

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 2011

TO: California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Voting Members

FROM: Jo MacKenzie, CSDA Board President
Neil McCormick, CSDA Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed CSDA Bylaws Amendments

The CSDA Board of Directors has approved that attached recommended changes to the CSDA Bylaws to bring forward to CSDA voting members for consideration.

These recommended changes only affect one section of the bylaws (Article VIII – Local Chapters) as indicated in the attached document. The main reason for the proposed change to the bylaws is to require all newly formed chapters to have 100% of their members as dues paying members of the state association (CSDA) as well.

Approving this bylaws change will not affect any existing CSDA chapter or its members. This is for newly formed chapters only.

CSDA strongly encourages all chapters to promote membership in CSDA at the statewide level as it significantly helps in supporting the wide variety of efforts by the association throughout California and delivered on behalf of all districts. Ultimately, CSDA is trying to build and strengthen the relationship and connection between the statewide organization and chapters so we can better work together, communicate and have consistency in membership which makes us stronger.

The proposed changes are indicated in mark-up form on the attached excerpt from the Bylaws. A full version of the current CSDA bylaws can be found online at www.csda.net/bylaws.

Once your district has reviewed the proposed CSDA bylaws updates, please use the enclosed official ballot with the prepaid postage to cast your vote by mail in favor or not in favor of the changes. **Completed ballots must be received by Friday, July 29, 2011 at 5:00 pm to be counted.** Only official and fully completed ballots returned via regular mail will be counted. The results of the Bylaws ballot will be announced in the CSDA e-News and on the CSDA website -- www.csda.net. If approved, the updated bylaws will take effect on August 1, 2011.

If you have any questions or require hard copies of any of any of these documents, you may contact Charlotte Lowe, Executive Assistant at charlottel@csda.net or (916) 442-7887.

Thank you for your participation and continued support of CSDA!

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ARTICLE VIII – LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1. Purpose:

The purpose of local chapters is to provide a local forum of members for the discussion, consideration and interchange of ideas concerning matters relating to the purposes and powers of special districts and the CSDA.

The local chapters may meet to discuss issues bearing upon special districts and the CSDA. The chapters may make recommendations to the CSDA's Board of Directors.

Section 2. Organization:

The regular voting members of the CSDA are encouraged to create and establish local chapters. Each of the following existing chapters must have at least one (1) CSDA member in their membership at all times: Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Kern, Marin, Monterey, Orange (ISDOC), Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and Ventura. These existing chapters are strongly encouraged to have all district members as CSDA members, however ~~the~~ existing local chapter may include members of local organizations, districts and professionals who are not members of the CSDA.

New chapters formed after {DATE OF BYLAWS UPDATE} are required to have 100 percent of their district members as CSDA members in order to be a chapter affiliate of CSDA. The existing local chapter may include members of local organizations and professionals who are not members of CSDA.

Local chapters shall be determined to be affiliates of the CSDA upon approval and ratification by the Board of Directors of the CSDA. The chapters shall be required to provide updated membership lists to the CSDA at least annually.

CSDA and its local chapters shall not become or deem to be partners or joint ventures with each other by reason of the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 3. Rules, Regulations and Meetings:

Each local chapter shall adopt such rules and regulations, meeting place and times as the membership of such local chapter may decide by majority vote. Rules and regulations of the local chapter shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the CSDA.

Section 4. Financing of Local Chapters:

No part of the CSDA's funds shall be used for the operation of the local chapter affiliates. The CSDA is not responsible for the debts, obligations, acts or omissions of its local chapters.

Section 5. Legislative Program Participation:

Local chapters may function as a forum in regard to federal, state and local legislative issues. The chapters may assist the CSDA in the distribution of information to their members.