

Agenda

NOTE THIS MEETING WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING

Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday – January 25, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to the CALAVERAS LAFCo special meeting. This meeting will be via Zoom (conference call) only due to the COVID-19 virus. A roll call vote is required for all items on the agenda.

You may use your phone for this meeting and no computer is required. There will be video if you choose to use it.

The complete agenda, including backup materials and materials related to items on this Agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the Agenda Packet, is available for public inspection on the Calaveras LAFCo website. Agenda materials are also available on the Calaveras LAFCO website at www.calaveraslafco.org

Instructions for joining meeting via Zoom are as follows:

Topic: Calaveras LAFCo

Time: Jan 25, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87621864979?pwd=TXIGL3FiSVZORCtKWGpJYnVRNE1Fdz09>

Meeting ID: 876 2186 4979

Passcode: 940753

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,87621864979#,,,,*940753# US (San Jose)

+13462487799,,87621864979#,,,,*940753# US (Houston)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 876 2186 4979

Passcode: 940753

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87621864979>

If you have any problems dialing in call LAFCo at (209)754-6511 or cell at (707) 592-7528

Items may be considered at any time during the meeting. All items are listed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this teleconference meeting either by email prior to the meeting at j.benoit4@icloud.com or by phone by dialing the number above. You may listen to the meeting by dialing the teleconference number.

This meeting is being agendized to allow staff and the public to participate via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 & N-29-20 and dated March 12, 2020 & March 17, 2020. These Executive Orders authorizes local legislative bodies to hold a public meeting via teleconference or other electronic means and to make public meetings accessible to telephonically to all members of the public and staff in effort to observe Social Distancing Recommendations in effect for the entire country.

(All meeting materials are available on LAFCo's Website: www.calaveraslafco.org)

6:00 PM Regular LAFCo Meeting Items:

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Commissioners

John Lavaroni, Special District Member

Alvin Broglio, City Member, Chair

_____, City Member

Gary Tofanelli, County Member

Merita Callaway, County Member, Vice-Chair

Tony Tyrrell, Special District Member

Anita Paque, Public Member

Roark Weber, Public Member Alt.

_____, County Member Alt.

Jon Dashner, Special Dist. Member Alt.

_____, City Member Alt

Staff:

John Benoit, Executive Officer

Nancy Mees, LAFCO Clerk

Michael Colantuono, LAFCO Counsel

2. Approval of Agenda (Deletions/Additions)

3. Consider minutes of November 16, 2020

a. Approve November 16, 2020 LAFCo Minutes

4. Consent Agenda:

a. Review and Authorize Claims for November and December 2020

5. Correspondence:

Calafco Calendar for 2021

Public Hearing:

6. Workshop regarding the Mokelumne Hill Sanitary District Service Review and Sphere of Influence (MSR and SOI)

a. Review MSR and SOI and conduct workshop.

7. Special District Members and Alternate.

a. Having not received a quorum of Special Districts voting. Discuss with staff sending out a second ballot to non-responding districts.

8. Executive Officer' s report

- a. Future Projects
- b. Angels Camp Sphere of Influence
- c. San Andreas Sanitary District and UPUD MSR and SOI
- d. CSDA Pay what you can program
- e. CSDA Special District Laws Guide

9. Commissioners Reports

This item is placed on the agenda for Commissioners to discuss items and issues of concern to their constituency, LAFCO, and legislative matters

10. Public Comment

This is the time set aside for citizens to address the Commission on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. For items that were on the agenda, public comment was heard when the item is discussed. If your comments concern an item that is noted as a public hearing, please address the Commission after the public hearing is opened for public testimony. The Chair reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes. Please understand that by law, the Commission cannot make decisions on matters not on the agenda.

11. NEXT LAFCO MEETING will be: March 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM in San Andreas

The Commission may take action upon any item listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise noted, items may be taken up at any time during the meeting.

Any member appointed on behalf of local government shall represent the interests of the public as a whole and not solely the interest of the appointing authority Government Code Section 56325.1

Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items not appearing on the agenda, as well as any item that does appear on the agenda, subject to the following restrictions:

- Items not appearing on the agenda must be of interest to the public and within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction.
- No action shall be taken on items not appearing on the agenda unless otherwise authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2 (known as the Brown Act, or California Open Meeting Law).

