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# California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

Midway City Sanitary District – 5/5/26

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# CSDA Organizational Structure

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**Founded in 1969**



**501(c)6 not-for-profit, trade  
association**



**Departments include:**

Administration  
Advocacy and Public Affairs  
Member Services and Communications  
Professional Development



**Alliance Partners:**

Special District Risk Management  
Authority (SDRMA)  
CSDA Finance Corporation

## **Mission**

“ CSDA is the voice for all special districts, providing members with the resources necessary to best serve their communities. ”

## **Vision**

“ CSDA is the essential statewide network of all special districts. ”

# The “Voice” of All Special Districts



## Our Issue Area Focus

- Governance
- Housing and Community Development
- Human Resources and Personnel
- Local Revenue
- Public Works and Facilities

## Legislative Committee/Board Guidance and Direction

- Policy Principles
- Long-Range Policy Priorities
- Strategic Policy Objectives
- Advocacy Action Priorities
- Bill Positions



# CSDA Membership Snapshot



## Membership

 **80+**  
New Members

 **1400+**  
Members

### Regular Members - 1027

**Independent Special Districts**  
Voting Membership  
Dues: \$246-\$10,323

### Associate Members - 219

**Dependent special districts, city and county agencies, JPAs, and other public agencies**  
Non-voting Membership  
Dues: \$1,398-\$2,381

### Business Affiliate Members – 177

**Private Sector Companies**  
5 Tiers: Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze  
Dues: \$1,000-\$15,000

*As of end of 2025 Membership year.*



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# Maximizing Member Benefits




A screenshot of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) website. The header includes the CSDA logo and navigation links: Advocate, Learn, Member Resources, About CSDA, About Special Districts, Communities, and Admin. The main content area features four promotional cards: 1. 'business prime' offering 'New Member Benefit: FREE Amazon Business Prime' with a 'Discover More' button. 2. 'Checkout the CSDA Career Center' with a 'Jobs Here' button. 3. 'SB 707 Brown Act Revamp Resource Page' with an 'Obtain Resources' button. 4. '2025 CSDA Highlights/Achievements' with a 'View Now' button. Below these are two banners: one for 'Premier Banking for the Public Sector' by California Bank of Commerce, and another for 'Building strong communities' by Nossaman. A search bar is located below the banners. The bottom section shows a user profile for Cassandra Strawn (1690 Contributions, 1700 Points) and a post titled 'PRA Request Impacts' by Megan Hemming. A sidebar on the right lists 'UPCOMING EVENTS' for 2026, including an in-person workshop and two webinars.

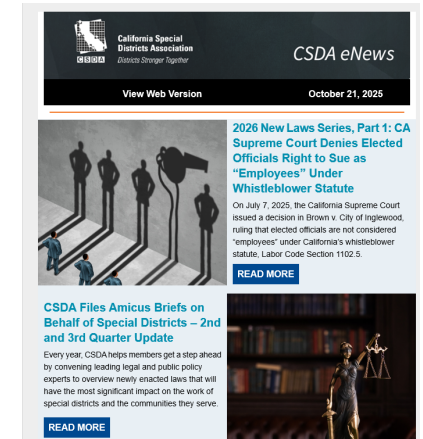
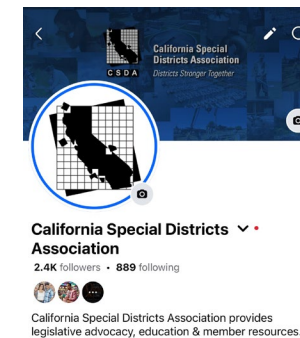
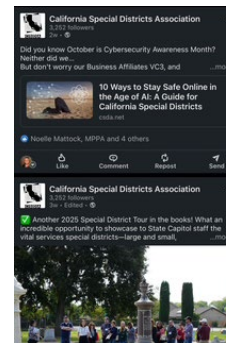
Resources can be found at [www.csdanet](http://www.csdanet)  
Your username = your email  
Click forgot password to reset your password

# Staying Informed Through CSDA

 **Weekly eNews** - Quick, need-to-know updates delivered every Tuesday.

 **California Special Districts Magazine (bi-monthly)** - Features, interviews, legal & legislative deep dives, and more.

 **Social Media** - Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter) for engagement & real-time updates.



# Connect Through CSDA Communities



**Open Forum** - All members—ask questions, share ideas, learn from peers.



**Water District and Mosquito & Vector Control Communities**



**Board Secretary/Clerk Community** - For Board Secretaries/Clerks to ask questions and share templates, policies, and best practices.



