

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 – Finance/Administration

Hawkins, Apodaca

SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 - Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2006

SUMMARY:

Central Basin is member of CSDA. CSDA is a 501c(6), not-for-profit association that was formed in 1969 to ensure the continued existence of local, independent special districts.

For over 35 years, CSDA has been offering its members cost-efficient programs and representation at the State Capitol with a membership of nearly 700 special districts throughout California. It is the only statewide association representing all types of independent special districts including irrigation, water, park and recreation, cemetery, fire, police protection, library, utility, harbor, healthcare and community services districts.

CSDA provides education and training, insurance programs, legal advice, industry-wide litigation and public relations support, legislative advocacy, capital improvement and equipment funding, collateral design services, and, most importantly, current information that is crucial to a special districts management and operational effectiveness.

The District received a Ballot for the 2006 Board of Directors Election. There are five candidates and the District received three candidate statements (Exhibit "A") from:

John R. (Jack) Curtis, Ojai Valley Sanitary District (**Incumbent**)

Judith E. Cofer, Oxnard Harbor District

Anthony W. Fox, Vandenberg Village Community Services District

The other two candidates are:

Terry Conaway, Big River Community Services District

Kate O'Brien, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

The Ballots were due by September 21, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Finance/Administration Committee on September 14, 2006. Due to the fact that ballots needed to be submitted by September 21, 2006, the Committee recommended voting for John R. (Jack) Curtis (Incumbent) and directed staff to submit the ballot. The Committee recommended ratifying this item at the September 25, 2006 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board ratifies the Committee's action of voting for John R. (Jack) Curtis (Incumbent) for the CSDA Board of Directors.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Candidate Statements

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EXHIBIT “A”

Dear CSDA Members,

Within the next few days you will be receiving your ballot for the election for Region 5 Director of CSDA. The purpose of this letter is to solicit your support of my candidacy for a second term as a Region 5 Director.

During my first term representing your District along with about 150 other CSDA member districts in Region 5 which encompasses Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, I have been active on the Elections and By-Laws and Conference committees. I have also been active as a Board member and Treasurer of the CSDA Finance Corporation.

During my 1st term I participated in a number of significant matters of far reaching importance to CSDA including collaboration with the California League of Cities and the County Supervisors Association of California (CSAC) in supporting proposition 1A which firmly established Special Districts place as the third leg of local government and the transition to a new Executive Director upon the resignation of Catherine Smith after 15 years in that position.

In my role at the CSDA Finance Corporation I supported establishment of a viable financial base and the initiation of a deferred compensation plan available to all member districts that will be of immense importance in maintaining that base on a continuing basis.

I have learned a lot the last three years and look forward to serving the Districts of Region 5 and CSDA during a second term.

Therefore I earnestly request your vote on the forthcoming ballot.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Cordially,

John R. (Jack) Curtis
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Ojai Valley Sanitary District

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Judith E. Cofer
Candidate for Seat A, Region 5, CSDA Board of Directors

Candidate's Statement

I am a candidate for Seat A, Region 5 of the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors. I hope that you will consider voting for me for this important position.

As the Deputy Executive Director - Administration of the Oxnard Harbor District, I have developed a good understanding of the challenges facing Special Districts. While each Special District is unique, they all share many of the same concerns. How do we communicate our mission to our users and customers? How can we determine what services should be continued, expanded, or eliminated? How can we secure the funding needed to continue providing services? Does the public perceive the value of the Special District form of government? Each District must proactively address these issues, involving the public in the discussions. Only by doing so can we build strong local support for Special Districts.

I have been employed by the Oxnard Harbor District for 18 years. I am a Certified Public Accountant with a Masters of Business Administration Degree from California Lutheran University. I currently serve on the California Association of Port Authorities, (CAPA) Tariff and Practices Committee as well as on the CAPA Insurance/Risk Management Committee

I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the CSDA Finance Corporation and know first hand of the success we can have working together.

As the most responsive form of government available to the public, Special Districts must be clear about their purpose. We have a duty to the communities we serve to be the most effective provider of needed services!

Please remember to vote! Your participation is critical to the success of the CSDA.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Cofer
Deputy Executive Director – Administration,
Treasurer

July 24, 2006

California Special Districts Association
Candidate Statement for Anthony W. Fox, Region 5

Candidates promise all sorts of things when they first run for office. When they do run for reelection; however, there is no better guide to their future performance than what they have already done. In 2002, I was asked to run for an open seat on the Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD), which I reluctantly did after observing a district board room filled with disgruntled citizens facing a board at odds with itself. Now in 2006, I have been asked to seek reelection and was pleased to be nominated by my board to vie for a position on the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), representing Region 5. Our district board now is functioning well under our three term president, few residents even appear at board meetings, not even for rate increase hearings, and we have healthy reserves over \$2 million. I now feel free to represent our district on the board of CSDA and am pleased to answer my district's call.

I believe that I brought added value to the VVCSD by bringing my near twenty-five years of military organizational development and infrastructure building experience - retiring as a lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force - to the district. Currently I am the district's vice president and serve on the Water/Wastewater and Finance/Budget Committees, plus other regional and professional positions. Additional added value comes from a master's degree in management and supervision (industrial management) and professional certifications in contract management (NCMA), quality engineering (ASQ), cost estimating/analysis (SCEA), and being a Certified Acquisition Professional by the Department of the Air Force in contracting, manufacturing and quality assurance at the most senior level.

Please consider me for your representative from CSDA Region 5.