Public Hearings

Members of the public may address the Commission on any item appearing on the agenda as a Public Hearing. The Commission may limit any person's input to a specified time. Written statements may be submitted in lieu of or to supplement oral statements made during a public hearing.

Agenda Materials

Materials related to an item on this agenda will be available on the Calaveras LAFCO website as noted below to the extent practicable and subject to staff's ability to post the documents prior to the meeting.

Accessibility

The location of this meeting is wheelchair-accessible.

Disclosure & Disqualification Requirements

Any person or group of persons acting in concert who directly or indirectly contribute \$1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to a change of organization or reorganization that has been submitted to Calaveras LAFCO must comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974 applicable to local initiative measures to be submitted to the electorate. These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals; they may be reviewed at Government Code §§56700.1 and 81000 *et seq.* Additional information about the requirements pertaining to local initiative measures to be presented to the electorate can be obtained by calling the Fair Political Practices Commission at (916) 322-5660. A LAFCO Commissioner must disqualify herself or himself from voting on an application involving an "entitlement for use" (such as an annexation or sphere amendment) if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received \$250 or more in campaign contributions from the applicant, any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the application, or an agency (such as an attorney, engineer, or planning consultant) representing the applicant or an interested party. The law (Government Code Section 84308) also requires any applicant or other participant in a LAFCO proceeding to disclose the contribution amount and name of the recipient Commissioner on the official record of the proceeding.

Contact LAFCO Staff at (209) 754-6511

LAFCO Webpage: www.calaveraslafco.org

Email LAFCO at: j.benoit4@icloud.com

Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 16, 2020

- 11. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Order was called by Chair Broglio at 6:01 p.m., on Monday, November 16, 2020, via video conference.

Commissioners Present

Alvin Broglio, City Member, Chair
Merita Callaway, County Member, Vice Chair
Joseph Oliveira, City Member
Tony Tyrrell, Special Dist. Member
Anita Paque, Public Member (arrived 6:36pm)
Jon Dashner, Special Dist. Mem. Alt.(arrived 6:17pm)

Commissioners Absent

John Lavaroni, Special Dist. Mem.
Dennis Mills, County Member Alt.
Roark Weber, Public Member Alt.
Amanda Folendorf, City Member Alt.
Gary Tofanelli, County Member

Staff Present

John Benoit, Executive Officer
Nancy Mees, LAFCO Clerk

Others Present

- 2. **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION by Commissioner Callaway to approve the Agenda, second by Commissioner Tyrrell. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, 3 absent.

- 3. **Consider Minutes of the September 21, 2020, LAFCo meeting:**

MOTION by Commissioner Tyrrell to approve the Minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Oliveira. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, 3 absent.

- 4. **Consent Agenda:**

Review and authorize claims for September and October 2020.

MOTION by Commissioner Tyrrell to approve the Consent Agenda and Claims for September and October 2020 as presented, second by Commissioner Oliveira. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, 3 absent.

- 5. **Correspondence:**

Executive Officer Benoit reported that he had received information from CALAFCO regarding a virtual roundtable for the Central Region on December 2, as well as two webinars. He will forward the information to the Commissioners.

Mr. Benoit stated that he had also received a letter from the State Controller’s office saying Calaveras LAFCo had not yet dissolved the districts the State had placed on their inactive list. Mr. Benoit forwarded information to them to prove that those districts had in fact been dissolved.

6. Public Hearing regarding the Valley Springs PUD Service Review and Sphere of Influence (MSR and SOI):

a) Conduct public hearing regarding the Valley Springs PUD MSR and SOI.

Executive Officer Benoit reported that he had received a few comments from VSPUD and had therefore made some updates to the MSR. One change was an update to the list of board members on page 14. Another update, on page 19, was the result of previous Commission questions as to additional connection capacity. The total available connections is 114, but as 60 of those have already been committed to the Charboneau Estates project, there are only 54 available connections remaining. This was added into the Determinations, along with an update stating the District had adopted a Community Plan. In addition, the District has an agreement with CCWD for both water and wastewater emergencies.

Commissioner Callaway asked, if the District did not want to expand, could the County force them to. Mr. Benoit responded that he had never heard of that being done, and that the District has the final say.