**Event Communities** - Network beyond the session. Connect before, during, and after the conference.

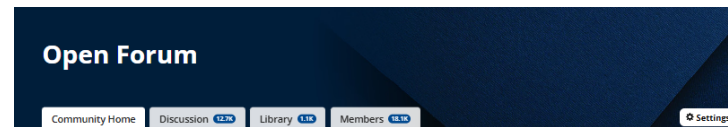
## CSDA Communities

Members share ideas, resources, and solutions every day.

**18K+** **1000+**

Members Engaging in CSDA Online Communities

New in 2025! Board Secretary/Clerk Online Community



**LATEST DISCUSSIONS**

- Monthly Board Meeting Calendar Inquiry**  
By: [Amie Crowder](#) 3 hours ago  
Hi Everyone, We are drafting our first monthly calendar for Board Meeting packet/agenda composing. Items being incorporated ...
- GPS Tracking Policy**  
By: [Daniel Liera](#) 6 days ago  
I'm new to this site and hope I've done this correctly. I was wondering if any districts have implemented a tracking policy ...
- Public Finance and Assessment Engineering Firms**  
By: [Pete Kampa](#) 15 days ago  
Good afternoon! Our District seeks a qualified firm or team to provide public finance and assessment engineering services for ...
- RE: Ground penetrating radar**  
By: [Mark Smolley](#) 19 days ago  
I have used Norcal Geophysical Consultants and Subdynamic Locating Services and can recommend both of them for GPR work. ...
- RE: Ground penetrating radar**  
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I have used Norcal Geophysical Consultants for GPR work. Also, some of the larger utility locating firms have GPR capabilities ...
- RE: Ground penetrating radar**  
By: [Frank Wilson](#) 19 days ago  
You can try Asterra. They are able to do all kinds of things through satellite imaging. Matias Rodriguez ...
- Ground penetrating radar**  
By: [Rizze Torra](#) 20 days ago

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Make sure to activate your district's new Business Prime Benefit**  
By: [Brent Farrar](#) 7 months ago

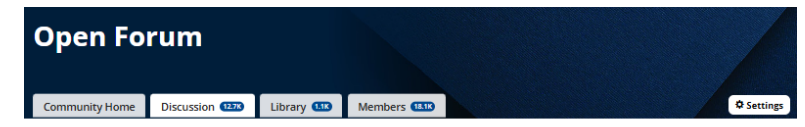
**New Member Benefit: FREE Amazon Business Prime**

Receive fast and free shipping, plus 25% off thousands of essential items!

[Details Here](#)

**LATEST LIBRARY ENTRIES**

- GPS Tracking Policy**  
By: [Daniel Liera](#) 6 days ago
- RF: Can a CSDA make a**



**Open Forum**

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**Legal Counsel** [Follow](#)

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Good afternoon  
We will be releasing an RFP for Legal Counsel services soon and I am hoping to add to our distribution list. Can you recommend any firms I should add?  
[Actions](#)

[Yesenia Parra](#)  
Administrative Services Officer  
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

**2. RE: Legal Counsel** [0 Like](#)

[Jena Goodman](#) Posted 10-29-2025 01:14 PM  
Hello Yesenia, we have had excellent service from both Meyers Nave and Redwood Legal. I would recommend you add them to your RFP.  
[Actions](#)

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# Explore CSDA's Knowledge Base

## Knowledge Base

Your "one-stop shop" for hundreds of documents and resources at [www.csdanet.org/knowledgebase](http://www.csdanet.org/knowledgebase)



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The screenshot shows the CSDA website header with the logo and navigation menu. A yellow arrow points to the 'Member Resources' dropdown menu, which is open and shows 'Knowledge Base' as the first option. Below the navigation, there are four main content cards: 'Member Helpline', 'Articles', 'Sample Document Library', and 'Publications & Reference Materials'. At the bottom, there is a 'Search Entries' section with a search input field.

### Sample Document Library

CSDA's Sample Document Library has examples from other special districts of important documents for you to reference such as Sample Policies & Procedures, RFPs & RFQs, Job Descriptions, and Strategic Plans.

### Publications & Reference Materials

Find valuable guides and documents in this library including CSDA Special District Laws Reference Guide, CSDA Special District Board Member Handbook, Introduction to Special District Revenues, California Public Records Act Compliance Manual, Special District Reserve Guidelines, and much more.



### FAQs

CSDA's Knowledge Base offers many answers to questions about local governance and policies regarding special districts. Our Frequently Asked Questions section offers answers to many of the inquiries we hear from our members.



