



ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 3, 2026  
TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: Tim Deutsch, General Manager  
SUBJECT: California Special Districts Association, Board of Directors Call for Nominations

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has sent out the attached Board of Directors "Call for Nominations" for director positions for the 2027-2029 Term. This is for Seat C.

If the District is interested in nominating a Trustee or another member of another special district in the Southern Network, then the Board will need to take action and submit the application and a copy of the minute action to CSDA before the deadline of April 10, 2026.

Attached in the letter from CSDA is a summary of the commitment and expectations of being a Board of Director. There are also copies of the nomination form and candidate information sheet which is required of the potential candidate.

Once CSDA has closed the nominations, the District will be notified that the web-based online voting system is available. Electronic ballots will be mailed out to the District on June 9 2026. All votes will be cast electronically in the system no later than 5:00 pm on July 24, 2026. The successful candidate will be notified and then introduced at the Annual Conference.

Staff recommends that the Board consider any candidates to nominate, however if you know of someone outside of the District, please discuss it with him/her prior to nominating their name at the Board meeting. If there is no one the District wishes to nominate, then there will be no action taken.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Board discuss and support the nomination of a candidate for the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network – Seat C.

Attachment: CSDA Call for Nominations Letter and Form

Cemetery Locations

Anaheim Cemetery  
1400 E. Sycamore St.  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
(714) 535-4928

El Toro Memorial Park  
25751 Trabuco Rd.  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
(949) 951-8244

Santa Ana Cemetery  
1919 E. Santa Clara Ave.  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 953-2959



**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).



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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@csla.net

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:***

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



## 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.):

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

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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:

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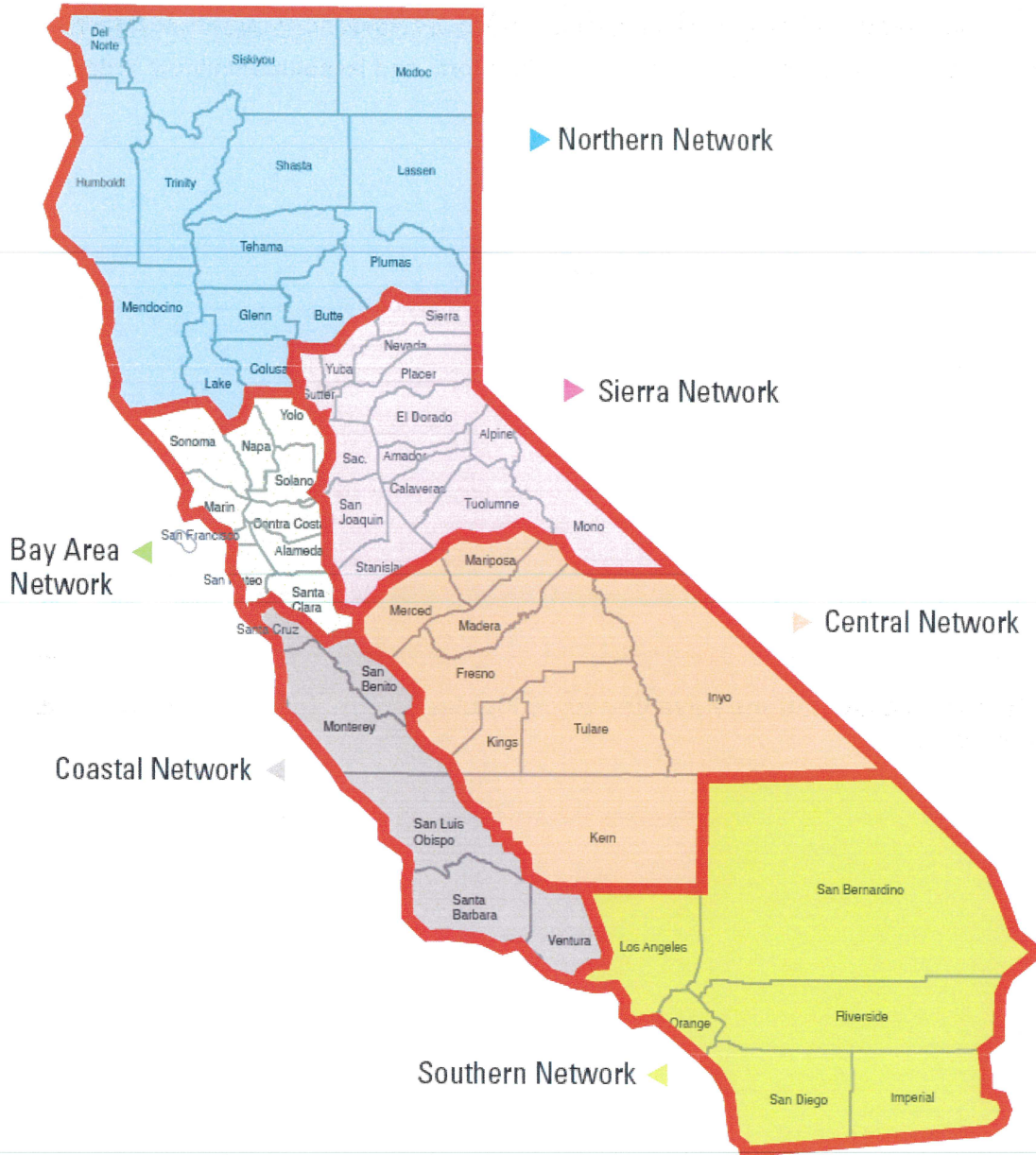
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**\*\*Candidate Statement – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after the nomination deadlines will not be included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

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