Commissioner Oliveira queried whether, if expansion were required, could the District put pressure on the developer to pay the costs. Mr. Benoit replied that it could, although many districts do not have adequate developer fees. He added that he does not believe VSPUD is anti-growth, but that a lot also depends on any new growth policies or legislation imposed by the state.

Chair Broglio opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment, so the Chair closed the Hearing.

Commissioner Oliveira commented that since statements in the MSR indicate that the District's system is in poor shape and that there is no Capital Improvement Plan, shouldn't that be pointed out. Mr. Benoit said that one of the Determinations is that the District should have a Master Plan, adding that many grants require a Capital Improvement plan. Chair Broglio said it didn't appear that the District was in violation of anything, but that it just has an aging system, and Mr. Benoit affirmed that.

b) Consider LAFCo Resolution 2020-0006 adopting a Municipal Service Review for services provided by the Valley Springs Public Utility District.

MOTION by Commissioner Callaway to approve Resolution 2020-0006 adopting the Municipal Service Review for Valley Springs PUD as presented, second by Commissioner Tyrrell. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 absent.

c) Consider LAFCo Resolution 2020-0007 adopting a Sphere of Influence for the Valley Springs Public Utility District.

Commissioner Callaway commented that since there is no Master Plan, adopting the proposed sphere seems a little shaky. Executive Officer Benoit agreed, but stated that the District would not be able to do any development until it had a Master Plan. Chair Broglio asked who follows up on ensuring that the District does write such a plan. Mr.

Benoit responded that any annexation would have to come to LAFCo, which can refuse to approve it until a Master Plan is done. He added that it could be added as a condition in the SOI Determinations by referencing SOI Determination 3-4 of the VSPUD MSR/SOI.

Commissioner Oliveira then suggested that the sphere be restricted to the District's current boundaries. Mr. Benoit stated the sphere could be made coterminous with current boundaries for the time being, and that the District can return to LAFCo and request a sphere amendment at any time once it has completed its Master Plan. Commissioners Callaway and Broglio both agreed with that suggestion.

MOTION by Commissioner Callaway to approve Resolution 2020-0007 adopting the Sphere of Influence for Valley Springs PUD, with the amendment that the sphere be made coterminous to current District boundaries, second by Commissioner Dashner. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 absent.

7. Regular LAFCo meeting schedule for 2021:

Executive Officer Benoit reported that the schedule is the same every-other-month schedule LAFCo has been following the past few years and as provided for in its bylaws.

MOTION by Commissioner Tyrrell to approve the Regular LAFCo meeting schedule for 2021 as presented, second by Commissioner Oliveira. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, 2 absent.

8. Executive Officer's Report

a) Recruitment for Special District Members and Alternate.

Executive Officer Benoit stated that the ballots for the election of Special District Members had been sent out. There are six applicants, and the two persons receiving the most votes will be the Members, with the person having the third highest number becoming the Alternate.

b) CSDA Membership.

Mr. Benoit reported that small districts have been unable to join CSDA due to the cost of membership, and therefore, CSDA has instituted a new program in which smaller districts that meet certain criteria can pay a lesser amount to join. He added that he will forward the information to all of the special districts. Commissioner Callaway requested a list of the smaller Calaveras special districts so that the Commissioners can call and encourage those districts to join. Commissioner Oliveira asked how many districts are unable to afford the cost, and Mr. Benoit replied that it was probably about half of them, but added that CSAs are not eligible for this program.

*c) CALAFCO Elections: County representative is **Daron McDaniel** of Merced LAFCo and District representative is **Gay Jones** of Sacramento LAFCo..*

Mr. Benoit commented that the elections were uncontested.

d) *CALAFCo Activities:*

CALAFCo Virtual Regional Roundtable – Central Region, Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Mr. Benoit stated he would send the Commissioners a link for joining the roundtable.

Proactively Navigating Economic and Service Crisis Realities. Date: Thursday, November 19 – 1:30 pm-3:00 pm.

LAFCo’s Critical Role in Moving Forward in the Crisis Realities of 2020 and Beyond. Date: Monday, December 7 from 1:30pm-3:00 pm.

Both of the above two webinars are free.

