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## **CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

### **2017 BOARD ELECTIONS**

#### **MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION**

Dear Member:

A mail ballot has been enclosed for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in your Network for Seat C.

Each of CSDA's six (6) networks has three seats on the Board. Each of the candidates is either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your network. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) person to represent its network.

We have enclosed the candidate information for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your network in Seat C, **unless otherwise noted on the actual ballot**, and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information. If any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

Please utilize the enclosed return envelope to return the completed ballot. Ballots must be received at the CSDA office at 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814 by **5:00pm on Friday, August 4, 2017**.

If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please mail in your ballot to:  
**California Special Districts Association**  
**Attn: 2017 Board Elections**  
**1112 I Street, Suite 200**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

Please contact Beth Hummel at 877.924.2732 or [bethh@csda.net](mailto:bethh@csda.net) with any questions.





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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

**Name:** Arlene Schafer

**District/Company:** Costa Mesa Sanitary District

**Title:** Secretary

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Elected

**Length of Service with District:** 20 Years

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

Current member of the CSDA Board of Directors, Legislative Committee, Membership Commission Chair, Fiscal Committee and attendee of Legislative Days, Annual Conference, SDLA certificate holder.

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

Member of CSAC and was a member of the League when serving on the City Council.

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

LAFCO member representing special districts, former Chair and Vice Chair of the ISDOC and currently serving as an Executive Committee member, OCCOG Board member.

4. List civic organization involvement:

President of Harbor-Mesa Lions (2 terms), Costa Mesa Republican Federation of Women, OC Federation of Women, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ways & Means, Costa Mesa for Responsible Government member.

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# RE-ELECT ARLENE SCHAFER CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN NETWORK

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Arlene Schafer—Secretary  
Costa Mesa Sanitary District



## PREVIOUS CSDA EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Board President
- ◆ Board Vice President
- ◆ Board Secretary
- ◆ Finance Corporation
- ◆ Legislation Committee
- ◆ Fiscal Committee
- ◆ CSDA Membership Committee
- ◆ Recruitment & Planning Committee

As the former Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, it has been an honor to serve as your representative on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) for the past two years and now I humbly ask for your support to re-elect me to the Southern Network for another term. I believe my 28 years of experience as a local government leader that includes 20 years serving special districts in a variety of different capacities makes me the best candidate. In March, the Little Hoover Commission will release its report on special districts and its very likely the report will focus on the role Local Agency Formation Commissions play in special district formation and reorganization. CSDA was an active participant in the public hearings where commissioners learned how special districts provide vital services in our communities and are directly accountable to our voters and ratepayers. During my term as a member of the Board of Directors, CSDA successfully advocated for special districts by using the latest technology for outreaching such as CSDA's campaign website, "Districts Make the Difference" and the new online video, "Districts Empower our Communities." I believe it is extremely important for CSDA to keep its foot on the pedal on advocacy by letting legislators, media, business leaders, schools and the general public know how important we are in our communities.

Currently, I am serving on the Board of Directors for the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) where I have been a Board member for 20 years. I am proud to be part of an organization that has been a District of Distinction since 2009, earned the Transparency Certificate of Excellence for four consecutive years and CMSD is one of few special districts in California that received Gold Recognition in Special District Governance.

If re-elected, I will continue to support CSDA's public outreach campaign about the essential services we provide and I will work collaboratively with CSDA Board of Directors and staff on providing essential training and professional development to help your agency succeed. Please vote for Arlene Schafer by August 4, 2017.



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Kristin Bloomer

District/Company: Desert Water Agency

Title: Secretary-Treasurer

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 12/4/15 - Current

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

I recently attended the CSDA Legislative Days event.

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

I am a member of ACWA and attend their conferences.

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

City of Palm Springs Measure J Oversight Committee, Desert Water Agency Finance and Legislative Committees

4. List civic organization involvement:

Palm Springs SunUp Rotary Club, Palm Springs Woman's Club, St. Theresa

School PTA President, Desert Roundtable

**\*\*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 May 31, 2017 will not be included with the ballot.**

## Kristin Bloomer's Candidate Statement

I was first elected to the Desert Water Agency Board in 2015 and currently serve as Secretary-Treasurer on the Board of Desert Water Agency. However, service to my community has always played an important role in my life. I am dedicated to improving the quality of life for my community. Throughout my life, influence in community affairs and local government has grown. I have focused on the priority of shaping local government to strengthen the local and regional economies and create solutions to local and regional challenges. Southern California is faced with many challenges and I believe that challenges present opportunities, and that the Southern Network cannot afford to miss capitalizing upon those opportunities.

