



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSB Board of Directors

FROM: Jennifer Flores, Admin Services Manager

DATE: February 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4D: Consideration of Nomination of Candidates for the Board of Directors of California Special Districts Association and Special District Risk Management Authority

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the following action:

I Move to Nominate General Manager Peter Kampa as a Candidates for the Board of Directors of California Special Districts Association and Director Swan as a Candidate for Special District Risk Management Authority.

BACKGROUND

SDRMA Nomination Process

There are three (3) seats up for election on the Special District's Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board of Directors. SDRMA is the District's Property/Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance company.

If a Director would like to run for one of the open seats, the Board must nominate them by resolution and they must submit a statement of qualifications. The nomination filing deadline is May 1, 2023. The term of office is four (4) years and newly elected Directors will begin January 1, 2023 and expire December 31, 2027. Ballots will be mailed to all SDRMA member agencies in mid-May.

CSDA Nomination Process

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. Any regular member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a Board member or managerial employee, for election to the CSDA Board of Directors.

The Sierra Network Seat C term is expiring which is the seat a nominated member would be sitting for. The deadline for receiving nominations is March 31, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SDRMA Nomination Packet and Resolution
- CSDA Nomination Packet

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

2023 Nomination Packet Checklist



SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION AND ELECTION GUIDELINES

January 18, 2023, marks the official commencement of the election process for the SDRMA Board of Directors. Three seats on the Board of Directors are up for election in 2023.

For your convenience we have enclosed the necessary nomination documents and election process schedule. Please note that some items have important deadlines. All documents contained in this packet, as well as additional information regarding SDRMA Board elections, are available on our website www.sdrma.org and/or by calling SDRMA Member Services at 800-537-7790.

- ____ **Attachment One:** **SDRMA Board of Directors Fact Sheet:** This document reviews the Board of Directors' Roles and Responsibilities along with other important information.

- ____ **Attachment Two:** **SDRMA Board of Directors 2023 Nomination/Election Schedule:** Please review this document for important deadlines. Nomination submissions must be received by 4:30 pm at the SDRMA office listed below in original format with wet signatures.

- ____ **Attachment Three:** **SDRMA Election Policy No. 2022-06:** A Policy of the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority establishing guidelines for Director elections.

- ____ **Attachment Four:** **Sample Resolution for Candidate Nomination:** A resolution of the Governing Body of the Agency nominating a candidate for the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

- ____ **Attachment Five:** **Candidate's Statement of Qualifications:** Please be advised that no candidate statements are endorsed by SDRMA. Candidate's Statements of Qualification will be distributed to the membership with the SDRMA election ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidate.

Please complete and return all required nomination and election documents to:

SDRMA Election Committee
C/O Ellen Doughty, Chief Member Services Officer
Special District Risk Management Authority
1112 "I" Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FACT SHEET

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) is a public entity Joint Powers Authority established to provide cost-effective property/liability, worker's compensation, health benefit coverages and comprehensive risk management programs for special districts and other public agencies throughout California. SDRMA is governed by a Board of Directors elected from the membership by the programs' members.

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| Number of Board Members | SDRMA Board of Directors consists of seven Board Members , who are elected at-large from members participating in both programs. |
| Board of Directors' Role | SDRMA Board of Directors provide effective governance by supporting a unified vision, ensuring accountability, and setting direction based on SDRMA's mission and purpose, as well as establishing and approving policy to ensure SDRMA meets its obligations and commitment to its members. |
| Board of Directors' Responsibilities | Board Member responsibilities include a commitment to: serve as a part of a unified governance body; govern within Board of Directors' policies, standards and ethics; commit the time and energy to be effective; represent and make policy decisions for the benefit, and in the best interest, of all SDRMA members; support collective decisions; communicate as a cohesive Board of Directors with a common vision and voice; and, operate with the highest standards of integrity and trust. |
| Three Seats For this Election | Elections for Directors are staggered and held every two years, four seats during one election and three seats in the following election. Three seats are up for election this year. |
| Term of Directors | Directors are elected for four-year terms . Terms for directors elected this election begin January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2027. |
| Board Member Travel Reimbursement | Board Members are reimbursed for reasonable travel and lodging in accordance with SDRMA Board Ordinance No. 2022-01 and applicable laws and are allowed to claim a stipend of \$235 per meeting day or for each day's service rendered as a Member of the Board. |
| Number of Meetings per Year | The Board meets from seven to ten times annually with an average of eight board meetings per year. Generally, the Board does not meet more than one meeting per month. |
| Meeting Location | SDRMA office in Sacramento, CA and at two conference locations. |
| Meeting Dates | Typically the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month. |
| Meeting Starting Times | Meetings are typically held 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Thursday. |
| Meeting Length | Meetings are four to six hours on average. |
| Average Time Commitment | Commitment per month ranges from 15 to 20 hours . |

"The mission of Special District Risk Management Authority is to provide excellent risk financing and risk management services through a financially sound pool to California public agencies, delivered in a timely and responsive cost-efficient manner."

