

KEEPING YOU INFORMED – CSDA MAGAZINE & e-NEWS
This year CSDA reached out to keep you informed with our bi-monthly magazine, *California Special District*. Feature articles in the magazine offer the most important information regarding and affecting special districts. Additionally, the *CSDA e-News*, our weekly e-mail publication continues to be a success with new subscribers added daily. The *CSDA e-News* keeps special districts up-to-date on legislative updates, CSDA educational offerings and other time sensitive material important to your district.

EDUCATION WORKSHOP

CSDA's education programs provided a plethora of opportunities throughout the state for special district staff and governing officials to stay current on issues and trends that affect them directly. Courses such as Staying in Compliance, Board Secretary Training, and New Board Member Training, among others, proved to be extremely well-received. Additionally, new courses were introduced in 2007 including Strategic Planning and Generational Diversity Training.

SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Endorsed by eight special district-related associations, CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy continued to gain momentum, becoming the recognized governance training course for special district directors/trustees. In 2007, CSDA continued our dedication to assist special district leaders in earning their recognition as Academy graduates.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

Held at the Portola Plaza & Monterey Conference Center, this year's Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase was the best attended in CSDA's history -- a huge success! **More than 500** special district staff, directors and vendors attended the event taking advantage of the exceptional educational opportunities, including more than 35 individual sessions on a variety of topics, inspiring and informative keynote presentations, Chapters Reception and an awards banquet that brought everyone together to celebrate another successful year!

CSDA is looked to by the governor, Legislature and other key decision-makers as the voice for special districts. The association takes this responsibility very seriously and will continue to work hard to effectively represent and advocate on behalf of all special districts.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE – 1,000 MEMBERS

This year brought a huge milestone for CSDA; for the first time ever, membership reached and exceeded 1,000 members! Over the years CSDA has worked hard to continuously evolve to best serve the needs of special districts throughout California. It is with your support that CSDA is able to be the association for California's special districts and we thank you.

CURRENT SPECIAL DISTRICT NEWS – EVERY DAY

CSDA's "members only" website continued to provide members with new tools, information and resources designed to assist both special district staff and governing officials in their outreach & legislative efforts. In addition to the district specific daily updates of special district news and information from across the state, the "members only" section provides special districts ease in registering for events, ordering publications and updating district information.

CSDA ALLIANCE

CSDA, the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) and the CSDA Finance Corporation continue to work closely together to be the one-stop resource for members to access a wide variety of services, benefits and resources tailored specifically for special districts.

Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) now offers medical benefits and ancillary coverages. SDRMA is focused on providing special districts with renewable, efficiently priced, cost-effective coverages and risk management services. Information about the program is designed specifically for special districts and online training courses are available on SDRMA's website, www.sdrma.net, or by calling 800.537.7790.

The CSDA Finance Corporation saw a tremendous amount of financing activity in 2007, providing funding to different types of special districts for a wide variety of special projects, purchases and capital improvement efforts. This year, the CSDA Finance Corporation helped fund almost \$200 million through the Certificates of Participation, Lease/Installment Purchase, and Counterparty Financing programs.