4. List civic organization involvement:

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## **Chris Burns**

Candidate for Sierra Network Seat B  
Board of Directors  
California Special Districts Association

### **Endorsed by:**

- Senator Jim Nielsen
- Stanislaus County Supervisor Tom Berryhill
- Stanislaus County Supervisor Kristin Olsen

Chris will bring over 25 years of Legislative experience and perspective to the CSDA Board of Directors. He wants to use his experience to help CSDA staff and members outreach and advocate for special districts before the Legislature.

He has lived in the Sacramento region for over 30 years where he began working at the California State Legislature after graduating from the University of California Davis with a political science degree. He was elected to the Reclamation District 1000 Board of Trustees in November 2017.

Chris understands the unique role special districts play in providing vital services to our communities. He has worked in various positions for many Legislators who represented rural areas in Calaveras, Stanislaus, Amador, Tuolumne, Kern, San Luis Obispo, and San Bernardino Counties.

In addition to his work on legislation and budget issues, he currently serves as a Consultant to Senators serving on the Senate Rules Committee. In this capacity, he evaluates the Governor's Agency Secretaries, Department Directors and other boards and commissions appointees such as CAL FIRE, State Water Resources Control Board, and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency. He advises Senators on the competency of the Governor's appointee and recommends if they should be confirmed.

Please contact Chris with any questions: [CBurns@RD1000.org](mailto:CBurns@RD1000.org) or 916.600.8426.

### **Voting Begins June 17<sup>th</sup> and ends August 9, 2019**

Districts will be emailed their ballot on or before June 17<sup>th</sup>. Any questions on the ballots and voting, contact Amber Phelen at CSDA.  
[amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net)

### **CSDA Sierra Network consists of the following Counties:**

Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Yuba.



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## 2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Jessica Dias  
District/Company: Fulton - El Camino Rec District  
Title: Vice - Chair (BOD)  
Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected  
Length of Service with District: 1 year

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

Will be attending July conference

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

No

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

No

4. List civic organization involvement:

NA

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## Candidate Statement

Jessica Dias -Fulton El Camino Recreation and Park District Director

I'm new to public service, but not to leadership roles. I've spent the last 20 years in the insurance industry in a variety of leadership positions; both executive and strategic. In the past year that I have served on the Board of Directors for Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District, I have been amazed and humbled by the ingenuity, passion and commitment of our special district. I have no doubt these qualities exist across all special districts in California. While I am still learning, I'd bring a fresh perspective and strong leadership skills to this role. I look forward to learning more about all independent special districts inside and outside the Sierra network and supporting your district as a Board Member for the CSDA.





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## 2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: JERRY GILMORE

District/Company: TRUCKEE SANITARY DISTRICT

Title: DIRECTOR

Elected/Appointed/Staff: ELECTED

Length of Service with District: 25 YEARS

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

ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCES

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

CASA (CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SANITATION AGENCIES)

CSRM (CALIFORNIA SANITATION RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY)

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

5 YEARS ON CONGRESSMAN TOM MCINTOCKS'

MILITARY AGENCY ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REVIEW BOARD

4. List civic organization involvement:

CIVIL AIR PATROL - BOIN SENIOR & CADET PROGRAMS

US NAVAL SEA CADET SENIOR OFFICER

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY - FAST DIVISION COMMANDER

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## **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION/CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT**

### **JERRY L. GILMORE/TRUCKEE SANITARY DISTRICT**

My name is Jerry Gilmore. I am submitting this application to represent the Sierra Network on the CSDA Board of Directors.

I have served on the Truckee Sanitary District Board of Directors for twenty five years and was recently re-elected for a seventh term. Our District has received fifteen local and state "Collection System of the Year" awards from the California Water Environment Association, including three "Best of the Best" recognitions and numerous individual and safety awards. I mention these recognitions as a team member of a very successful board.

I am a U.S. Navy, Vietnam veteran and have remained actively involved with military associated organizations over the years, including the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, and currently, as the immediate Past Division Commander in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I currently serve as a Field Admissions Representative for the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. I am also a long-time member of Congressman Tom McClintock's Academy Admissions Review Panel.

My wife, Judy, and I have lived in Truckee for over 40 years. I am a California licensed contractor and own a successful business in Tahoe/Truckee.

I have always made it a priority to be an involved community member. That involvement includes: Town of Truckee Incorporation Committee, CATT formation team, River Oaks Homeowners Board, Glenshire Mutual Water Company Board, as well as many School District programs/committees. After attending numerous CSDA conferences, I have seen the value CSDA brings to the community of special districts, and would like to become more involved.

I understand the commitment and expectations of this position and pledge to live by those standards. I ask for your support.

Thank you,

Jerry L. Gilmore



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## **2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**

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

**Name:** Patrick Larkin

**District/Company:** Cordova Recreation and Park District

**Title:** General Manager

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Appointed

**Length of Service with District:** two years and two months

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

Attended CSDA General Manager Summit and CSDA Conference  
Attended Ethics training  
Hosted a park tour for CSDA members and staff  
Featured article on Heron Landing Park on CSDA website and magazine.

**Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

CA Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 2 President

National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) Certified Park and Recreation Professional

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

CRPD Board members appointed to:  
Sacramento LAFCO- Special District Advisory Committee  
CA Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD)  
Sacramento County Consolidated Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board  
CA Association of Park & Recreation Commissioners & Board Members (CAPRCBM Board)

**1. List civic organization involvement:**

Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce -Leadership Rancho Cordova class 13

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2729 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 230  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
(916) 842-3300

Patrick Larkin  
General Manager  
Cordova Recreation and Park District  
Candidate Statement

I have been a member of CSDA for 14 years. I have learned a lot from the educational opportunities CSDA provides. The assets I would bring to the CSDA Board of Directors if elected include having strong interpersonal communication and relationship building skills. I will work well with other Board members to set and achieve realistic goals that benefit the CSDA membership. I am an active listener, in that, I believe you can learn a lot more by listening than by speaking. I have a good sense of humor and love to work in high functioning teams. I am also a maximizer. I use this strength to take something good to something superb. I want to hear what the CSDA members want and need and plan to address the wants and needs to best serve as a Board Member representing the Sierra Network.

I enjoy building relationships with others which is the foundation of any successful organization. I am a good coach and mentor and enjoy developing people. I will use my communication strengths to advocate and pull out the wants and needs of the membership and work with the CSDA Board to address them and look to solve problems or issues of concern.



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

Name: Nancy Mora  
District/Company: Groveland Community Services District  
Title: Director / Vice-President  
Elected/Appointed/Staff: Appointed  
Length of Service with District: 14 months

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

No

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

No

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

No

4. List civic organization involvement:

Member PML Airport Association

Substitute reader at Groveland library (read to preschoolers Fri. am's)  
Wheels driver at SSSI, driving seniors to appointments, errands, etc.

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Special Districts Governance Award 3-26-19

2019 Spec. Dist. Leadership Academy Advanced Coursework Apr 7-10, 2019

2018 " " " " Apr 15-18, 2018

April 15, 2019

Nancy Mora  
Candidate Statement  
2019 CSDA Board Candidate

I would like to be considered as a Board Member with CSDA. I am currently a Board Member at the Groveland Community Services District. I joined the Board in February of 2018 after another member resigned. I have always been one to be involved in my community, and figured this was a great way to do just that. During the time I've been serving on the Board, I've worked to learn as much as I can, completing the following courses:

2018 Special District Leadership Academy – April 15-18, 2018

Special Districts Governance Award – March 26, 2019

2019 Special Districts Leadership Academy Advanced Coursework – April 7-10, 2019

A little bit about me. I was born and raised in North Dakota and met my husband there, who was in the military. The Air Force is what brought us to California. While based in Merced, CA we visited this sleepy little town called Groveland, and decided then we would retire here in the mountains. We bought a piece of land in 1986 planning to do just that, moved up here full time in 2016 and love it.

The majority of my career was spent in the printing industry. I worked for a large, commercial printing company located in Merced for thirty years. Most of that time was in Customer Service, first as a representative, then a team leader, and finally as department manager. My husband and I also own two UPS Stores. I realize neither of these relate exactly to water/sewer/fire/park district, but hopefully it shows that I'm a dedicated worker and ideally, that I have a good sense of business.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Nancy Mora



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## 2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET<sup>1</sup>

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

Name: Cynthia Gaylors  
District/Company: Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Title: Director, Division 1  
Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected  
Length of Service with District: First elected 12/2018

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

N/A

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

N/A

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

N/A

4. List civic organization involvement:

N/A

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CINTHIA SAYLORS

My name is Cinthia Saylor. I was elected as Director for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Division 1, in December 2018. I served the public for nearly 24 years with the City of Sacramento Fire Department, retiring in 2011. I love and understand the fire service, and held many ranks while working. I spent my career doing and learning as much as I could about the job, the brother/sisterhood, and the changes technology brought and are still bringing to the job. I have put out fires, sat on committees with Chiefs, and testified during court trials.

In addition to my professional career, I have lived in the Rio Linda/Elverta area for nearly 30 years. I love the rural feel of the area and my horses like it too. I have witnessed the changes within our community, and the growth of the population in a rural community and the changes that growth brings. That knowledge and understanding will further assist me if elected to serve as the Board Member for CSDA's Sierra Network.

With my background, training, and experience I know I can be an effective Board Member for the California Special District Association. As an elected member of a special district, I know that agencies like CSDA help local leaders magnify their positions and give them the tools to be successful. I want to be a part of that!

Thank you for reading this and thank you for your vote.



# CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019 ELECTION



**SIERRA  
NETWORK**

**SEAT B**  
term ends 2022

*Please vote for only one.*

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**Ginger Root\***

*General Manager, Country Club  
Sanitary District*

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**Chris Burns**

*Trustee, Reclamation District 1000*

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**Jessica Dias**

*Vice-Chair, Fulton-El Camino  
Recreation District*

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**Jerry Gilmore**

*Director, Truckee Sanitary District*

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**Patrick Larkin**

*General Manager, Cordova  
Recreation and Park District*

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**Nancy Mora**

*Director/Vice-President,  
Groveland Community  
Service District*

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**Cinthia Saylor**

*Director, Sacramento Metropolitan  
Fire District*

*All fields must be completed for ballot to be counted.*

*\*Incumbent running for re-election*

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

MEMBER DISTRICT:

Must be received by 5pm, August 9, 2019. CSDA, 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814