



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

Core Benefits of CSDA Membership

Your Voice in the Capitol

CSDA is the one association that provides a strong voice for all special districts in California. CSDA's 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.
- **Weekly Legislative Updates** - CSDA keeps you informed by sending out crucial legislative updates on a weekly basis via the *CSDA e-News*. If immediate action is necessary, separate Legislative Alerts will be sent with deadline notifications.
- **Legislative Committee** - The Legislative Committee members represent a wide variety of district types and sizes. These volunteers help with the development of CSDA's legislative agenda; review, direction and assist with legislative and public policy issues.
- **Online Grassroots Action Center** – This center is intended to provide you with up-to-date information regarding ongoing advocacy efforts in Sacramento and across California. The articles and featured sections will equip districts with tools necessary for joining together in effective grassroots organization.
- **Online Legislative Access Services** – Tools and resources at your fingertips: Bill tracking, legislator directory, press kits, free publications and more.
- **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.

Educate Your Board & Staff

CSDA is the only association that offers educational opportunities designed specifically for districts of all sizes and types. CSDA members enjoy significant savings on these offerings.

- **Special District Leadership Academy** – CSDA's Leadership Academy is the recognized leader in governance training for district directors and trustees. Courses are available as stand-alone modules or over the course of a two and a half-day conference.
- **Special District Board Secretary/Clerk Conference** – First time attendees can earn their Special District Board Secretary/Clerk Certificate. 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** – An annual leadership conference designed for general managers and other management staff in special districts. Attendees access sessions that offer specific information and content to their positions and network with others in the same position.
- **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.
- **Workshops** – CSDA offers training throughout California to enhance the knowledge-base of your district's directors and staff.
- **Webinars** – CSDA offers over 30 webinars each year, some at no charge, as a convenient, cost-effective solution to providing education for district staff and elected officials. The webinars are a collaborative effort among the partners in the California Special Districts Alliance.

Stay Connected & Informed

CSDA provides a myriad of benefits to help you stay apprised of the issues and changes affecting local government agencies.

- **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 regarding and affecting special districts.
- **CSDA e-News** – CSDA's weekly email publication keeps your special district up-to-date with weekly legislative updates, current CSDA educational offerings, and other time sensitive material important to your district's operations.
- **WWW.CSDA.NET** – CSDA's website houses online tools and information useful to any and every special district. Features include:
 - Daily updates of special district news from across the state
 - Membership tools allowing you to register for events, order publications, and even pay your district's CSDA dues
 - Contact information for other CSDA members
 - Sample Documents Library
 - Buyers Guide
 - RFP Clearinghouse
- **CSDA Communities** – CSDA's Open Forum provides a convenient, fast, and easy way for 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.
- **Facebook** - Stay up to date by liking the CSDA Facebook page.
- **Twitter** – Real time notifications via twitter: (*@specialdistrict*)

Enjoy Enhanced Benefits & Services

- **Discounts on Publications** – CSDA members receive significant savings on various publications offered through CSDA's online Bookstore. In addition, select publications are available for download at no cost to members.
- **Free Legal Advice** – CSDA offers each member one hour of free legal advice each year to help in resolving any legal issue or question.
- **Value Added Benefits** – Our Endorsed Affiliates program matches CSDA members with Business Affiliates that have gone through an extensive review process to gain the endorsement of CSDA and offer discounted services and products to our members. We also provide many value added benefits to help you save time and money.
- **Hardworking & Dedicated Staff** - Our staff is fully motivated and working hard to represent you and ensure your success. We're here for you!

Exclusive Programs Offered through the California Special Districts Alliance

The California Special Districts Alliance is a collaborative partnership between CSDA, the CSDA Finance Corporation, and SDRMA. CSDA members have access to exclusive programs offered by our Alliance Partners.

- **CSDA Finance Corporation** – Visit www.csdafinance.net for tax-exempt municipal financing solutions.
- **Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA)** – Visit www.sdrma.org for cost-effective Workers' Compensation, Property & Liability, and Health Coverages.