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Oliveira reported that he is leaving office at the end of December, and therefore this was his last LAFCo meeting. Commissioner Callaway said she has truly enjoyed working with him. Commissioner Paque added that she is sorry to see him leave, and that it has been good working with him.

Commissioner Dashner stated that he is running to again be on the LAFCo Commission. Chair Broglio reported that Angels Camp is doing some sidewalk work, and that he, too, will miss working with Commissioner Oliveira.

11. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Oliveira to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Callaway. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention, 1 absent.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. Due to the Martin Luther King holiday, the next regular meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mees.

DATED: _____

APPROVED: _____

Alvin Broglio, Chair, or Merita Callaway,
Vice Chair, Calaveras Local Agency
Formation

#4

CALAVERAS LAFCO
LAFCO CLAIM AUTHORIZATION FORM

for

November and December 2020

Authorize payment of the following claims:

<u>Date of Claim</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FY 2020-2021 Expenses:		
Nov 16, 2020	Commission meeting stipends	\$ 300.00
Dec 1, 2020	Staff Svcs and Expenses Nov 2020	\$ 5,060.09
Jan 1, 2021	Staff Svcs and Exp Dec 2020	\$ 3,144.07
	TOTAL:	\$ 8,504.16

DATED: Jan 25, 2021

APPROVED: Jan 25, 2021

Alvin Broglio, Chair or Merita Callaway, Vice-Chair
Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Attest:

John Benoit
Executive Officer

Item	Account Number	Comm Stipends	Insurance	Communications	Memberships	GenOfficeExp	Postage	copies	MSR	SOI	Ex. OFF. Svcs	City Fin Chrg
		62001	62050	62051	62052	62053	62054	62055	62057	62058	62059	62060
Total Budgeted		\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 3,600.00
Calafco dues 20-21			\$ (2,325.00)		\$ (1,620.00)							
SORMA Insurance 20-21												
July 20, 2020 Lafco meeting		\$ (300.00)										
Staff Svcs July 2020 Inv 0061			\$ (41.77)				\$ (14.20)	\$ (187.10)	\$ (2,000.00)		\$ (3,550.00)	
Staff Svcs August 2020 Inv 0073			\$ (41.96)				\$ (1.42)	\$ (1.00)			\$ (2,950.00)	
Sept 21, 2020 Payroll Calaveras		\$ (350.00)										
Staff Svcs September 2020			\$ (41.32)				\$ (17.70)	\$ (37.20)	\$ (2,000.00)		\$ (2,700.00)	
Staff SVCS October 2020			\$ (41.96)					\$ (1,000.00)			\$ (1,550.00)	
CSDA Dues 20-21					\$ (500.00)							
Comm Payroll Nov 16, 2020		\$ (300.00)										
Staff Svcs November 2020			\$ (48.99)			\$ (64.00)	\$ (15.60)	\$ (38.60)	\$ (2,000.00)		\$ (2,950.00)	
Staff Svcs December 2020			\$ (44.57)				\$ (0.50)	\$ (10.00)			\$ (3,025.00)	
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$ (950.00)	\$ (2,325.00)	\$ (260.57)	\$ (2,120.00)	\$ (64.00)	\$ (49.42)	\$ (37.90)	\$ (7,000.00)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (16,725.00)	\$ 3,600.00
TOTAL REMAINING		\$ 2,350.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 539.43	\$ -	\$ 286.00	\$ 450.58	\$ 1,226.10	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 3,600.00



5

21 Events Calendar

JANUARY

- 8 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Virtual)
- 19 CALAFCO Monthly EO meeting (Virtual)
- 21 CALAFCO Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session (Virtual)
- 22 CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)
- 21-22& League New Mayor & Council Academy (Virtual)
- 28-29 CA Assn. of Sanitation Agencies Conference (Virtual)

FEBRUARY

- 16 CALAFCO Monthly EO meeting (Virtual)
- 19 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Virtual)

MARCH

- 17-19 CALAFCO Staff Workshop (Newport Beach)
- 26 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Virtual)

APRIL

- 19 CALAFCO Monthly EO meeting (Virtual)
- 30 CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)

MAY

- 7 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Virtual)
- 11-14 Assn. of CA Water Agencies Conference (Monterey)
- 17 CALAFCO Monthly EO meeting (Virtual)

