



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING - POLICY/ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP
2:00 PM Thursday, March 5, 2026

ZOOM INFORMATION

Online: <https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/88452499078>

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Meeting ID: 884 5249 9078

PASSCODE: 3802026

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CALL TO ORDER

1) **INTRODUCTIONS**

2) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may address the Board regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items except as authorized by law. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

3) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

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4) **FUTURE BUSINESS**

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

DATE: March 5, 2026
TO: Board of Directors' Special Meeting – Policy/ Administration
FROM: Kelly Malloy, Strategic Communications Manager
SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.

Summary

The Agency continues monitoring legislative activities through Federal lobbyists, Innovative Federal Strategies, Inc. and State lobbyist firm, The Gualco Group. Both efforts include active legislation tracking, participating in various industry association discussions, facilitating meetings with legislative and regulatory elected officials and staff, and other activities. Representatives from Innovative Federal Strategies, Inc. and The Gualco Group will participate virtually in the workshop and provide updates on current significant legislation.

Background

The Gualco Group, Inc., is the Agency's State lobbyist in Sacramento. Innovative Federal Strategies, Inc. is the Agency's Federal lobbyist in Washington, D.C. Given the different cyclical timing, State and Federal legislative advocates will provide brief presentations at the Policy/Administration workshop via Zoom to provide an update on current, significant legislative activity.

Federal activities have primarily focused on the annual budget and appropriations cycle. State activities include year two of the 2025/26 legislative session.

District Strategic Plan Application

The Agency's Federal and State legislation program aligns with the Agency's mission of *working collaboratively to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply to support the changing needs of our region's people and environment*. By staying active and engaged in legislative issues, the Agency can establish a presence and build relationships with our Federal and State legislators

which helps the Agency achieve its goal to *Establish San Bernardino Valley as an industry leader, recognized locally by the public and our peers for the leadership and positive impact we have within our region and the state.*

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this update.

DATE: March 5, 2026
TO: Board of Directors' Special Meeting – Policy/ Administration
FROM: Kelly Malloy, Strategic Communications Manager
SUBJECT: California Special Districts Board of Directors Call for Nominations Seat C

Staff Recommendation

Provide direction to staff for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors call for nominations for the 2027 - 2029; Seat C - Southern Network.

Summary

CSDA is a 501c(6), not-for-profit association that was formed in 1969 to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts. Currently, there is one seat available for the 2027 – 2029 term of the Seat C-Southern Network with the incumbent, Nikki Winslow of the Altadena Library District, running for re-election.

Background

CSDA provides education and training, insurance programs, legal advice, industry-wide litigation and public relations support, legislative advocacy, capital improvement and equipment funding, collateral design services, and current information that is crucial to a special district's management and operational effectiveness.

CSDA is a statewide association representing six different divisions, or networks. San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District is included in the Southern Network, which includes San Bernardino, Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego Counties. Nominations will be included on the digital ballot this summer. The deadline to submit the Nomination Form is April 4, 2026.

District Strategic Plan Application

Participation in CSDA aligns with the District's mission of *working collaboratively to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply to support the changing needs of our region's people and*

environment. By staying engaged in the statewide organizations, the District can build relationships with peer agencies.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this update.

Attachment

2027-29 Call for Nominations Information



**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**

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

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)

Northern Network	Seat C – Fred Ryness, Director, Burney Water District*
Sierra Network	Seat C – Pete Kampa, General Manager, Groveland Community Services District*
Bay Area Network	Seat C – Antonio Martinez, Director, Contra Costa Water District*
Central Network	Seat C – Curtis Jorritsma, General Manager, Hilmar County Water District*
Coastal Network	Seat C – Vince Ferrante, Director, Moss Landing Harbor District*
Southern Network	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 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.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

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: _____

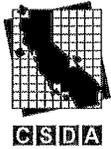
**Return this form, a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate, and
Candidate Information Sheet by mail or email to:**

CSDA
Attn: Amber Phelen
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732

amberp@csda.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.):

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

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

4. List your involvement in civic and/or non-profit organization:

****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*

DATE: March 5, 2026
TO: Board of Directors' Special Meeting – Policy/ Administration
FROM: Kelly Malloy, Strategic Communications Manager
SUBJECT: Water Conservation Program Overview

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.

Summary

The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's (San Bernardino Valley) mission establishes a clear foundation of collaboration for the benefit of the region's people and the environment. Over the last year, the Agency has developed a comprehensive Water Conservation Program using resources from both the General Fund and available grants. This Program includes the in-house Demand Management Program funded by San Bernardino Valley General Funds, the Urban Drought Communities and the Proposition 1 Round 1 Grants. The Program is administered by San Bernardino Valley to support the efforts of local water retailers as they administer water use efficiency programs that promote water savings, in lieu of specific regional conservation initiatives. These programs maintain flexibility and choice for each water retailer to plan and implement a variety of solutions while supporting sustainable water demand. The total funding available for this effort in FY 26/27 is approximately \$3 million. Staff will provide an update on the different program elements this fiscal year.

Background

San Bernardino Valley is committed to working with partners to build a resilient and sustainable water future for the community. This region continues to make major strides by working together to ensure long-term water resiliency. Demand management, also known as water conservation or water use efficiency, is one component of our dynamic water supply reliability efforts. The benefits result from reducing the demand on local supplies and taking steps to ensure resiliency of existing supplies. This approach was identified as a core strategy within the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan adopted by San Bernardino Valley and local water retailers. Additionally, the adoption of regulations to support the

Make Conservation a California Way of Life set new targets and expectations for local water conservation measures.

In FY 2025-26 retailers submitted projects for funding consideration based on their unique water efficiency needs. This year's program participation includes:

- City of Colton
- City of Loma Linda
- City of Rialto
- City of Redlands
- East Valley Water District
- Riverside Highland Water Company
- South Mesa Mutual Water Company
- San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
- West Valley Water District

San Bernardino Valley's conservation program is intended to serve as a financial incentive for the retail agencies to help build the necessary programs that will support compliance with the newly adopted conservation regulations through a combination of grant opportunities and general fund resources. Staff is coordinating with each retailer to schedule ceremonial check presentations to their respective board this year.

District Strategic Plan Application

The Conservation Program is consistent with the Agency's Strategy 2 *Proactively manage a diverse, adaptable water supply portfolio to maximize the value of the region's water assets* and 4 *Build trust by being a collaborative and resourceful partner through effective communication and engagement*. It is the result of extensive collaboration and a commitment to water supply resilience for the benefit of this region.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this update.