

## ***STAFF REPORT***

**To:** Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

**From:** Mary Rogren, General Manager

**Agenda:** July 8, 2025

**Report Date:** July 3, 2025

**Agenda Title:** California Special Districts Association (CSDA) – 2026 Board Election – Bay Area Network, Seat B

---

### **Recommendation/Motion:**

**Authorize the District's CSDA Board Representative (Director Muller) to cast the District vote for the incumbent, Ryan Clausnitzer, to serve as one of the representatives to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors in the Bay Area Network, for Seat B.**

### **Background:**

As a member of the California Special Districts Association, the Coastside County Water District's Board of Directors (or its designate) has the opportunity to participate in the CSDA Board Elections process by casting a vote for one of the candidates seeking to represent the Bay Area Network.

The District's CSDA Board Representative, Director John Muller recommends that the District's vote goes to the current incumbent, Ryan Clausnitzer.

In addition to serving on the Bay Area Network, Mr. Clausnitzer is a Past President of CSDA, served as Vice-Chair of the Legislative Committee and a member of the Fiscal Committee. He also represented the CSDA Board of Directors on the National Special District Association and is a Founding Director and now Chair of the California CLASS JPA. (Please see the attached candidate statement from Mr. Clausnitzer.)

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

## **2026-2028 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**

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

**Name:** Ryan Clausnitzer, MPA, CSDM

**District/Company:** Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District

**Title:** General Manager

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Staff

**Length of Service with District:** Thirteen years total: three as Trustee, ten as General Manager

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

Past President of CSDA (2021 & 2022). Vice-Chair of the Legislative Committee and member of the Fiscal Committee. CSDA Board appointee to the National Special District Coalition. Speaker and Panelist at GM Summit and Annual Conference. Certified Special District Manager (CSDM). Recognition of Special District Governance, SDLF Leadership Academy, District Board Secretary/ Clerk.

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

Chair of California CLASS Joint Powers Authority. Coastal Region representative on the MVCAC Legislative Committee.

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

Past-President & current Board member of the Alameda County Special District Chapter, Executive Committee member of the East Bay Economic Development Agency

**4. List civic organization involvement:**

President-elect of the Rotary Club of Alameda, Chair of Fundraising and International Service Committees. Active member of elementary and middle school PTA, volunteer youth coach.

**\*\*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 the nomination deadlines will not be included with the ballot.

March 13, 2025

Bay Area Special Districts

**Re: CSDA Board of Directors Bay Area Network Seat B**

I am seeking your support for a fourth term on the CSDA Board of Directors in the Bay Area Network, building on my proven CSDA Board leadership, dedication to raising awareness of special districts, 28 years of experience in all levels of government, and my academic background in public policy.

During my last term on the CSDA Board, I was honored to serve a second year as CSDA President. My CSDA Board colleagues also selected me to be a founding Director of the California CLASS JPA, which I now Chair. The CSDA Board also appointed me to represent the CSDA Board of Directors on the National Special District Association where I had the privilege of advocating with other states for a formal special district definition at the US Capitol— an effort that came remarkably close to passing this past session.

Engaging with CSDA chapters has been a priority, allowing me to attend several in-person and virtual meetings in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Contra Costa, and Marin, as well as chapter formation meetings in Sonoma County, Santa Cruz, and Solano-Yolo. These connections strengthen my ability to represent the entire region at CSDA meetings and advocacy events.

Looking ahead, one of my key goals is to deepen my engagement with Bay Area Chapters by attending more meetings and bringing forward to the CSDA Board any issues I hear from you. Another priority is to increase participation in CSDA business sponsors, such as California CLASS JPA. Not only are these direct benefits to CSDA members, but the revenue-sharing business agreements offset cost increases, keeping membership dues stable.

The value of your work and commitment to your community is an easy sell to stakeholders including the residents you serve. It would be my honor to represent San Francisco Bay Area special districts for another three years on the CSDA Board of Directors where I can share your story to the benefit of all special districts.

Sincerely,

Ryan Clausnitzer, MPA, CSDM, REHS  
General Manager  
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District  
23187 Connecticut Street  
Hayward, CA 94545  
ryan@mosquitoes.org

Encl: Nomination form, candidate information sheet, Board resolution