**Q:** "Are e-mails sent from a private account or device considered public records?"

**A:** "Yes, any e-mails conducting district business, no matter if they are sent from a private device or account, are considered public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. "

# CSDA Knowledge Base - Sample Document Library



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**Board Meetings** ▼



## Sample Document Library

CSDA's Sample Documents Library has examples from other special districts of important documents for you to reference:

[Audits & Budgets](#) ▼

[Bylaws](#) ▼

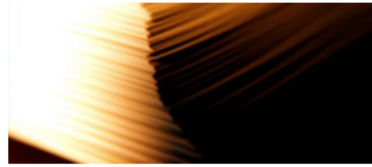
[Contracts & MOUs](#) ▼

[Forms & Templates](#) ▼

[Interview Questions](#) ▼

[Job Descriptions](#) ▼

[Policies & Procedures](#) ▼




### Official Sample Policy Handbook

CSDA provides a wide variety of fully vetted policies for your agency! Find options and get your subscription now:

[Purchase Handbook](#)

# CSDA Knowledge Base -Publications & Reference Materials

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## Publications and Reference Materials

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### Advocacy and Public Engagement

### District Type Specific (Water, Fire, Park, etc.)

### Environment

### Formation and Reorganization

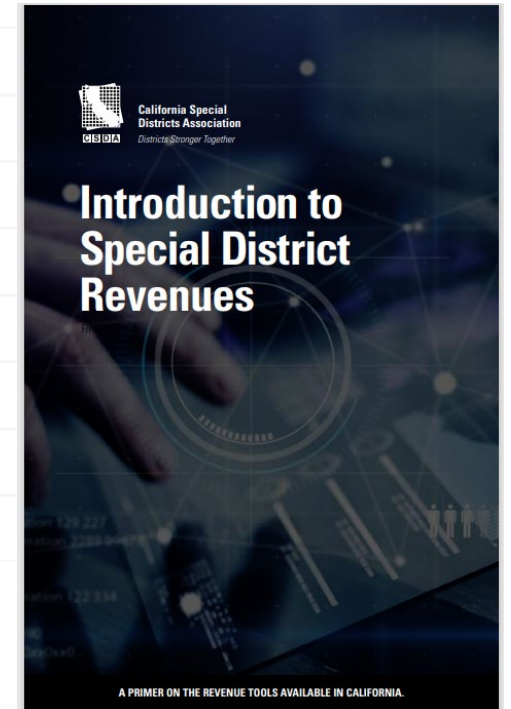
### General

### Governance

### Human Resources and Personnel

### Public Works and Facilities

### Revenue



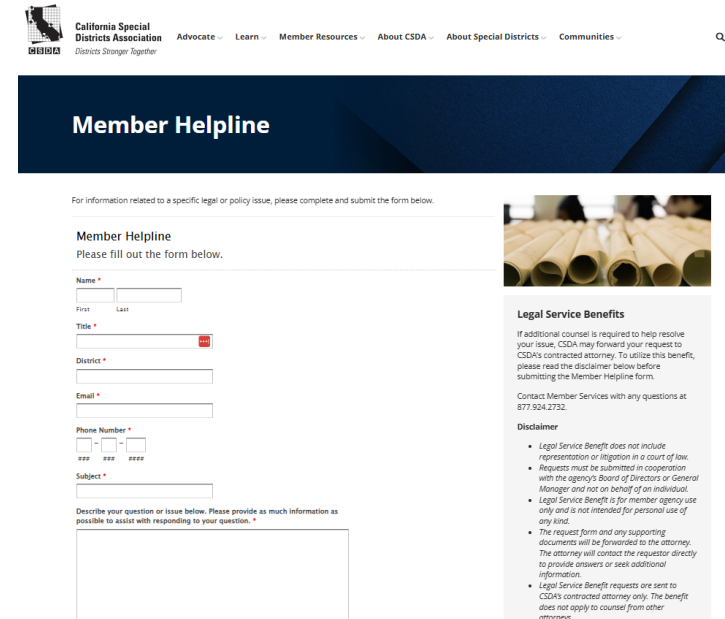
# CSDA Knowledge Base

MEMBER HELPLINE REQUEST »

## CSDA Member Helpline

### When a situation calls for advice on specific legal/policy issues

- Request and supporting documents must be submitted online
- Must be submitted in cooperation with Board of Directors or GM
- Cannot be submitted on behalf of individual
- Up to one hour free legal advice annually
- Does not include representation in a court of law



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### Member Helpline

For information related to a specific legal or policy issue, please complete and submit the form below.

