

MEMO

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Manager

DATE: July 31, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009 CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION;
REGION THREE, SEAT A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and authorize the President of the Board to cast a vote for the 2009 CSDA Board of Directors Election; Region Three, Seat A on behalf of the District.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions effecting CSDA's member services and legislative programs. CSDA is governed by an 18 member board of Directors elected by mail ballots. The Board consists of three (3) Directors from each of the six (6) regions throughout California. The District is a member agency of CSDA.

Three (3) candidates are running for the office of CSDA Board of Directors; Region Three, Seat A. See Attachment 1. The three (3) candidates are:


Dr. James Kohnen (Appointed Incumbent)
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District

Vincent Ferrante
Moss Landing Harbor District

Kathryn Slater-Carter
Montara Water and Sanitary District

All three (3) candidates have submitted "Candidate Statements". See Attachment 2.

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James Mueller
District Manager

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CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

2009 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 Region 3, Seat A. Each of CSDA's six (6) regional divisions 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 geographic region. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) director to represent its region.

We have enclosed the candidate statements for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your region in Seat A and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information (*in some regions, there may only be one candidate*). 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 Wednesday, September 16, 2009**.

If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please mail in your ballot to:

California Special Districts Association

Attn: 2009 Board Elections

1112 I Street, Suite 200

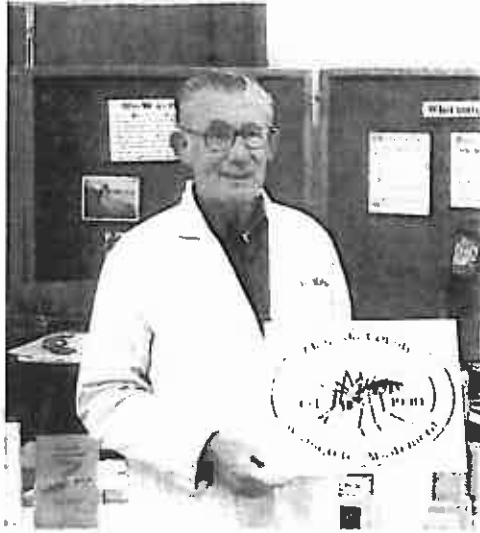
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please contact Diana Zavala toll-free at 877.924.CSDA or dianaz@csla.net with any questions.

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**Region 3 Representative
CSDA Board of Directors**

Mosquito Abatement



Jim is a political activist in Alameda County who has the political background, academic credentials, and experience to serve as Region 3 representative of the CSDA Board of Directors. His broad background in government, community affairs, and management described here support his earnest desire to serve on the CSDA Board.

Jim is married to Pat, who serves as a Trustee of the Dublin Unified School District, has two sons, William and Mark, and two grand daughters.

He earned a BA in Biology from Ripon College in Wisconsin, a BA in Management, a Master of Science in Procurement and Contract Management, and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's College of California in Moraga; and a Masters in Human Resources and Organization Development and Doctorate in Education from the University of San Francisco.

Jim retired from the US Army as a Colonel, after serving 30 years as a reserve officer. He is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, US Air Force War College and US Army War College.

He also retired from industry where he was a Quality Manager with Quaker Oats, Interstate Brands, McCormick, Globe Products, Foremost, and FMC. He completed his full time active career as a High School Science Teacher serving for eight years. He holds a California Teaching and Administrative Credential.

His current public service consists of serving on the Boards of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District (Present) and serving on the Supervisory Committee of Technology Credit Union (Elected). He served as a Director of the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) for eight years and Zone 7, Alameda County Water Conservation and Flood Control District, (Elected) for four. He is active in a variety of Dublin, Alameda County, and State organizations. For example, he and Pat were part of the Dublin Sister City Delegation to Jinhua, China. He is an active member of the Alameda County Special Districts Association for at least fifteen years as an elected Special District and is on the Board of the State Special Districts Association. He also serves as Treasurer of the League of Women Voters, Livermore Amador Valley organization and Vice President of the Dublin Historical Preservation Association. He is on the Board of the Senior Support Center serving the Tri-Valley. He is a member of the Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club and rides at least 100 miles a week.