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2023 NOMINATION/ELECTION SCHEDULE

2023 Nomination/Election Schedule



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| TASK TIMELINE |
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| 11/2/22 Board approves 2023 Election Schedule |
| 1/18 Mail Notification of Election & Nomination Procedure to Members 90 days prior to mailing Ballots (118 days) |
| 2/8-9 Election Committee is appointed/ratified |
| 5/1 Deadline to return Nominations |
| 5/4 <i>Tentative</i> - Election Committee Meeting Reviews Nominations |
| 5/15 E-Mail Ballots to Members 60 days prior to Ballot Receipt Deadline (86 days) |
| 8/8 Deadline to Receive Ballots |
| 8/9 <i>Tentative</i> - Election Committee Meeting Count Ballots at SDRMA Office No more than 5 days after 8/8/23 |
| 8/10 Election Committee Notifies Successful Candidates of Election Results |
| 11/1-2 Directors' Elect are invited to attend November Board Meeting |
| 1/2024 Newly Elected Directors' Seated and Election of Officers |

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION POLICY NO. 2022-06

A POLICY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS, AND CREATION OF A SUPERVISING ELECTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) is a joint powers authority, created pursuant to Section 6500, et. seq. of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that it is in the best interest of the Authority and its members to adopt a written policy for conducting the business of the Board; and

WHEREAS, establishing guidelines for Director elections and appointments will help ensure a process that is consistent for all nominees and candidates, will promote active participation by SDRMA members in the election/appointment process, and will help ensure election/appointment of the most qualified candidate(s); and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws provide the Board with the option of conducting the election using a mail-in ballot process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of SDRMA has an overriding and compelling interest in ensuring the accuracy of the election/appointment process of its Board members through the creation of an election committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the policy of the Board of Directors of SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, until such policy shall have been amended or rescinded, that the following procedures shall be followed when conducting Director elections or filling a Director vacancy by appointment:

1.0. Election Schedule

1.1. Not later than the first Board meeting of each election year, the Board of Directors shall approve an election schedule based on the following criteria and time frames.

2.0. Election Committee

2.1. The Board of Directors herein establishes an election committee with the following composition, duties and responsibilities; The five (5) members of the Election Committee shall include two (2) presently sitting members of the Board of Directors of SDRMA whose seats are not up for election, the Management Analyst & Clerk of the Board of Directors of SDRMA, and the CPA/auditor regularly used and retained by

SDRMA at the time of counting ballots of and for an election to the Board of Directors. For good reason found and stated, the Board of Directors of SDRMA may appoint any CPA/auditor who, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, would appropriately serve the Election Committee. The General Counsel for SDRMA shall also sit as a member of the Election Committee with the additional obligation of providing legal advice to the balance of the Committee as legal questions may arise.

3.0. Member Notification of Election

- 3.1. Authority staff shall provide emailed notification, of an election for the Board of Directors, to all member agencies during January of each election year. Such notification shall be provided a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the distribution of ballots and shall include (1) where to locate election documents in MemberPlus; (2) the number of Director seats to be filled by election; and (3) a summary of nomination/election deadline dates.

4.0. Qualifications

- 4.1. A candidate seeking election, re-election or appointment to SDRMA's Board of Directors must be a member of the Governing Body or a management employee of an SDRMA member participating in both the Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs. To qualify as a "management employee," the candidate must be a management-level (as determined by the Governing Body) employee whose wages are reported to the IRS on a "W-2" form. Only one (1) representative from any Member may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. [Per Bylaws, Article II, (2) (b)]
- 4.2. Each nominated candidate must submit a properly completed "Statement of Qualifications" (required form attached) with an original wet signature (electronic signatures are not acceptable) on or before the filing deadline in May in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the official ballot. A candidate shall provide responses to all questions on the candidate's "Statement of Qualifications". Each nominated candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" must be filed in SDRMA's office on or before the aforementioned deadline by (1) personal delivery; (2) U.S. mail; or (3) courier. To assure the Statement of Qualifications has affixed the candidate's original wet signature, the Statement of Qualifications may not be delivered by electronic mail. When ballots are provided to the membership, each candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" form will be available to the membership exactly as submitted by the candidate to SDRMA. However, any attachments submitted by the candidate(s) with the Statement of Qualifications will not be provided by SDRMA with the ballots to any members.
- 4.3. If a nominated candidate elects not to use the provided form "Statement of Qualifications," and prepares instead the candidate's own completed form, the

candidate's form must include the title "Statement of Qualifications" and contain exactly all information required and requested by the provided form.

