



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
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**Agenda Item:** 4 - Establish 2024 Board Elections Timeline

**Item Type:** Discussion/Action

**Submitted By:** Amber Phelen, Management Analyst

**Presented By:** Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer

**Strategic Plan Reference:** 1. Association Governance;  
7. Management/Administration

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**BACKGROUND:**

The nomination process for the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A election is quickly approaching. CSDA Bylaws direct that the Election & Bylaws Committee shall set the timeline for elections each year. Below is a staff recommended timeline for the nomination and election process that complies with the noticing periods outlined in the CSDA bylaws. The timeline works backwards from the CSDA Annual Conference start date which is September 9, 2024 this year.

**February 5**                    **Nomination applications mailed and emailed out**  
125 days to election start on June 9; bylaws requirement = at least 120 days.

**April 10**                    **Nomination application deadline**  
61 days to election start; bylaws requirement = at least 60 days prior to election.

**April 20**                    **Nomination application deadline – Coastal Network**  
Per CSDA Bylaws, the deadline shall be extended by 10 days in a Network where there is no incumbent re-running.

**June 10**                    **Electronic ballot voting begins – current Regular Members**

**July 26**                    **Deadline to receive electronic ballots - current Regular Members**  
45 days until conference; bylaws requirement = at least 45 days.

**July 29 or 30**              **Count ballots and inform candidates of win/loss**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None at this time.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A regular election timeline as presented.



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**Agenda Item:** 5 – Review & Approve 2024 Election Materials

**Item Type:** Discussion/Action

**Submitted By:** Amber Phelen, Management Analyst

**Presented By:** Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer

**Strategic Plan Reference:** 1. Association Governance;  
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**BACKGROUND:**

Attached is a draft of the nomination letter, form, and candidate information sheet which would be sent out to CSDA voting members in good standing for all six Networks as part of the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A election.

Additionally, the background information that will be mailed with the ballots is included. A current list of Board Members and their terms are also attached. Seat A Board Members are up for re-election.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The annual CSDA Board election process is a 2024 budgeted item.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A election nomination letter, nomination form, candidate information sheet, and ballot letter to be sent to all voting Regular CSDA Members in good standing.



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**DATE:** February 5, 2024  
**TO:** CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers  
**FROM:** CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee  
**SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
SEAT A**

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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 2025 - 2027 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, 2024. 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 10, 2024. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 26, 2024. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 30, 2024. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Indian Wells, CA in September 2024.

#### **Expiring Terms**

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

<b>Northern Network</b>	Seat A – Greg Orsini, Director, McKinleyville Community Services District*
<b>Sierra Network</b>	Seat A – Noelle Mattock, El Dorado Hills Community Services District*
<b>Bay Area Network</b>	Seat A – Chad Davisson, General Manager, Ironhouse Sanitary District*
<b>Central Network</b>	Seat A – Patrick Ostly, General Manager, North of River Sanitary District*
<b>Coastal Network</b>	Seat A – Elaine Magner, Director, Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*
<b>Southern Network</b>	Seat A – Jo MacKenzie, Director, Vista Irrigation 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, 2024. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 26, 2024.**

*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 10, 2024** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

**CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 10, 2024 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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## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

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

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

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

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

**Nominated by (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**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@cda.net

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:***

**April 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**



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## 2024 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. 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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**\*\*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.**



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# DISTRICT NETWORKS