I am a longtime Palm Springs resident. My community service started early, when as a teenager, I volunteered with The Braille Institute and the National Charity League of Palm Springs.

My dedication to community service includes:

- Palm Springs Measure J Oversight Commission Vice-Chair
- Palm Springs Sunup Rotary Club past-President and current Assistant District Governor
- Founding President of the Desert Valley Women's Club
- Member of the Palm Springs Woman's Club
- St Theresa School Parent Teacher Group Board President
- Volunteer Volleyball Coach at Palm Springs High School
- Finance and Legislative Committee of Desert Water Agency



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

**Name:** John DeMonaco

**District/Company:** Chino Valley Independent Fire District

**Title:** Director

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Elected

**Length of Service with District:** 11 years

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

I am on the Legislative and Fiscal Committees

I have also served on the Education and Membership Committees

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

I am on the Board of Directors for the Fire Districts Association of California

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

N/A

- 4. List civic organization involvement:**

I am a member and past Chairman of the Rotary Club of Chino. I am also a Board Member of the Chino Rotary Foundation.

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I am seeking election to a seat on the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association.

I have served on the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District for 11 years, elected in 2006. I am very proud to state that our Fire District is the **first** fire district to receive the District of Distinction Accreditation from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). We have been a District of Distinction since 2008. We also have obtained a District of Transparency Certificate of Excellence. I have completed the SDLF Recognition of Special District Governance.

I serve on the CSDA Legislative and the Fiscal Committees. I have previously served on the CSDA Education and Membership committees.

I am a retired Fire Chief with 33 years of Fire Service experience. I have been involved in city, county, JPAs and special districts in various capacities. I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Fire Districts Association of California and also serve on their Conference Committee. I am a Past President of the Chino Rotary Club and past Chairman of the Chino Rotary Foundation.

I understand, and I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. Special Districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. It is vital that we continue to work together to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.

My commitment, extensive experience, and education in public service and as a special district board member and policy-maker, provides me with the ability to effectively serve as a CSDA Board Member representing all California Special Districts. I look forward to your support!

Please contact me at (909) 816-8396 or email at [jdemonaco@chofire.org](mailto:jdemonaco@chofire.org).

John DeMonaco



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(909) 816-8396

June 1, 2017

Dear CSDA Colleague,

My name is John DeMonaco and I am requesting your **VOTE** in the upcoming 2017 election for a seat on the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association, Southern Network. The CSDA Southern Network is very large and includes approximately 180 Special Districts within the Counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Orange.

I am a strong advocate of Special Districts. I believe that Special Districts are the strongest form of government that impacts our residents on a daily basis. Immediately after I was elected, I became involved with CSDA and volunteered to serve on numerous committees. I have previously served on the CSDA Education and Membership Committees and I now serve on the CSDA Legislative and the Fiscal Committees. I also serve on the CSDA Little Hoover Commission Working Group.

Serving on these main CSDA committees has given me the insight and understanding into the "workings" of the association. I understand CSDA'S budget and finances, the educational programs, and what CSDA needs to offer its member districts. With this experience, I will be an effective board member from the "get-go."

Serving on the Legislative Committee, I understand, and I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. I recognize the importance of working together to represent the common interest of all California Special Districts and the residents we serve. Special Districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. The California Special District Association monitors ALL legislation so that special districts can continue to deliver core services and can continue to be efficient. It is vital that the CSDA Legislative Staff with the direction of the Board of Directors continues to work to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.

I am on the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District since 2006, serving my community for 11 years. I will be up for re-election in 2020. I am very proud to state that our Fire District is the **first** fire district to receive the District of Distinction Accreditation from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). We have been a District of Distinction since 2008. We also have obtained a District of Transparency Certificate of Excellence. I have completed the Special District Leadership Academy and have earned the SDLF Recognition of Special District Governance. Our District Board is in process of receiving the SDLF Gold Recognition of Special District Governance.

I am a retired Fire Chief with 33 years of Fire Service experience. I have been involved in city, county, JPAs and special districts in various capacities. I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Fire Districts Association of California and also serve on the FDAC Conference Committee. I am a current board member and Past President of the Chino Rotary Club and past Chairman and member of the Chino Rotary Foundation.