JUNE

- 18 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Virtual)
- 28 CALAFCO Monthly EO meeting (Virtual)

JULY

- 23 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Virtual)
- 30 CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Sacramento)

AUGUST

- 11-13 CA Assn. of Sanitation Agencies Annual Conference (San Diego)
- 30 CA Special Districts Assn. Conference (Monterey)

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 CA Special Districts Assn. Conference (Monterey)
- 22-24 League Annual Conference (Sacramento)
- 29-30 Regional Council of Rural Counties Annual Conference (Monterey)

OCTOBER

- 22 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (2022) (Virtual)
- 6-8 CALAFCO Annual Conference (Newport Beach)
- 7 CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting (Newport Beach)
- 8 CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Newport Beach)

NOVEMBER

- 5 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Sacramento)
- 12 CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Sacramento)
- 30 CA State Assn. of Counties Annual Conference (Monterey)
- 30 Assn. of CA Water Agencies Conference (Pasadena)

DECEMBER

- 1-3 CA State Assn. of Counties Annual Conference (Monterey)
- 1-3 Assn. of CA Water Agencies Conference (Pasadena)
- 3 CALAFCO Legislative Committee (San Diego)

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS

1020 12th Street, Suite 222
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-442-6536

For current information and other CALAFCO resources please visit www.calafco.org



MEMORANDUM

January 25, 2021

TO: Calaveras LAFCo Commission

FROM: John Benoit, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Independent Special District Elections - Status

On November 16, 2020 a ballot was mailed (and) or emailed to the 42 independent special districts in Calaveras County. To have a quorum of independent special districts at least 50% must return a ballot to LAFCo, which means LAFCo must receive at least 21 returned votes. LAFCo received only 9 votes.

LAFCo received ballots from:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Calaveras PUD | 6. Murphys Sanitary District |
| 2. Rail Road Flat Cemetery District | 7. Murphys Cemetery District |
| 3. Middle River CSD | 8. Valley Springs PUD |
| 4. Calaveras County Water District | 9. Mark Twain Healthcare District |
| 5. Angels Camp Vet District | |

The reasons for the lack of a quorum are most likely confusion, postal delays, covid and the holiday season.

The statute requires a 60-day extension to be granted and a ballot to be sent out to districts not submitting a ballot.

The following districts did not submit a ballot:

1. Altaville Cemetery District
2. Copperopolis Cemetery District
3. San Andreas Cemetery District
4. Vallecito Cemetery District
5. West Point Cemetery District
6. Mokelumne Hill Cemetery District
7. Appaloosa Road CSD
8. Circle XX CSD
9. Copper Cove Rocky Road CSD
10. Lynn Park Acres CSD
11. Mountain Ranch Subdivision CSD

12. Copper Valley CSD (formerly Saddle Creek)
13. Three Cent Flat CSD
14. Wallace CSD
15. Altaville-Melones FPD
16. Copperopolis Fire District
17. Ebbetts Pass FPD
18. Central Calaveras Fire
19. Mokelumne Hill FPD
20. Murphys FPD
21. San Andreas FPD
22. West Point FPD
23. Calaveras Consolidated FPD
24. Union PUD
25. San Andreas Park and Rec
26. Calaveras RCD
27. Mokelumne Hill Sanitary
28. San Andreas Sanitary
29. Ebbetts Pass Veterans Memorial District (VMD)
30. Jenny Lind VMD
31. Mokelumne Hill VMD
32. San Andreas VMD
33. West Point VMD

Staff will be mailing 33 ballots to those districts on the list of having not returned a ballot. The district chair will have 60 days to return the ballot to LAFCo. If a quorum does not occur, additional ballots will be mailed out and LAFCo will collect the returned ballots until a quorum is reached.

