



Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Josselyn Quine
Date: June 13, 2024
Subject: Jo MacKenzie for CSDA Board of Directors

Vista Irrigation District has made a formal request from Crestline Village Water District to support Jo MacKenzie for the CSDA Board of Directors for the Southern Network, Seat A.

Electronic ballots were emailed to the District on June 10, 2024, and our vote must be received by 5 PM on July 26, 2024.

From: [Ramae Ogilvie](#)
Subject: Jo MacKenzie for CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A
Date: Wednesday, June 05, 2024 3:22:36 PM
Attachments: [2024 Jo MacKenzie CSDA Candidate Statement.pdf](#)
[6.5.2024 Letter of Support from VID President Richard Vasquez.docx.pdf](#)

On behalf of the Vista Irrigation District (VID), I am requesting your agency's support and vote for Jo MacKenzie for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors for the Southern Network, Seat A. We are fortunate to have such a qualified candidate in Director MacKenzie. She has the unanimous support of VID's Board, as noted in the attached letter from VID's Board President Richard Vásquez.

Having known Director MacKenzie for more than 20 years and working with her at VID, I can attest to her very active involvement in special districts and her acquired comprehensive knowledge in statewide and local special districts issues. Attached you will find a candidate's statement summarizing Director MacKenzie's qualifications. As you will see, she possesses the knowledge and experience necessary to be an outstanding, engaged and highly effective CSDA Board member.

I urge your Board of Directors to vote for Jo MacKenzie to continue her service as Seat A Director for the Southern Network on the CSDA Board; electronic ballots will be emailed to your district's contact person on June 10, 2024 and must be received by CSDA by 5:00 PM on July 26, 2024. Please do not hesitate to contact me if have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Brett Hodgkiss
General Manager
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RE-ELECT JO MACKENZIE

PROVEN EXPERIENCE LEADING SPECIAL DISTRICTS

- **DEDICATED**
- **FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE**
- **COMMITTED TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

It has been a privilege and honor to serve on the CSDA Board of Directors (Board) representing the Southern Network. Serving on the Board requires a commitment of time; I am in Sacramento at least twice a month for CSDA meetings. I have served as President, Vice President and Treasurer, and served as a Chair and/or member of the various committees. In 2010 and 2011, respectively, I was recognized as CSDA's Legislative Advocate of the Year and by PublicCEO as Special District Official of the Year.

During my tenure on the CSDA Board, I have formed working relationships throughout the Network and State that have given me an insight regarding the needs of special districts. Based on these insights and input from other CSDA directors, CSDA has worked to provide webinars at no cost to its members, begun offering the leadership academy three times a year and on-line, and the SDLF Board eliminated budget limits for scholarships. I serve on the CSDA and SDLF Boards, and I am proud of the collaboration that allows all special districts to take advantage of CSDA's programs.

During my term, I have been committed to continue building on the present foundation of CSDA's educational programs, state and federal legislative advocacy, and public outreach. CSDA is now the "voice of Special Districts", "the third leg of local government", and the 'go-to' association for legislative issues.

My proven leadership and public service experience, commitment to fiscal responsibility, and comprehensive LAFCO and special district knowledge make me the most qualified candidate to represent the Southern Network.

I have a true passion for and proven experience in leading Special Districts. I would be honored to continue serving on the CSDA Board as your Southern Network Director.

I am asking for your **Vote**.

ELECTRONIC VOTING ENDS JULY 26 AT 5:00 P.M.

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June 5, 2024

Re: Jo MacKenzie for CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A

Dear Board President:

On February 20, 2024, the Vista Irrigation District (VID) Board nominated Jo MacKenzie to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors for the Southern Network, Seat A. As President of the Board, I'm requesting that your Board cast its vote for Jo MacKenzie, CSDA Board of Directors. Electronic ballot voting begins on June 10, 2024.

Jo's enthusiasm, commitment, and comprehensive knowledge of special districts have brought a high level of experience to the CSDA Board of Directors. Jo believes it is important that CSDA continue to be the voice of all special districts and build on the present foundation of legislative advocacy, educational programs, and public outreach.

Currently serving on the CSDA Board of Directors (Past President, 2011), Jo serves on the CSDA Legislative Committee; she served as the Committee Chair from 2006-2010 and in 2012 and was named Legislative Advocate of the Year in 2010. Jo currently serves as President of the CSDA Finance Corporation, and Vice President of the Special District Leadership Foundation. She also serves on the CSDA Member Services Committee and is very active with the San Diego Chapter of CSDA, serving as its President 1998-2000.

Jo was elected to the VID Board of Directors in 1992 and has since served as President nine times. She is currently a Commissioner on the San Diego Local Agencies Formation Commission (LAFCO) and served as Chair in 2019-2020; Jo has continuously served in various capacities on LAFCO since 1994. She has also served on the California Association LAFCO Board of Directors. Jo is a past Board Director for the Association of California Water Agencies and currently serves on its Membership and Local Government committees.

Jo is active in her local community, having served on the City of San Marcos Planning Commission, Traffic/Safety Commission, Budget Review Committee and Affordable Housing Task Force. She has also been active in the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce for over 30 years, serving as a Board Member and a Life Member Ambassador.

Jo is extremely active and engaged in all aspects of California special districts and her wealth of experience makes her the obvious choice for Southern Network, Seat A. I urge your Board to vote for Jo MacKenzie to continue her service as Seat A Director for the Southern Network. Thank you for your support!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard L. Vásquez".

Richard L. Vásquez
President, Board of Directors