#### Member Helpline

Please fill out the form below.

Name \*  
First  Last

Title \*

District \*

Email \*

Phone Number \*  
## - ## - ####

Subject \*

Describe your question or issue below. Please provide as much information as possible to assist with responding to your question. \*

#### Legal Service Benefits

If additional counsel is required to help resolve your issue, CSDA may forward your request to CSDA's contracted attorney. To utilize this benefit, please read the disclaimer below before submitting the Member Helpline form.

Contact Member Services with any questions at 877.924.2732.

#### Disclaimer

- Legal Service Benefit does not include representation or litigation in a court of law.
- Requests must be submitted in cooperation with the agency's Board of Directors or General Manager and not on behalf of an individual.
- Legal Service Benefit is for member agency use only and is not intended for personal use of any kind.
- The request form and any supporting documents will be forwarded to the attorney. The attorney will contact the requestor directly to provide answers or seek additional information.
- Legal Service Benefit requests are sent to CSDA's contracted attorney only. The benefit does not apply to counsel from other attorneys.

Put Your District in the Spotlight!



**SHARE YOUR DISTRICT STORIES & PHOTOS**

CSDA launched a portal for members to submit your success stories, press releases, news, and more for consideration in our digital and print publications. Have some eye-catching photos you'd like to share? We'd love those, too!

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# Cost Savings Programs

## Exclusive Savings for CSDA Members

Leverage the full value of membership with these essential services and programs

### Alliance Partners



Access to affordable property/liability, workers' compensation coverages and health benefits



CSDA Finance Corporation

Low cost, accessible financing solutions for all district types and sizes

### Upfront Savings for Routine Expenses



Complimentary Amazon Business Prime, discounts off thousands of essential items, and pay by invoice



Discounted government rates on vehicle rentals, as well as fleet management services



Free sellers account to help manage the sale of surplus inventory



Reduce utility costs with no out-of-pocket fees

### Support for Core Operations



Discounted web-based GIS services, including the first month month of DashGIS free



Discounted on-demand human resources through an annual HR consultation membership



30% discount on your agency's website subscription through Streamline



Discounted cybersecurity and IT services, with no minimum contract requirements

### Tools for Financial Management



Discounted pricing on actuarial services for GASB 68, 73, and 75 reporting



Payment processing at below market, pre-negotiated rates



Optimize investment interest earnings while prioritizing safety and liquidity



Access to a commercial card with cash rebates and expense management tools

# CSDA Finance Corporation



Established in 1988 as a public benefit corporation designed to facilitate financings for special districts and other local agencies

- Capital improvement projects
- Land acquisitions
- Equipment purchases
- Refinancing of prior debt
- Refunding of pension obligations
- Credit line program

Over \$300 million in financings over the last three years, including a financing for Gonzales Cemetery in 2025!

## 2025 Financings

District	Amount Financed
Redway Community Services District	\$ 363,000
Coastside County Water District	\$ 7,700,000
South Tahoe Public Utility District	\$ 14,250,000
South Tahoe Public Utility District	\$ 18,955,000
Desert Recreation District	\$ 5,000,000
Mid-Peninsula Water District	\$ 33,000,000
Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District	\$ 8,000,000
Byron-Brentwood-Knightsen Union Cemetery District	\$ 2,315,000
Truckee Tahoe Airport District	\$ 5,600,000
South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District	\$ 4,464,000
Semitropic Water Storage District	\$ 13,000,000
Running Springs Water District	\$ 500,000
El Dorado Hills Community Services District	\$ 5,000,000
Wheeler Crest Community Services District	\$ 180,000
Gonzales Cemetery District	\$ 4,900
Pixley Irrigation District	\$ 14,000,000
Rosamond Community Services District	\$ 10,140,000
Soledad-Mission Recreation District	\$ 450,000
Tehama County Resource Conservation District	\$ 185,000
Upper Lake County Water District	\$ 68,000
	<b>\$ 143,174,900</b>

# Maximizing Member Benefits



## Realtime Access to Bill Tracking



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### Bill Positions

[All CSDA Tracked Bills](#) »

[Priority Legislation](#) » *(Bills with a CSDA position other than "Watch")*

[Key Bills](#) » *(Bills with a significant impact on special districts, regardless of CSDA position)*

[Support Bills](#) »

[Oppose Bills](#) »

[Concerns Bills](#) »

[Neutral Bills](#) »

[Watch Bills](#) »