7 d



California Special Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together



PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN MEMBERSHIP

Main Contact Name		
Title		
Email		Phone
District Name		
Mailing Address		
City		State Zip
Physical Address		
City		State Zip
DISTRICT OPERATING REVENUE \$		
DUES TABLE (operating revenue as of June 30, 2020)		
OPERATING REVENUE	REGULAR DUES	PAY WHAT YOU CAN -- HOW MUCH CAN YOUR DISTRICT AFFORD?
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50k or lower	\$106	\$ _____ <i>Membership through December 31, 2022</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 - \$75k	\$202	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 - \$100k	\$467	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 - \$150k	\$653	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 - \$200k	\$1,064	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 - \$250k	\$1,112	
PAYMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN EXPRESS		
Account Name		Account Number
Expiration Date		Authorized Signature
PAY WHAT YOU CAN AMOUNT \$		
Please return this form with dues investment to CSDA Member Services, 1112 I Street #200, Sacramento CA 95814. Additional information will be requested to complete your agency's new member file. Eligible district applications will be processed with no renewal due until January 2023 QUESTIONS? Contact Member Services at 877.924.2732 or membership@csla.net.		
ELIGIBILITY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an independent special district (as defined by Government Code section 56044) and/or public agencies whose legislative body is composed of representatives from two or more public agencies. District's annual operating revenue/income as of June 30, 2020 is less than \$250,000. Only one-time grants or straight pass-through funding should be excluded. Any funding used to support agency operations such as payroll and other administrative expenses should be included. Is not a current CSDA member or a district who lapsed CSDA membership in the past 18 months. 		

DRBA 1993 prohibits taxpayers from deducting, for federal income tax purposes, the portion of membership dues that are allocable to the lobbying activities of trade organizations. The non-deductible portion of your dues is estimated to be 8%.



California Special Districts Association

Districts Stronger Together

CONTACT US JOIN SUPPORT

LOGIN

Limited Offer: Pay-What-You-Can!



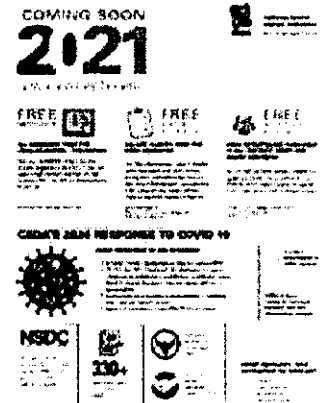
ELIGIBLE DISTRICTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A FIRST-EVER SPECIAL OFFER TO JOIN CSDA!

Join the growing network of special districts through our Pay-What-You-Can membership offer.

Simply choose the amount you

can afford to pay to become a member of CSDA, and your entire district will receive access to CSDA's member benefits and value-added programs through December 2022!

Highlights of 2020



Check out this visual of what CSDA accomplished in 2020 with the help of our members. CSDA is looking forward to great new member benefits and opportunities in 2021.

Benefits of CSDA Membership

California's special districts are stronger together. Through CSDA membership districts can connect and collaborate like never before. CSDA is committed to providing members with

special programs and resources that can save them time and money. Take a moment to explore our Core and Value Added Benefits below.

VIEW NOW

CORE BENEFITS

VALUE ADDED BENEFITS

Is Your District Eligible?

- Be an independent special district (as defined by Government Code section 56044) and/or public agency whose legislative body is composed of representatives from two or more public agencies.
- District's annual operating revenue/income as of June 30, 2020 is less than \$250,000. Only one-time grants or straight pass-through funding should be excluded. Any funding used to support agency operations such as payroll and other administrative expenses should be included.
- Is not a current CSDA member or a district whose CSDA membership lapsed in the past 18 months.

Two Ways to Join!

JOIN ONLINE

DOWNLOAD PDF APPLICATION

**online application by AllPaid*

Payments Powered by GovPayNet.

Questions? Contact Member Services at 877.924.2732 or membership@csda.net.

JOIN NOW!

**online application by AllPaid Payments Powered by GovPayNet.*

[Click here](#) for PDF application.



FIND IT FAST

SDLF

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ALLIANCE



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

[CONTACT US](#) [JOIN](#) [SUPPORT](#)



[LOGIN](#)



Core Benefits

Your Voice in the Capitol

CSDA's Core Benefits are designed to meet the specific needs of special districts in California:

- **Legislative Advocacy**– CSDA is the only voice in the Capitol that represents and fights for all California special districts, regardless of services provided or affiliation with other organizations. CSDA's legislative advocate and in-house legislative staff review and monitor every bill introduced into legislation for its potential impact on California's special districts.
- **Influence** – CSDA participates in a number of coalitions and working groups to ensure that special districts have a strong voice in state and local government decision making.
- **Revenue Protection** – CSDA works hard each year to defeat attempts to raid special district revenues.