I believe in Special Districts and the service that we provide. Special Districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. It is vital that we continue to work together to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.

My commitment and extensive experience, education in public service and as a special district board member & policy-maker, provides me with the ability to effectively serve as a CSDA Board Member representing all California Special Districts. If elected, I will work hard to support all Special Districts. Your District's **VOTE** will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to your support. If you would like to speak with me or I can be of any assistance, please contact me at (909) 816-8396 or email at [jdemonaco@chofire.org](mailto:jdemonaco@chofire.org). Thank you.

Respectfully,



John DeMonaco



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Richard Hall

District/Company: Mojave Water Agency

Title: Director, Division 3

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 17 years

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

Currently serving on the Professional Development Committee and Membership Committee

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

Mojave Water Agency is a member of ACWA

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

Currently President of the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts

4. List civic organization involvement:

Member of the Elks Association, Kiwanis, Summit Valley Property Owners

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

My name is Richard Hall and I am currently a Director for the Mojave Water Agency and President of the Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts and have served as an elected official for more than 35 years in two Special District organizations. I am interested in the CSDA Board of Directors position for Southern District Seat C – here is a list of my qualifications:

- First-hand knowledge and experience to ensure that we have safe, quality drinking water.
- Knowledge and experience in Recreation and Parks through 20 years on the Hesperia Recreation and Parks Special District board and served as president four times.
- Knowledge and experience in Property Owners Association in Summit Valley, California where I helped to bring electricity and natural gas to the owners and served as president.
- Knowledge and experience in Engineering and Management at General Dynamics Program Office working with the Federal and State government.
- Reduced taxes through leadership as well as set policy to purchase quality water, build water discharge facilities, and given tax money back to residents who helped reduce water usage.
- Continue to fight to bring 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to our Agency to study in order to better ensure management of our water resources by advanced computer systems, deep monitor wells, and other state of the art methods.
- Worked closely with community leaders and residents for best policies and strategies including getting State and Federal funding for safe, drinkable water and other needed projects and programs..
- Support funding colleges and students for research and development for continued new resource solutions for present and future issues.

I know that more needs to be done and have plans to meet these challenges. Let us protect our future and provide leadership with someone who knows how.



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Michael Mack

District/Company: Rainbow Municipal Water District

Title: Director, Division 5

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 5 months

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

I am the officially appointed RMWD representative for CSDA.

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

I serve as the RMWD representative of both ACWA & CSDA.

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

I worked for the city of San Marcos, CA for over 30 years as Parks Superintendent.

4. List civic organization involvement:

Past President of P.T.A.

**\* SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT \***

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## **ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES**



My name is Michael Mack and I am honored to be seeking election to be on the Board of Directors of California Special Districts Association.

I was elected to the Rainbow Municipal Water District Board of Directors in December 2016 and appointed to serve as the District's representative at both ACWA and CSDA. My background includes a degree in horticulture and worked for the City of San Marcos for over thirty years. As the Parks Department Supervisor, I had many responsibilities including reviewing plans and inspection of new park and street median installations. I was both a Certified Playground Inspector and Irrigation Auditor. One of my main responsibilities was ensuring efficient usage of water resources. I calculated, determined, and programmed water requirements for the plant material for all parks and street medians within the City.

I have learned the importance of CSDA is we are the support system to help ensure efficient and productive services to both small and large communities throughout California at the local level of city governments. As your CSDA Board Member, I see endless possibilities and promise to tackle and meet the challenges our districts face. We all must work together for present and future needs for our special districts and by doing so we can and will achieve our goals. We must be proactive with our legislators and with this energy and commitment we can make the difference between success and failure.

I am very honored to have this chance to serve all of you and given this opportunity. I feel extensive service and experience in the public sector, I will work effortlessly to make those endless possibilities become reality.

# CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017 ELECTION



**SOUTHERN  
NETWORK**

**SEAT C**

term ends 2020

*Please vote for only one.*

- Arlene Schafer\***  
*Costa Mesa Sanitary District*
- Kristin Bloomer**  
*Desert Water Agency*
- John DeMonaco**  
*Chino Valley Independent Fire District*
- Richard Hall**  
*Mojave Water Agency*
- Michael Mack**  
*Rainbow Municipal Water District*

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

*Incumbents running for re-election*

SIGNATURE:	DATE:
MEMBER DISTRICT:	

Must be received by **5pm, August 4, 2017**. CSDA, 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 958