[Signed Legislation](#) »

[Vetoed Bills](#) »

**Bill Positions by Subject Area** ▾

**Bill Positions by Issue** ▾

**Bill Positions by District Type** ▾

# Maximizing Member Benefits



## Realtime Access to Bill Tracking

**AB 370** ([Carrillo D](#)) California Public Records Act: cyberattacks.

**Introduced:** 2/3/2025

**Last Amended:** 3/12/2025

**Status:** 7/14/2025-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 34, Statutes of 2025

**Location:** 7/14/2025-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House				Conc.			

### Summary:

The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, except as specified. Existing law requires each agency, within 10 days of a request for a copy of records, to determine whether the request seeks copies of disclosable public records in possession of the agency and to promptly notify the person of the determination and the reasons therefor. Existing law

### Attachments:

[Assembly Bill 370 \(Carrillo\) Senate Judiciary Committee - Support](#)

[Assembly Bill 370 \(Carrillo\) Assembly Judiciary Committee - Support](#)

[Assembly Bill 370 \(Carrillo\) Author - Support](#)

**Position:** Support 3

**Assigned:** MDetwiler

**District Services:** General/All

**Subject Area:** Governance

**Issues:** CA Public Records Act

**Working Group:** Governance

**CSDA SUMMARY:** This bill would add cyberattacks that render an agency unable to respond to a California Public Records Act request to the list of “unusual circumstances” that permit an agency to extend statutory timelines associated with the request. (updated 10.15.25)



## Legal Advisory Working Group (LAW Group)

CSDA's Legal Advisory Working Group ("LAW Group") provides a forum for the discussion of current legal issues and active litigation before the appellate courts that affect special districts. The LAW Group is comprised of attorneys from throughout the state that provide services or representation to special districts as well as attorneys serving as in-house counsel for a special district. CSDA's Chief Counsel serves as the coordinator of the LAW Group.

# New Laws Series & Legal Resources

2025



#CourtCases

[Brent Farrar](#)

Attachment(s)



[Airport-Business-Center v City-of-Santa-Rosa\\_Brief-to-Fir....PDF](#) 16.55 MB 1 version

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[BPA v City-of-Berkeley\\_Brief-to-First-DCA.pdf](#) 436 KB 1 version

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[Garst v Tehama-County-FC-WCD\\_Brief-to-Third-DCA.pdf](#) 368 KB 1 version

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[Hatfield v Union Public Utility District \(Brief to Third....pdf](#) 192 KB 1 version

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[Hiller v Marin-Municipal-Water-District\\_Brief-to-First-DCA.pdf](#) 451 KB 1 version

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# Brown Act Revamp (SB 707).



The biggest amendments to the Brown Act in decades will take effect in 2026. Get the resources special district officials will need to comply.

Courses » On-Demand Webinar: SB 707 B...

## On-Demand Webinar: SB 707 Brown Act Revamp



### SB 707 Brown Act Revamp

This webinar will equip special districts with the knowledge necessary to comply with the biggest changes to the Brown Act in decades. On October 3, 2025, Governor Newsom signed into law SB 707 (Durazo), which makes sweeping revisions to the Brown Act. All special districts and other Brown Act-observing agencies will need to become familiar with the new law before January 1, 2026. Additionally, some cities, counties, and special districts that fall into the "eligible legislative bodies" classification (established by the bill's provisions) will have to follow additional requirements generally starting July 1, 2026.

#### Webinar Outline

- Welcome and Introduction
- SB 707 Overview
- New Global Requirements
- Expanded Board Member Remote Participation Options
- Eligible Legislative Bodies and "The Super Brown Act"

## Resources

Check back frequently and keep an eye on your CSDA eNews for updates to these resources leading up to the implementation of this new law:

- [SB-707 Bill Text and Committee Analyses](#)
- [CSDA New Laws Series: SB 707 Brown Act Revamp](#)
- [On-Demand Webinar: SB 707 Brown Act Revamp](#)
- Updated CSDA Brown Act Manual [COMING SOON]
- [Special Districts Eligible Legislative Flow-Chart](#)
- [SB-707 Brown Act Revamp: Statutory Reference Table](#)

### Special Districts Revenue Threshold Chart - Eligible Legislative Bodies

Year in Effect	Published Financial Transaction Report Data	Revenue Threshold
2026	2023-2024	\$400m
2027	2024-2025	\$400m plus inflation
2028	2025-2026	\$400m plus compound inflation
2029	2026-2027	\$400m plus compound inflation
2030	2027-2028	\$400m plus compound inflation

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# CSDA Professional Development

[www.csdanet.net](http://www.csdanet.net)



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## General Manager Leadership Summit

**CIP** Earn SDRMA Credit Incentive Points.

**NEWPORT BEACH – June 28 – 30, 2026**

Hyatt Regency Newport Beach  
1107 Jamboree Road  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

NEW  
Content and  
Speakers Added  
Every Year!



