

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: BRUCE BUEL *BB*
DATE: AUGUST 8, 2008



VOTE ON CSDA BOARD ELECTION

ITEM

Authorize submission of vote for open CSDA Board Seat [RECOMMEND ADOPTION].

BACKGROUND

Attached is background material from CSDA on the election and information on the candidates. According to knowledgeable sources in the Bakersfield area, both candidates are good choices, but Mr. Ruiz is perceived to be more assertive in protecting Special District resources.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that your Honorable Board authorize the General Manager to vote on behalf of NCSD.

ATTACHMENTS

- CSDA 2008 Mail Ballot Information
- Materials from the Candidates

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CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

2008 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 Region 4, Seat C. Each of CSDA's six (6) regional divisions 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 geographic region. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) director to represent its region.

We have enclosed the candidate statements for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your region in Seat C and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information (*in some regions, there may only be one candidate*). If any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

You may choose to send back the ballot via either certified or first class mail. 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 Thursday, September 18, 2008**.

Please mail in your ballot to:
California Special Districts Association
Attn: 2008 Board Elections
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please contact Diana Zavala toll-free at 877.924.CSDA or dianaz@csda.net with any questions.

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SERVICES DISTRICT

Campaign Statement for CSDA Board of Directors

Tim Ruiz
Region 4

I am a lifelong Kern County resident having attended local schools in Bakersfield and eventually earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, as well as a professional engineer's license. I have experience working in the private sector as a consultant (with Boyle Engineering Corporation) for over ten years, working on many projects associated with special districts and water agencies. Prior to my years working as a consultant, I worked for the Friant Water Users Authority in Lindsay, California and during the 1980s with the Kern County Public Works Department as an engineering aide on a survey crew. I have been the General Manager for the East Niles Community Services District for just over five years overseeing the management of a public water system and sewer system serving a population of 25,000-30,000. I understand the issues facing special districts concerning tax shifts, having experienced the last round of ERAF shifts a couple of years ago, and having to deal with lost revenues. I, along with my board of directors, am concerned about the threat of the State of California shifting local tax funds, which have historically been for and should be used by local governments, rather than taking care of the legislature's budget problems. I have worked with my board to voice our concerns regarding these types of issues to our local legislators and would continue to do so as a director for CSDA.

Vote for Tim Unruh Kern County Cemetery District

My name is Tim Unruh and I have been the District Manager of the Kern County Cemetery District for the past 22 years. The district consists of two cemeteries, including Shafter Memorial Park and Wasco Memorial Park. My education includes a B. A. in Business with an emphasis in Economics from Tabor College with postgraduate work in Business from Cal State – Bakersfield.

I presently sit as Vice-President of the California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC) board and chair the Legislation Committee. I have also worked for many years as Mentor Manager for the CAPC and was honored as CAPC Cemeterian of the Year in 2001.

Presently I sit as Vice-President of Kern County Special District Association (KCSDA) that is a local chapter of CSDA. I am also sit as treasurer of the Kern County Association of Public Cemeteries (KCAPC) and am a past President.

I have been involved with many civic and community boards in the Shafter and Wasco communities including many years on a local school board. Other community involvements are youth programs and various church boards.

What I will contribute as a member of the CSDA board is to be actively involved by advocating for special districts in California. Each of our districts have needs or issues that impact them, whether it is an advocate need or legislatively or education issues. These needs must be facilitated and I want to work through CSDA to meet them. CSDA has the ability to work as cohesive body of special districts that allows for a greater impact to work for the issues of special districts.

I also understand the need for continuing education for local district boards and administration. Having taken advantage various education programs, including the completion of the Governance Academy, I have seen the positive results from education and will be involved to promote more district participation in what CSDA offers.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to work for your special district on the CSDA Board of Directors.

TIMOTHY UNRUH

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July 28, 2008

Bruce Buel
General Manager
Nipomo Community Services District
PO Box 326
Nipomo, CA 93444-0326

Dear Bruce;

My name is Tim Unruh and this letter is a request for consideration in your upcoming opportunity to vote for your CSDA representative in Region 4. It has been my pleasure to be the District Manager for the Kern County Cemetery District for 22 years. I was very involved with the inception and continue to sit on the board for our local CSDA affiliation, the Kern County Special District Association. Through the years, it has been my pleasure to work with many other special districts such as water districts, CSD's, park districts and other boards and commissions.

We all see our districts strive to meet the needs of our communities with the resources we have available and we do our job very well. However, as public expectations change and grow, at times we need to work as a body of special districts to maintain what resources we have and to facilitate changes through legislation. CSDA is such an organization that works along side districts to help them meet the increased demands of public work. I believe my work and expertise with other state associations, such as the California Association of Public Cemeteries, will be helpful as an advocate for the needs of your special district.

CSDA has also risen to the challenge to help meet the needs of special districts by offering services in continuing education, as a legislative advocate, and as an informational resource. As your elected representative to CSDA, I will consider it my obligation to continue the mission of CSDA and to represent those who elect me to serve.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Tim Unruh