



**California Special
Districts Association**
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CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

2015 BOARD ELECTIONS

MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

Dear Member:

A mail ballot has been enclosed for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in your Network for Seat A. Each of CSDA's six (6) networks has three seats on the Board. Each of the candidates is either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your network. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) director to represent its network.

We have enclosed the candidate information for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your network in Seat A and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information. If any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

Please utilize the enclosed return envelope to return the completed ballot. Ballots must be received at the CSDA office at 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814 by **5:00pm on Friday, August 7, 2015**.

If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please mail in your ballot to:

California Special Districts Association
Attn: 2015 Board Elections
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please contact Charlotte Lowe toll-free at 877.924.CSDA or charlottel@csda.net with any questions.



Candidate statement Southern network Seat A

Jo MacKenzie

PROVEN EXPERIENCE LEADING SPECIAL DISTRICTS

It would be an honor to continue serving special districts on the CSDA Board of Directors.

I am committed to building on the present foundation of CSDA's educational programs and legislative and public outreach, so that CSDA continues to be recognized as the voice of all special districts. My enthusiasm, commitment, and comprehensive knowledge of special districts and LAFCO, along with my years of experience, will help me to be of service to your district as a member of the CSDA Board of Directors.

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

I have served as CSDA President, Treasurer and the Chair of 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 director and assigned committee meetings, read through a myriad of legislation in order to relate to the Advocacy and Public Affairs Department what impact I think such legislation may have on districts' ability to provide local services

I have completed CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy which is a requirement to serve on the CSDA Board. Under my leadership, my district, Vista Irrigation District, has obtained the Special District Leadership Foundation District of Distinction Designation 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!

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR GLORIA A. DIZMANG

In December of 2011, I was sworn in as a Director of the Palmdale Water District Board. I knew little about water but I had agreed to serve an agency that was fairly beaten up—legally, economically, and in the area of morale. PWD was engaged in three lawsuits with the City of Palmdale. We had dropped in our credit rating and could no longer receive loans/grants. The employees were split into two warring camps.

Today, we are on our way to a stable and professional future, due to the actions of the new Board, on which I serve. This is what we have achieved:

- Low and consistent rate increases improved our credit to the point that we issued an \$8.5 million revenue bond for infrastructure.
- Provided a legal water rate assistance program for seniors.
- Settled all lawsuits with the City of Palmdale.
- Developed a Customer Care program to assist our rate-payers.
- Replaced 80% of our infrastructure from the 1950s.
- Reordered the organizational chart, without lay-offs, for more efficiency.
- Developed and implemented educational programs for our rate-payers. (top contender in ACWA's Best in Blue)
- Developed and continue to offer an intern program to train young people in the basic facets of the water industry.

As part of our Board, I was a leading member to move in these directions.

I believe my background in education can be of assistance in the CSDA. My experience in the area looks small in comparison to others who have served on many boards and in many organizations. Nevertheless, I can see things with a different perspective and am not afraid to speak up and to actively support change.

I would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015 ELECTION

OFFICIAL BALLOT



**SOUTHERN
NETWORK**

Jo MacKenzie*
Vista Irrigation District

Gloria Dizmang
Palmdale Water District

SEAT A

term ends 2018

Please vote for only one.

All fields must be completed for ballot to be counted.

** Incumbent running for re-electi.*

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

MEMBER DISTRICT:

Must be received by **5pm, August 7, 2015**. CSDA, 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 958