## Special Districts Legislative Days

**SACRAMENTO – April 7 – 8, 2026**

Hyatt Regency Sacramento  
1209 L Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814



## CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase

**CIP** Earn SDRMA Credit Incentive Points.

**PALM DESERT – August 24 – 27, 2026**

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa  
74-855 Country Club Dr  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

The premier  
conference for  
special districts



Earn Your  
Certificate OR Take  
Advanced Track  
Sessions for  
Returning  
Attendees!

## Board Secretary/Clerk Conference

**CIP** Earn SDRMA Credit Incentive Points.

**SANTA BARBARA – November 3 – 5, 2026**

Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort  
633 E Cabrillo Blvd  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

NEW  
Sessions and  
speakers added  
each year!

**SDLA** CSDA's 2026  
**Special District  
Leadership Academy** Conference  
*Core governance training for elected/appointed officials*

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**San Diego – May 11 – 14, 2026**

*Early-bird registration discount ends April 10, 2026*

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay  
601 Pacific Hwy  
San Diego, CA 92101

**San Rafael – July 19 – 22, 2026**

*Early-bird registration discount ends June 19, 2026*

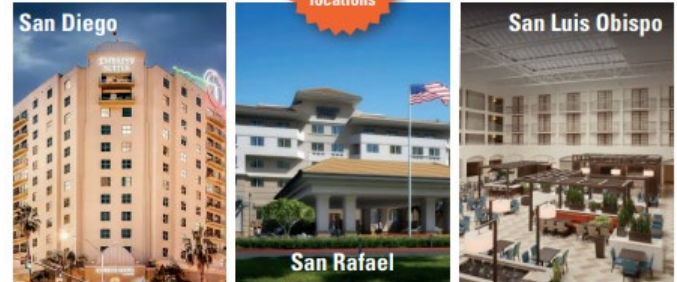
Embassy Suites by Hilton San Rafael Marin County  
101 McInnis Pkwy  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**San Luis Obispo – September 13 – 16, 2026**

*Early-bird registration discount ends August 14, 2026*

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo  
333 Madonna Rd  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Choose one  
of three  
locations



San Diego

San Rafael


San Luis Obispo



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# WEBINARS



WEBINAR AND DESCRIPTION	DATES & TIME	COST
<p><b>NEW! Prevailing Wage Process and Requirements: 2026 Update</b>            Each year the California Legislature and the Department of Industrial Relations change something in prevailing wage law. This year is no exception. Join us to learn about the new changes and how the DIR is enforcing fines against public agencies for failure to file timely PWC-100, having unregistered contractors on a project, and more. Review the expansion of skilled and trained workforce requirements. Learn about the most common errors your contractors make and how you can best help them to comply.</p>	<p>Tuesday,  <b>January 13, 2026</b>            10:00 - 11:00 am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$125 Non-member</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW! Creating a Workplace of Respect: A Guide for Special District Leaders</b>            Implement a process for creating clarity around behavioral expectations, establishing buy-in to established expectations, and training people to hold accountability conversations anytime behaviors cross the line from respect to disrespect.</p>	<p>Thursday,  <b>January 15, 2026</b>            10:00 - 11:00 am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$125 Non-member</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW! Brown Act Update 2026</b>            There are important changes to the Brown Act that have come into effect for 2026, including SB 707 on teleconferencing. During this comprehensive legal update on the Brown Act, we will discuss those changes as well as provide a refresher on key provisions of the Brown Act.</p>	<p>Tuesday,  <b>January 20, 2026</b>            10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$125 Non-member</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW! 2026 Annual Employment Law Update</b>   <i>Earn SDRMA Credit Incentive Points.</i>            Join us for an engaging and informative webinar on the latest updates in employment law, designed to help special districts stay up to date with the ever-evolving legal landscape. In an era of constant change and heightened employee expectations, it is crucial to understand the implications of new regulations and legislation to maintain a fair and compliant workplace environment.</p>	<p>Tuesday,  <b>January 27, 2026</b>            10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$125 Non-member</li> </ul>
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## WORKSHOPS