Not a Member?

Join CSDA Today! By joining CSDA, you help make Districts Stronger Together:

[LEARN MORE](#)

- **Weekly Legislative Updates** – CSDA keeps you informed by sending out crucial legislative updates on a weekly basis via the *CSDA eNews*.
- **Legislative Committee** – CSDA's Legislative Committee members represent a wide variety of district types and sizes.
- **Special Districts Legislative Days** – CSDA's annual Special Districts Legislative Days provides updated information on legislation and public policy as well as coordinates legislative visits for your board and staff.

Cost Saving Programs

- **CSDA Finance Corporation** – Tax-Exempt Municipal Financing
- **Special District Risk Management Authority** – Workers' Compensation, Property & Liability, and Health Coverages

Stay Connected & Informed

CSDA provides a myriad of benefits to help your special district stay apprised of the issues and changes affecting your district.

- **California Special Districts magazine** – CSDA's bi-monthly magazine, *California Special Districts*, helps keep your district informed with the most current news from across the state. Feature articles in the magazine offer critical information and education regarding and affecting special districts.
- **CSDA eNews** – CSDA's weekly email publication keeps your special district up-to-date with weekly legislative updates, current CSDA educational offerings, member

resources, and other time sensitive material important to your district's operations.

- **CSDA Website and Members Section** – CSDA's Members Section website houses tools and information useful to any and every special district. Features include:
 - Daily updates of special district news from across the state, tailored to your district
 - Direct contact information for YOUR legislators
 - Comprehensive legislative information that affects your district
 - A customized system that allows Calls to Action on legislation to appear only if they apply to your district
 - Pending bills, legislation and CSDA's current bill positions
 - Local contact information for media representatives in your region
 - Membership tools allowing you to register for events, order publications, and update your district information
 - CSDA Communities provides a convenient, fast and easy way for CSDA members to discuss issues of importance to special districts, share relevant information, and get answers to questions from those most qualified to answer: people who have been through the same experiences.
 - And much, much more!

Educate your Board and Staff

CSDA is the only association that offers education opportunities designed specifically for independent districts of all sizes and types.

- **Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA)** – CSDA's Leadership Academy is the recognized leader in governance training for district directors and trustees, endorsed by eight other special district associations. Special District Leadership Academy Courses are available as standalone modules or over the course of one two and a half day conference.
- **Special District Board Secretary/Clerk Conference** – Offers premiere training for board secretaries and clerks. First time attendees can earn their Special District Board Secretary/Clerk Certificate and attendees are encouraged to come back year after year for exciting new breakout sessions tailored to the board secretary/clerk position.
- **General Manager Leadership Summit** – a leadership conference for general managers and other management staff in special districts that occurs each summer. Attendees are able to access sessions that offer specific information & content to your position and network with others that hold your same position and take home ideas that you can immediately apply to your district.
- **Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase** – Each fall CSDA brings together leading subject and policy experts, business partners and vendors for three days of educational and networking opportunities for board members and staff.
- **Board Member Training** – CSDA offers this unique workshop designed by special districts for special districts to provide both the new and seasoned board

member a solid understanding of the role of a board member and the laws by which a board member must abide.

- **Webinars** – CSDA offers over 30 webinars each year, some at no charge, that provide you and your district easy access to the best in special districts education right at your desk.
- **Workshops** – CSDA offers training throughout California designed to enhance the knowledge-base of your district’s directors and staff.

Enhanced Benefits & Services

- **Bookstore discounts** – CSDA members receive significant savings on various publications offered through CSDA’s Bookstore. Some of these publications include:
 - CSDA Sample Policy Handbook
 - Brown Act Compliance Manual
 - Special District Administrative Salary & Benefits Survey
 - Introduction to Special District Revenues
 - Special District Board Member & Trustee Handbook
 - Special District Reserve Guidelines
- **Free Legal Advice** – CSDA offers each member one hour of free legal advice each year to help in resolving any legal issue or question. CSDA’s legal counsel has been representing special districts for many years and is well versed in helping special districts in a variety of areas.
- **Hardworking & Dedicated Staff** – CSDA’s staff are fully motivated and working hard every day of the week to represent you and ensure your success as a special