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**WATER DISTRICT**

***Memo***

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To: Board of Directors  
From: Larrie Ann Davis  
Date: July 12, 2018  
Subject: California Special Districts Association 2018 Board of Directors Election

Attached are copies of the candidate information sheet and candidate biography for the two candidates running for California Special Districts Association 2018 Board Election. The District is allowed one vote for Seat A in Southern Network. The ballot needs to be cast by August 10, 2018.

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**Joseph Kelly, Director  
Big Bear Airport District**



**A Message from Joseph Kelly  
Candidate for the California Special Districts Association  
Board of Directors**

Hello, I am Joseph Kelly, your candidate for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors. As an elected official, I understand the concept of serving our constituents. When elected to the CSDA Board, I will serve you.

CSDA is our "go to" organization, for training, support, data, answers and legislative outreach. During my tenure on the Big Bear Airport District Board of Directors, I have drawn on many of the resources provided by our membership in CSDA. These resources will not only continue, but get better with my input in Sacramento.

Technical innovations, communication and legislative support is what I bring to the table. I have no complaints about CSDA. To the contrary, I only seek to add my voice to make CSDA an ever improving association. I ask for your vote, the vote of your agency, to elect me to the CSDA Board of Directors.

Special Districts like yours provide vital services to a major portion of California. We as representatives require the support CSDA provides to help us carry out our responsibilities. We serve in every type of district from small rural areas to large metropolitan areas. One thing in common is that our constituents rely on us to provide services, without fail; and we are held accountable.

Each district faces its own challenges. In addition to these, some general concerns to me are:

- UNFUNDED MANDATES from Sacramento which are growing
- PREVAILING WAGE regulations impact on districts which don't have the large base of contractors
- NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION between agencies to find solutions to problems in common
- ENCOURAGING INPUT from Special Districts as to their needs from CSDA



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Districts Association**

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## 2018 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Joseph Kelly

District/Company: Big Bear Airport District

Title: Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected Member - Board of Directors

Length of Service with District: 3.5 years

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

2016 Special District Leadership Academy

2018 Special District Leadership Academy

Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts Membership

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

Institute for Local Government - Public Engagement Certificate and Subscriber

Jefferson Madison Society, President

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

Contributor in Numerous Events/Meetings of:

City of Big Bear Lake

Bear Valley Municipal Water District

Big Bear Community Services District

Bear Valley Healthcare District

Bear Valley Unified School District

- List civic organization involvement:

Better Big Bear

Bear Valley Historical Society

Big Bear Business Bunch

Big Bear Pilots Association

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**\*\*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 May 31, 2018 will not be included with the ballot.**

**Jo MacKenzie, Director  
Vista Irrigation District**



- \* DEDICATED      \* EXPERIENCED LEADER
- \* FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE
- \* COMMITTED TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS

I would be honored to continue representing the Southern Network on the CSDA Board of Directors.

I am dedicated to CSDA's mission and I pledge to continue building on CSDA's foundation of education programs, legislative advocacy, and public outreach. During my tenure, special districts have gained recognition as the third leg of local government. It is important that CSDA continues to be the voice of California's special districts in the Capitol.

Representing the Southern Network, I will bring to the California Special District Association years of experience in local government including LAFCO, and a strong understanding of how CSDA can best serve its members.

I have served as CSDA President, Treasurer, and the Chair of the Legislative Committee. I know the commitment and time it takes to be an effective board member. A flexible schedule is paramount to being a successful director. I have attended all board of directors and assigned committee meetings, read through a myriad of legislation, and hundreds of pages of Board packets in order to provide the leadership necessary for the association to run efficiently and effectively to serve the needs of the diverse special districts.

I have completed CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy, a requirement to serve on the Board. Under my leadership, my district, Vista Irrigation District, has obtained the Special District Leadership Foundation District of Distinction Accreditation, Gold, and the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

I believe it is important to the continued success and growth of CSDA that the Board of Directors remain committed to its **mission: to provide legislative advocacy, education, and member services for all special districts.**

**Your district's vote will be greatly appreciated!**



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## **2018 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**

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**Name:** Jo MacKenzie

**District/Company:** Vista Irrigation District

**Title:** President, Board of Directors

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Elected

**Length of Service with District:** 26 years

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

- President 2011, Vice President 2010, Treasurer 2008-2009
- CSDA Legislative Advocate of the Year 2010
- Finance Corporation 2007-present, President 2012, 2013, 2015- present
- Special District Leadership Foundation Board of Directors, Treasurer 2014-present
- Fiscal and Audit Committees; Membership Committee 2011- present
- Legislative Committee 2004-present; Chair, 2006-2010 and 2012
- San Diego Chapter, Board of Directors 1993-present, President 1998-2000
- Graduate of CSDA Governance Academy
- Attend Annual Conference and Legislative Days

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

- ACWA: Past Board Director; Local Government, Chair 2014-2015 and Membership Committees
- ACWA Region 10 Board, Vice Chair, Alternate Chair, Director 1997-2010
- Special District Official of the Year by PublicCEO 2011

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

- San Diego LAFCO, 1994-present, Current Chair; served on Advisory Committee for 14 years
- CALAFCO Board member
- Served on City of San Marcos Planning and Traffic Commissions
- Personally initiated the City of San Marcos Budget Review Committee in 1980, Chair 1996-2006

**4. List civic organization involvement:**

- San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, Lifetime Ambassador
- Graduate Leadership 2000, Cal State San Marcos
- Soroptimist International

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