

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wendy Berry, Secretary/Treasurer
DATE: June 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Selection of California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors coastal network representative for the 2022-2024 term.

Recommendation: Review /discuss and vote for one candidate to serve as the coastal network representative on the CSDA Board and authorize district staff to vote for the selected candidate.

Policy Implications: The CSDA leadership is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered three-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.

Fiscal Impact: None

History: CSDA is an association that was formed in 1969 to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts. CSDA represents all types of independent special districts including, water, park and recreation, cemetery, fire, police library, utility, harbor, healthcare and community services districts. CSDA provides education and training, insurance programs, legal advice, industry-wide litigation, public relations support, legislative advocacy, capital improvement and equipment funding, and current information that is crucial to a special district's management and operational effectiveness.

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.

Discussion: At the March 17, 2021, your Board reviewed the requirements to serve as a CSDA Board of Directors for Seat A Coastal network for the CSDA because the CSDA was calling for nominations for Seat A. The election would take place prior to June 16, 2021. The Board's decision was not to nominate anyone to run for Seat A. Staff received notification of the on-line voting requirements. There are two candidates running for the Seat A Coastal Network. The candidates are Hugh Rafferty – SM Public Airport District and Elaine Magner – Pleasant Valley Rec and Park District.

Attachment:

Candidate Info Sheets



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2021 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Elaine Magner

District/Company: Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District

Title: Board Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: Since February 2008

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

I currently serve on the CSDA Board of Directors as the Vice President. As the CSDA Vice President I serve on all CSDA committees. In the past I have been on the Fiscal, Audit, Elections and Bylaws, Membership and Professional Development and provide input to many of the CSDA Expert Feedback Teams including Human Resources and Personnel, Governance and Revenue Teams. Also I am one of the three CSDA board directors on the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF) and the CSDA representative on the SDLF Scholarship Committee.

I attend CSDA Legislative Days and Exhibitors Showcase annually.

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

No

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

Serve as the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District representative to the Ventura County Special Districts Association. Am one of the PVRPD Board members on the City of Camarillo/PVRPD Liaison Committee focusing on senior needs including facilities.

4. List civic organization involvement:

Member of the Camarillo Health Care District Early Morning Executive Panel – pre-COVID.



Fellow Coastal Network Members,

Having represented the Coastal Network as a CSDA Board member since 2016, I'm requesting your support for re-election.

I'm currently CSDA Board Vice President, having also served as Secretary and Treasurer. I've chaired the Fiscal and Membership committees, now serving as the ex-officio on all CSDA committees. I'm a representative to the Special Districts Leadership Foundation and their Scholarship Committee. I've completed the SDLF Leadership Academy, and regularly attend the annual Legislative Days, Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcases.

As a Director for the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District Board since 2008, I've served as Board Chair, on the Personnel and Liaison Committees, and as PVRPD's representative to the Ventura County Special Districts Association and CSDA. I have been honored by VCSDA as Director of the Year.

My career in Public Service for 31 years was in law enforcement Human Resources. Following my retirement, I worked as a contract investigator for the Department of Justice.

My experience on the PVRPD Board and my work as a public servant has provided me with a solid foundation of experience, enabling me to represent your District's interests on the CSDA Board.

As a board member, I represent all special districts in the Coastal Network, supporting CSDA's on-going efforts to offer educational classes and informative conferences and their pro-active legislative advocacy and policy proposals that impact all Special Districts.

If re-elected, I will continue to work with board members and staff to further advocacy efforts at the state and national level, increase membership, and further enhance services provided to member agencies.

I would appreciate your district's support in my re-election as the Coastal Network representative on the CSDA Board of Directors. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Sincerely,

Elaine L. Magner, Director
Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District



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2021 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Hugh Rafferty

District/Company: Santa Maria Public Airport District

Title: Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 10 years

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

CSDA Secondary Legislative Committee

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

California Credit Union League - PAC and Advocacy Committee

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

Santa Barbara County Chapter CSDA

4. List civic organization involvement:

Santa Barbara County Taspayers Association

Chamber of Commerce - Leadership Santa Maria

****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 after March 29, 2021 will not be included with the ballot.**

CSDA Board of Directors 2021 – 2023 Election Candidate Statement

I am the Past-president of the Santa Maria Public Airport District, and currently serve as Board Secretary. I have served on the District board for 10 years.

I'm the Past-president of the Santa Barbara County Chapter of CSDA, and continue to serve on the Board of Directors. I've served on the board for approximately 7 years. In addition, I currently serve on the CSDA Secondary Legislative Committee, and have served on the HR Support Committee.

I'm a past member of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and currently serve on its Leadership Santa Maria Valley Board.

I'm an Honorably Discharged Marine Corps Veteran, and was designated a Lifetime Honorary Commander Emeritus by the 30th Space Wing at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

I hold a BA degree in General Studies, an MA in Human Development and Management, and a Ph. D in Management.

In addition to the above, I serve/have served in the following capacities:

- . Board Member and Past President – Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association
- . Current President – Committee to Improve North (Santa Barbara) County
- . Chairman – Volunteer Leadership Committee, California Credit Union League
- . Board Member – California Credit Union League Advocacy Committee and Political Action Committee

I'm the recipient of several California Assembly, California State Senate and Congressional Certificates of Recognition, as well as Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, and California Credit Union League Volunteer of the Year Awards.

My work with these various organizations has brought me into contact with numerous City, County, State and Federal elected officials, as well as managers and directors and employees of a number of special districts, and I hope to bring these experiences to the CSDA Board of Directors

I hope you will consider me for election to the CSDA Coastal Network board position.

Hugh Rafferty