NOTE: The candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" form must be submitted as a part of the nominating process. When ballots are made available to the membership, each candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" form will be distributed "exactly as submitted" to SDRMA, except that any attachments submitted by the candidate will not be sent to any SDRMA members.

- 4.4. A candidate who does not submit a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications that complies with Section 4.2 or 4.3 will be disqualified by the SDRMA Election Committee.
- 4.5. A qualified candidate currently serving on the CSDA board of directors must, if elected to the SDRMA board of directors, immediately resign his or her seat on the CSDA board. [Per Memorandum of Understanding, Alliance Executive Council, 9/20/2001.] Such resignation must occur prior to the meeting at which the director-elect takes his or her seat on the SDRMA board.

5.0. Nominating Procedure

- 5.1. Candidates seeking election or reelection must be nominated by action of their respective Governing Body. Only one (1) candidate may be nominated per member agency and one (1) candidate shall not represent more than one (1) member agency. A resolution from the candidate's district/agency Governing Body nominating the candidate must be received by the Authority on or before the scheduled date in May. (A sample of the resolution is enclosed). Actual receipt by the Authority on or before the scheduled deadline date in May is required. The resolution nominating the candidate may be hand-delivered to the Authority or sent by U.S. mail or emailed to SDRMA. In the event a candidate is nominated by two (2) or more member agencies, he or she shall represent the member agency whose nominating resolution is first received by the Authority. The other member agency or agencies that nominated the candidate shall be entitled to select a replacement nominee as long as a resolution nominating the replacement is received by the Authority prior to the scheduled deadline date.
- 5.2. A member may not nominate a candidate unless that member is participating in both the Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs and is in "good standing" on the date the nominations are due. "Good standing" is defined as no accounts receivable due to SDRMA which is more than ninety (90) days past due.
- 5.3. No earlier than the day after the deadline for receipt of nominations, the Election Committee, as hereinabove defined and comprised, shall review all nominations received from members, and will reject any nominations that do not meet all of the

qualifications specified and set forth in this policy. The Election Committee's decisions regarding the qualification of nominees are final. Following the Election Committee's review of all nominations, the Election Committee shall direct that a ballot be prepared stating and listing all of the qualified nominees. The ballot of qualified nominees shall be provided to the membership for election via MemberPlus as described below.

- 5.4. Upon verification or rejection of each nominee by the Election Committee, staff will email acknowledgment to both the nominee and the district/agency of its acceptance or rejection as a qualified nominee for election.
- 5.5. A nominee requesting that his/her nomination be withdrawn prior to the election, shall submit such requests in writing to SDRMA's office a minimum of three (3) days prior to the scheduled date for posting the ballots. After that date, all qualified nominees' names shall appear on the ballot provided to the membership.

6.0. Terms of Directors

- 6.1. The election of directors shall be held in each odd-numbered year. The terms of the directors elected by the Members will be staggered. Four directors will serve four-year terms, to end on December 31 of one odd-numbered year. Three directors will serve four-year terms, to end on December 31 of the alternate odd-numbered year. [Per Bylaws, Article II, (3), paragraph 1].

7.0. Campaigning

- 7.1. SDRMA staff will publish via MemberPlus each qualified candidate's "Statement of Qualifications", "exactly as submitted" by the candidate with the ballots to the membership.
- 7.2. Candidates, at their own expense, may distribute additional information to member agency(s) after the ballots have been published and prior to the election.
- 7.3. SDRMA staff is prohibited from actively promoting a candidate or participating in the election process while on Authority premises.
- 7.4. SDRMA staff may provide member information, mailing lists, financial reports or operational data and information, that is normally available through the Public Records Act, to candidates to assist them in their research and campaigning. In addition to obtaining such information under the Public Records Act, candidates may request SDRMA staff prepare mailing labels for the distribution of campaign materials to member agencies. Under existing policy, charges will apply for this service. The SDRMA logo is trademarked for use by SDRMA only. Neither the logo, nor any other Trademark

of SDRMA may be used in any campaign literature. No campaign literature is to imply support of any candidate by SDRMA.