Jim served on the American Society for Quality (ASQ) Board of Directors for six years representing Region 6 and is a Board member of the Golden Gate ASQ section.

He remains interested in Boy Scouts having serving as a District Commissioner in the San Francisco Bay Area Council, completing various training courses including Wood badge, and being honored with the Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth.

He has completed the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy program with MVCAC credit for his Special District Governance Certificate.

June 29, 2009

Attention: CSDA
Diana Zavala
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Dear Diana Zavala and members of the CSDA Board:

Please consider this my letter of interest for the CSDA, 2010 Board Vacancy Region 3, Seat C, Board of Directors.

I am well qualified for this position, having served as an elected official on the Moss Landing Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners since 2003, running unopposed as an incumbent in the last general election. I currently am serving as Chair of the Moss Landing Harbor District Live-aboard Committee and Chair of the Moss Landing Harbor Finance Committee. I was appointed for a second term to the Monterey County Overall Economic Development Commission by the County Board of Supervisors and serves as Vice Chair of its Grants and Finance Committee. By this appointment, I believe the Monterey County Board of Supervisors has demonstrated confidence in my fiscal abilities, experience and insight. I also currently serve on the Special District Association of Monterey County as Secretary/Treasurer. Additionally, I serve as the board Secretary for the Moss Landing Harbor District.

I am retired from the retail food industry where I gained in-depth experience in business economics. I am also an active member of the community, serving on many committees and boards including the Central Coast Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, Vice Chair of the Salinas, California Ichiki-Kushikino Sister City Organization (of which I was named member of the year in 2005), Trustee of Salinas, California Sons of Italy in America Lodge and Chair of the City of Monterey's annual Festa Italia Festival Parade, Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, I serve on the Chamber's Government Review Committees, On-Site School Council for Everett Alvarez High School and have just recently retired from coaching high school basketball. I also am involved in the Big Brother-Big Sister organization as a big brother.

I have also completed the CSDA Special District Governance Academy in Governance Foundations, Setting Direction/Community Leadership, Board's Role in Finance and Fiscal Accountability and Board's Role in Human Resources.

I am very experienced in budgeting, project management, report preparation, public speaking, legislative issues and participate in the SDA of Monterey County. I believe my dedication to special districts makes me an excellent choice to represent local government agencies interests at CSDA.

Sincerely,

Vincent C. Ferrante
Commissioner Moss Landing Harbor District

Kathryn Slater-Carter for CSDA Board Region 3

Please vote for me the CSDA Board. Clearly you recognize the importance of a statewide organization for special districts as you are a member of CSDA. If elected I commit to take a very active role in continuing to build the membership and reach of the organization in order to promote the effectiveness of special districts in meeting the needs of communities across the state.

CSDA offers special districts an opportunity to build networks around common areas of interest and concern. As a result we become more effective in delivering our services to our local districts.

CSDA offers districts the opportunity to build bridges to our state legislators. I think the ability of special districts to share a common voice in Sacramento will become even more important in the future as California struggles for solutions to our budget deficit.

I am beginning my fourth term on the Montara Water and Sanitary District. During that time I have watched the importance of our statewide and regional special district organizations grow. This is my second year as president of the San Mateo County Special District Association. I have represented my district there for eight years. I am currently on the CSDA Membership Committee.

At the CSDA events I have met many special districts representatives from all over the state. I have not been surprised to learn that districts have many similar concerns, regardless of their specific function. These are the issues that CSDA is uniquely positioned to address from our knowledgeable staff to the classes and workshops we offer to the readily available on-line support. I will listen and act to improve the accessibility of CSDA to each member organization.

Thank you for your continuing membership in CSDA.

Please vote for me, Kathryn Slater-Carter.