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WORKSHOP AND DESCRIPTION	DATES & TIME	COST
<p><b>Virtual Workshop:</b>  <b>Records Management</b></p> <p>This interactive workshop will provide information about legal requirements and best practices for e-mail, records retention, and technology options for managing electronic records. This session will also cover media and devices, terminology, electronic records and e-mail retention, document imaging systems, software solutions, and taxonomies.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday and Thursday, January 21 and 22, 2026</b>  <b>9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$265 CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$530 Non-member</li> </ul>
<p><b>Virtual Workshop: SDLA Module 1:</b>  <b>Governance Foundations</b></p> <p> <small>CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy</small></p> <p> <i>Earn SDRMA Credit Incentive Points.</i></p> <p>This course teaches the foundational knowledge and skills that identify and define the essential building blocks of a successful board, focusing on the critical elements of governance: effective trustees, board mindset, structure, process and protocols, individual/team standards, board's role and responsibilities.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday and Thursday, February 11 and 12, 2026</b>  <b>9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$265 CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$530 Non-member</li> </ul>
<p><b>Virtual Workshop:</b>  <b>Budget Preparations for Special Districts</b></p> <p> <small>ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS CERTIFICATE</small></p> <p><i>Qualifies toward the Essential Leadership Skills Certificate Program</i></p> <p>Developing a budget is one of the most important functions for local government. It is also one of the most difficult. Identifying priorities, forecasting revenue, addressing competing interests, determining the correct strategies, estimating cost of service, and ultimately allocating a limited pool of resources involves careful planning and effective decision-making across an entire organization.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday and Thursday, February 18 and 19, 2026</b>  <b>9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$265 CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$530 Non-member</li> </ul>
<p><b>Virtual Workshop: SDLA Module 2:</b>  <b>Setting Direction / Community Outreach</b></p> <p> <small>CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy</small></p> <p> <i>Earn SDRMA Credit Incentive Points.</i></p> <p>This workshop highlights the importance of setting the direction for your district, including the critical components and pitfalls to avoid. Attendees will walk through the steps of establishing and fulfilling your district's mission, vision, values, and strategic goals, and how to communicate those objectives to your constituents. This session looks at common communication breakdowns and potential areas for improvement in public agency communications. Emphasis on communicating as a governing official will include identifying audiences, responding to public input, navigating media relations, and engaging in legislative outreach and advocacy.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday and Thursday, March 4 and 5, 2026</b>  <b>9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$265 CSDA Member</li> <li>• \$530 Non-member</li> </ul>

# Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF)



## District Recognitions



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# National Special Districts Association (NSDA)



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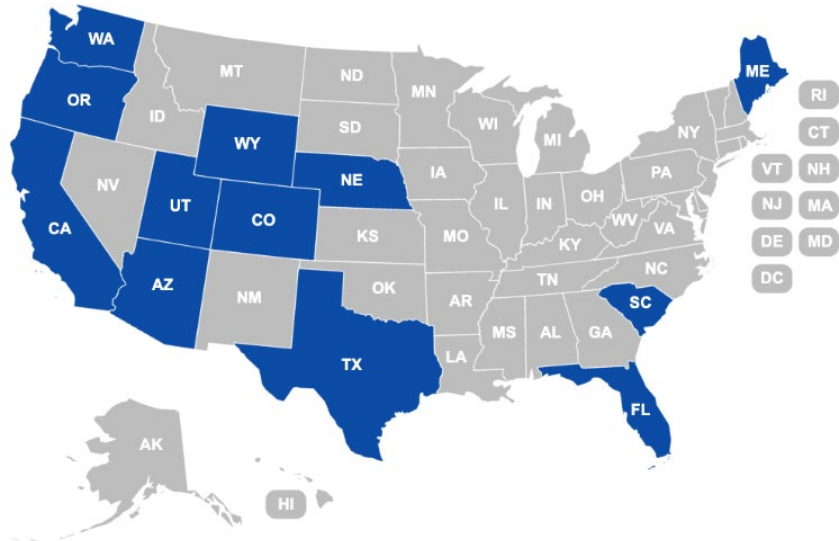
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# Legislative Advocacy

HR 2766

Co-Sponsors:

Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX)

Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO)

## **HR 2766 - The Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act of 2026**

- Federal law currently lacks a clear definition of “special district,” creating unnecessary barriers to federal resources, emergency funding, and essential grants. Special districts provide critical public services—water, fire protection, healthcare, public transportation, and more—yet they are often overlooked in federal policy discussions. Since 2020, the National Special Districts Association (NSDA) has led efforts to establish a federal definition. This work has resulted in proposed legislation to amend U.S. Code Title 13, ensuring that special districts are formally recognized and equitably included in federal programs.