- 7.5. SDRMA election documents for the membership, including ballots and candidates' "Statement of Qualifications", shall be made available via MemberPlus upon sending out an e-blast announcement via email.

8.0. Limitations on Campaigning

- 8.1. As used in this section the following terms have the following meanings:

"Campaign Activity" means any activity that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate or provides direct support to a candidate for his or her candidacy. "Campaign activity" does not include the incidental and minimal use of public resources, such as equipment or office space, for campaign purposes or the use of public resources to nominate a candidate or vote in any Board of Directors election.

"Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated by the Member Agency to have his or her name listed on the ballot for election to the Board of Directors.

"Expenditure" means a payment of Member Agency funds that is used for communications that expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate. "Expenditure" does not include the use of public funds to nominate a candidate or vote in any Board of Directors election.

"Public resources" means any property or asset owned by the Member Agency, including, but not limited to, land, buildings, facilities, funds, equipment, supplies, telephones, computers, vehicles, travel, and Member Agency-compensated time.

- 8.2. An officer, official, employee, or consultant of a Member Agency may not expend or authorize the expenditure of any of the funds of the Member Agency to support or oppose the election or defeat of a candidate for the Board of Directors.
- 8.3. No officer, official, employee, or consultant of a Member Agency shall use or permit others to use public resources for campaign activity.
- 8.4. At any time during an election campaign, if a Member Agency or its officers, officials, employees or consultants violate this section, that Member Agency shall be ineligible to nominate a candidate for the Board of Directors election in which the violation occurred. Any candidate of an offending Member Agency shall be deemed to have withdrawn his or her candidacy. Prior to declaring a Member Agency ineligible to nominate a candidate or a specific candidate's candidacy withdrawn, the Elections

Committee shall hold a hearing to determine whether or not a violation of this section occurred. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to reasonable procedures that the Elections Committee shall prescribe, provided that the affected Member Agency or candidate shall have an opportunity to dispute the violation. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Elections Committee shall determine by a majority vote whether the violation occurred.

9.0. Balloting

- 9.1. A ballot containing nominees for the Board of Directors, accepted and approved by the Election Committee, shall be made available to each SDRMA member agency via MemberPlus, except as provided in Section 9.2 below, no less than sixty (60) days prior to the deadline for receiving ballots and the closing date for voting. Ballots shall show the date and time the ballots must be received in SDRMA's office.
- 9.2. In the event that the number of qualified/approved nominees is equal to or less than the number of director seats up for election, the distribution of the ballots as outlined in Section 9.1 shall be waived. In this event, the election committee shall inform the Board of Directors of these facts and the Board of Directors shall, at a regular or special meeting, appoint all qualified nominee(s) to the Board. If one or more seats on the Board remain open, the Board of Directors shall fill those seats pursuant to the process set forth for the filling of vacancies in Section 11.0.
- 9.3. Only those qualified nominees approved by the Election Committee will be eligible candidates on the ballot. Write-in candidates shall not be accepted.
- 9.4. It is required that the Governing Body of each member vote on behalf of their agency at a public meeting and the ballot MUST be signed by an authorized agency official.
- 9.5. A member may not vote unless the member was a member of the Authority in "good standing" on or before the nomination due date for the pending election. "Good standing" is defined as no accounts receivable due to SDRMA which is more than ninety (90) days past due.
- 9.6. A member may cast only one (1) vote for the same candidate. By way of example, if there are four (4) candidates on the ballot, a member may not cast two (2) to four (4) votes for any single candidate. Any ballot casting more than one (1) vote for the same candidate will be considered void.
- 9.7. A member may vote by using the official ballot provided by SDRMA, or a copy of SDRMA's original ballot, or a reasonable duplicate prepared by the member agency. Whichever of the three foregoing formats is used, the ballot must contain an original

wet signature and confirmation that the ballot was approved at a public meeting of the agency's Governing Body. Ballots submitted without an original signature and/or without confirmation that the form of the ballot was approved at a public meeting of the agency's Governing Body will be considered void.

- 9.8. Ballots may be returned using either hand-delivered or mailed in ballots - faxed or e-mailed ballots will not be accepted. Mailed in ballots must be addressed to, and hand-delivered ballots must be delivered to, the Special District Risk Management Authority office presently located at 1112 I Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814-2865.
- 9.9. Any ballot received after the specified deadline will not be counted and will be considered void.

