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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Manager

DATE: August 10, 2007

SUBJECT: California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and authorize the President of the Board to cast a vote on behalf of the District in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors Election – for Seat B Region Three.

BACKGROUND:

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. Its functions are 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. The District is a member agency of CSDA.

Three (3) candidates are running for the office of CSDA Board of Directors Election for Seat B, Region 3. Each candidate has submitted a "Candidate Statement". See Attachment 1. The term for Seat B ends in 2010.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and authorize the President of the Board to cast a vote on behalf of the District in the CSDA Board of Directors Election – Seat B Region Three.

James Mueller
District Manager

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Attachments



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BOARD ELECTIONS

Mail Ballot Information – 2007 Elections

Dear CSDA Member:

A mail ballot is enclosed for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors for Seat B, Region 3. Each of the candidates is either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your geographic region. We have also enclosed the candidate statements for each candidate who submitted one.

Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your region in Seat B 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 completed, the ballot will not be valid.

You may choose to send back the ballot via either certified or first class mail. 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, California, 95814 by 5:00 p.m. on September 26, 2007.**

Please contact Diana Zavala with any questions at (916) 442-7887.



CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2007

ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED.
(Please vote for one.)

REGION THREE

●
*Seat B - term
ends 2010*

- ☐ **Catherine Benediktsson**
Sanitary District #5 of Marin County
- ☐ **Kathryn Slater-Carter**
Montara Water and Sanitary District
- ☐ **Sherry Sterrett***
Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District

* *incumbent*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member District: _____

Must be received by 5pm, September 26, 2007 CSDA, 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814

Name: Catharine Benediktsson
Occupation: Environmental Engineer/Board of Director Sanitary District No.5
Marin County

Education and Qualification:

I have served for the last seven years on the Board of Directors of the Sanitary District #5 of Marin County. Previously, I served as a member of the board for a large national environmental training center. Prior to that I was program manager for the Federal Aviation Administration (projects under my signatory control totaled over \$100 million dollars). I am a civil engineer.

The Sanitary District #5 is currently facing years on infrastructure repair. Districts statewide face similar infrastructure and staffing challenges. I have firsthand experience dealing with many of these issues, as well as environmental regulation, project management, government finance and administration.

I believe I bring to the Board the ability and engineering experience necessary to address the many complex legal, regulatory and infrastructure issues that face us today.

I have worked on a number of key programs while on the Sanitary District #5 Board that are common to many of our districts. We have documented our capital improvement plan to address an aging infrastructure through video records, and computer analysis. We have introduced a District reserve policy to insure financial solvency during difficult economic times; We have developed programs to make all activities of the District more transparent and open to the public.

I am deeply committed to ensuring tax dollars are spent wisely and that the highest level of sanitary services statewide are provided in the most efficient manner possible.

There is much more to be done.

I am recently retired and have the time and energy to work for CSDA. I respectfully request your vote.

Candidate Statement
Kathryn Slater-Carter
Region 3

Hi. I am asking you to vote for me for the CSDA Board of Directors. The necessity of a strong CSDA is ever more apparent as the State continues its efforts to intervene in the work and budgets of special districts. The continuing growth in our membership underscores the statewide recognition of the importance the member benefits have to districts, to elected members and to staff members. On the Board, I will continue my work to bring greater recognition of the vital importance of special districts to California now and in the future.

I am a strong leader and advocate for my community. I have been an elected member of the Montara Water and Sanitary District Board for 12 years. I have been my district's representative to the local CSDA chapter for 8 years. I am currently president of the San Mateo County chapter and am on the CSDA Membership and Recruitment Committee. In addition, I serve as an elected member of the local advisory board to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. I bring small business experience with a strong interest in marketing to everything I do. In these roles, I work with the public, other special districts, City Council members, members of the board of supervisors and State Legislature.

Election to the Board of Directors requires an understanding of the common interests facing all special districts within California, large and small. It requires time for education, outreach and advocacy. If elected, I have the interest, time and energy to actively participate.

Thank you for studying the qualifications of the candidates. If you have any questions, you can reach me by e-mail at Kathryn.s.c@gmail.com or on my cell phone at (650) 346-5255. With your vote for me, I will bring my skills to serve our community of special districts.

Sherry M. Sterrett

Candidate CSDA Board of Directors – Region 3

Please consider voting for me!

Why? I am a strong believer in "Special Districts" and have a track record to prove it.

Why? Because I believe experience counts.

2007 Elected President of the CSDA, FC and SDRMA Alliance.

2006 Elected President of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District Board of Directors

2005 Re-elected President of CSDA.

2004 Elected President of CSDA.

2003 Elected Vice President of CSDA.

2002 Elected Treasurer of CSDA.

2001 Elected Secretary of CSDA.

I am a graduate of the CSDA Government Academy and recipient of the Special District Leadership Foundation Recognition in Special District Governance.

I have been a very active CSDA Board Member with attendance at every Annual Conference and every CSDA Legislation Day since I was elected to my special district board of directors.

I have served on many CSDA Board Committees. They include the legislation Committee, Membership/Local Chapter Committee, Conference Committee, Budget/Finance Committee, Elections/Bylaws Committee, and Education Committee.

In Contra Costa County, I am an active and effective leader. The Pleasant Hill community has elected me their school board member (1980-1987), their city council member (1987-1995) and a trustee to the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District (1996-current).

In 2003, I was honored to be the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts "Outstanding Board Member of the Year".

"As your Director from Region 3, I will continue to work hard for you. Together we will continue to educate Sacramento on the value and importance of Special Districts."

Please vote for me, Sherry Sterrett.