- On March 18, 2026, passed out of the House Oversight Committee on Government Reform 32-8

- Headed to the House floor (TBD)

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A new survey from Probolsky Research shows a vast majority of California voters – Republicans and Democrats – support exempting a broader range of emergency vehicles from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) zero emissions vehicle (ZEV) regulation.

Fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars are currently exempt from the regulation, which requires a transition to ZEVs for all state and local government medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle fleets. Voters were asked whether this exemption should extend to all additional support vehicles anticipated to respond in emergencies like wildfires, floods and earthquakes. An overwhelming 75 percent of voters said they would support this change.

## CARB Regulation: Flexibility for Vehicles Needed for Emergencies

- CARB's mandate requires public agencies to transition to ZEVs despite the lack of infrastructure or vehicles on the market that can serve and protect the public in emergencies
- Emergency Response Vehicles Should Be Excluded from the ACF Mandate:

*Vehicles reasonably anticipated to respond to emergency situations, or that support those efforts, should be excluded from the regulations in the same manner as the current regulation excludes snow removal vehicles.*

- On April 17th, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) closed its 15-day public comment period on its latest proposed amendments to Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulations.

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- The bill could compromise the security and operations of public agencies by putting routine workplace technologies at risk and exposing sensitive information that may compromise security.

- Public agencies are fundamentally different than the private sector, yet they are lumped together with private employers under this bill.

- The breadth and lack of clarity of the bill's application exposes local governments to significant litigation risk, diverting resources for affordable essential service delivery.

## **Assembly Bill 1898 (Schultz) - WORKPLACE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS**

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Referred on 4.29.26)

CSDA Position: OPPOSE

Places restrictions on the use of AI in surveillance, operations, and decision making conducted by an employer by requiring significant, repeated notices.

- The notice must contain, among other things, detailed information on the workplace surveillance tool or automated decision system, justification, categories of employment-related decisions likely to be affected, and worker data information, as specified.

- The bill could compromise the security and operations of public agencies by putting routine workplace technologies at risk and exposing sensitive information that may compromise security.

- Contains enforcement provisions that expose public employers to significant litigation risk.

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- The bill is not limited to cases of actual replacement or automation of a worker's job, but also to replication of a worker's job. Therefore, innocuous tools such as AI enhanced office software could be prohibited by the bill.

- While the bill's supporters may be motivated by emerging technologies, its definitions are so broad it may place legacy automated systems at risk.

- Public employers use workplace technology to increase efficiency, protect public health, secure critical infrastructure, and provide affordable essential services. Public agencies are fundamentally different than the private sector, yet they are lumped together with private employers under this bill.

## Assembly Bill 2027 (Ward) - WORKER DATA PROHIBITIONS: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Referred on 4.22.26)

CSDA Position: OPPOSE

Establishes significant limitations on the use of AI for public and private employers, specific to worker data.

- The bill could effectively ban most AI tools in the workplace. The bill prohibits an employer from using an AI tool trained with worker data to replicate, automate, or replace a worker's job. This could cover tools trained with data from the employer's employees or any other employer's employees. For example, innocuous AI search tools work off of data very likely trained, in part, by workers, while their functionality replicates certain tasks of workers.

- Contains enforcement provisions that expose public employers to significant litigation risk

# Legislative Advocacy

- A spokesman for the High-Speed Rail Authority said late last week that the board will consider the plan on May 20th and formally send the finalized version to the California Legislature by June 1.

## **DIVERSION OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX AND SALES TAX REVENUE- CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY DRAFT 2026 BUSINESS PLAN**

Proposals under consideration by the California High-Speed Rail Authority include seeking statutory permission for the Authority to form and lead tax-increment financing districts that would capture property tax and sales tax growth within a one-half (½) mile radius of high-speed rail stations.

- Though seemingly similar to other tax-increment financing tools such as enhanced infrastructure financing districts (EIFDs), participation by affected taxing agencies (including special districts) may be compulsory, resulting in the unconstitutional diversion of local property tax revenue to the state.
- CSDA opposes any attempt to redirect tax revenues away from local governments and the communities they serve without their express, meaningful, and freely-given consent. Depriving special districts of property tax revenue will undermine affordable essential service delivery.
- While the exact language of the proposals has not yet been made public, the legislation to implement the Authority proposals is widely anticipated to be included in a forthcoming budget trailer bill.