10.0. Election Results

- 10.1. All ballots will be tabulated at SDRMA's office only after the deadline for receiving ballots. Ballots will be tabulated by SDRMA's Election Committee, no more than five (5) days after the closing deadline. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the elected director(s).
- 10.2. In the event of a tie, a coin toss shall be used to determine the elected director. The coin toss shall be conducted by the Election Committee at the time and place of the conclusion of counting ballots.

PROCEDURE: In the event more than two (2) candidates tie, the coin toss shall be between two (2) candidates at a time based on the order in which their name appeared on the ballot. This process shall be repeated, as needed, in cases where there are more than two (2) candidates.

- 10.3. Excluding tie votes, within five (5) days after the ballots tabulated Authority staff shall advise the candidates and their respective agency via email of the final election results. Copies of the results shall also be emailed/distributed to SDRMA's Board of Directors, staff and consultants and published in the first available CSDA newsletter.
- 10.4. If a director-elect withdraws after the election or fails to accept the Director seat prior to December 31, the Board shall name a new director-elect by going back to the ballots and awarding the seat to the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes during the election.
- 10.5. Staff shall invite newly elected director(s) to attend the last Board meeting of the year after confirmation of election results. Director(s) elect will be reimbursed for expenses,

except for director stipends, in accordance with approved director reimbursement policy (copy of policy shall be provided to newly elected directors).

10.6. A member or candidate dissatisfied with the election result may, within ten (10) days after the ballots are opened and tabulated, file with the Authority a written challenge and appeal. The challenge and appeal must clearly set forth the complaint and any and all facts in support of the challenge and appeal. Within ten (10) days after the ballots are opened and tabulated, the challenge and appeal shall be delivered and received by the Authority. Within five (5) days of receipt of the challenge and appeal, the Authority shall deliver the same to the Election Committee for decision. The Election Committee shall have absolute authority for deciding the challenge and appeal. Notice of the decision of the Election Committee shall be provided to the party filing the challenge and appeal within ten (10) days.

11.0. Director Vacancy

11.1. If a director vacancy(s) occurs (Note 1), appointment of a replacement director for the balance of the unexpired term will be made by the remaining members of the SDRMA Board. In order to accomplish this in an orderly and consistent manner, when a vacancy(s) of an elected Director(s) occurs, the SDRMA Board of Directors, after discussion and consideration, shall, when deemed appropriate, instruct staff to:

- a) Notify all then member entities via email that a vacancy has occurred; and
- b) Said notice shall refer to the applicable Article in the By-laws in advising member entities and their eligible candidates of the steps to take to apply for appointment; and
- c) The SDRMA Board shall establish the closing date for the receipt of applications; and
- d) Candidates shall submit the following, by the date specified in the notice:
 - i) a letter of interest; and
 - ii) a resume, with particular emphasis on the candidate's knowledge of special districts and risk management; and
 - iii) a resolution from, or a letter approved by, the candidate's Governing Body nominating the candidate; and
- e) The Election Committee shall review all applications received, and shall reject any that do not meet all of the qualifications specified and set forth in this policy; and
- f) Upon verification or rejection of each application by the Election Committee, staff will email acknowledgement to both the applicant and the district/agency of its acceptance or rejection of the applicant as a qualified candidate for appointment; and

- g) Candidates shall be interviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the SDRMA Board of Directors following the date of closure for the applications. Interviews shall be in person, or if an unforeseen emergency arises, the interview may be by telephone or via Zoom or an alternative at the same scheduled time; and
- h) The SDRMA Board shall make the appointment without undue delay, but need not act at the same meeting.

Note 1: If the Director vacancy occurs within nine (9) months after the date the ballots were counted and certified by the Election Committee or within nine (9) months after a candidate was appointed to fill a vacancy, then the Board shall have the option to interview and appoint the candidate(s) who did not receive sufficient votes to be elected OR to interview and appoint from the pool of candidates from 11.1.g) above. If the Director vacancy occurs in an election year after the Notification of Election is sent to the members, the Board may determine to fill the vacancy by appointing the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes in the election. If the Board determines in its sole discretion that none of these options is appropriate, then staff shall be instructed to proceed with the process described above in steps 11.1 a) to h).

11.2 The appointment process set forth in this section 11.0 shall also be followed in the event open seats remain at the conclusion of any regular election of Board members [see Section 9.2].

Revised and adopted this 9th day of February 2022, by the Board of Directors of Special District Risk Management Authority, at a regular meeting thereof.

This Policy No. 2022-06 supersedes Policy No. 2021-10 and all other policies inconsistent herewith.

APPROVED:



Michael Scheafer, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Laura S. Gill, ARM, ARM-P, CSDM
Chief Executive Officer

SAMPLE
RESOLUTION FOR
CANDIDATE NOMINATION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE [GOVERNING BODY] OF THE [AGENCY NAME]
NOMINATING [CANDIDATE'S NAME] AS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) is a Joint Powers Authority formed under California Government Code, Section 6500 et.seq., for the purpose of providing risk management and risk financing for California Special Districts and other local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws of SDRMA set forth director qualifications, terms of office and election requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of SDRMA established procedures and guidelines for the Director Election process; and

WHEREAS, the SDRMA Board of Directors adopted Board Policy 2022-06, which includes the following requirements for candidate qualification:

- a. A candidate seeking election, re-election or appointment to SDRMA's Board of Directors must be a member of the Governing Body or a management employee (as defined in Section 4.1) of a SDRMA member participating in both the Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs.
- b. Each nominated candidate must submit a properly completed "Statement of Qualifications" with an original wet signature (electronic signatures are not acceptable) on or before the May 1, 2023 filing deadline in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the official ballot.
- c. Candidates seeking election or reelection must be nominated by action of their respective Governing Body through a resolution that must be received by the Authority on or before the May 1, 2023 filing deadline.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The governing body of [AGENCY NAME] nominates [CANDIDATE'S NAME], its [POSITION TITLE], as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority.
2. **ADD ONLY IF CANDIDATE IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AGENCY'S GOVERNING BODY**

The [GOVERNING BODY] of [AGENCY NAME] has determined that [CANDIDATE'S NAME] is a management employee for purposes of SDRMA Election Policy 2022-06, Section 4.1.

3. The [GOVERNING BODY] of [AGENCY NAME] further directs that a copy of this

Resolution No. _____

Resolution shall be delivered to SDRMA on or before the May 1, 2023 filing deadline.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, by the [GOVERNING BODY] of [AGENCY NAME], on this [DAY] day of [MONTH], [YEAR], by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstained:

Absent:

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

President/Governing Body

Administrator/Secretary

No seal

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Provided are 2 sets of the Candidate's **Statement of Qualifications Form** and can be completed one of two ways as follows:

- 1 set is downloadable to be completed by hand, or
- 1 set is an online fillable PDF Form.

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates – **no attachments will be accepted**. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Candidate* _____
District/Agency _____
Work Address _____
Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? **(Response Required)**

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? **(Response Required)**

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

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Candidate*

District/Agency

Work Address

Work Phone

Home Phone

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What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

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**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?
(Response Required)**

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

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Candidate Signature _____ Date _____



**California Special
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Districts Stronger Together

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BY:

DATE: January 30, 2023
TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers
FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee
SUBJECT: **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT C**

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2024 - 2026 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent.
(See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is 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. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations for the Northern, Sierra, Coastal and Southern Networks is April 6, 2023. Where there is no incumbent running in the Bay Area and Central Networks the deadline for receiving nominations is April 17, 2023. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: 916.442.7889
E-mail: amberp@csda.net

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 5, 2023. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 14, 2023. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 18, 2023. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Monterey, CA in August 2023.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

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|-------------------------|--|
| Northern Network | Seat C – Fred Ryness, Burney Water District* |
| Sierra Network | Seat C – Pete Kampa, Groveland Community Services District* |
| Bay Area Network | Seat C – <i>Vacant</i> |
| Central Network | Seat C – Steve Perez, GM, Rosamond Community Services District |
| Coastal Network | Seat C – Vince Ferrante, Moss Landing Harbor District* |
| Southern Network | Seat C – Arlene Schafer, Costa Mesa Sanitary District* |

(* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely. *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 5, 2023. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 14, 2023.*

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail amberp@csda.net by **April 6, 2023** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 5, 2023 per district request only.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at amberp@csda.net.



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2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Network: _____ (see map)

Telephone: _____

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

**Return this form, a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate, and
Candidate Information Sheet by mail or email to:**

CSDA
Attn: Amber Phelen
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732

amberp@cda.net

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:

March 31, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.



California Special Districts Association

DISTRICT NETWORKS





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2023 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Title: _____

Elected/Appointed/Staff: _____

Length of Service with District: _____

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

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

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

4. List civic organization involvement:

****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 March 31, 2023, after 5:00 p.m. will not be included with the ballot.**