



Conejo Recreation & Park District

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DATE: June 18, 2026
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jim Friedl, General Manager 
SUBJECT: California Special Districts Association (CSDA) 2026 Board Elections

RECOMMENDATION

Select and cast the District's ballot to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors

DISCUSSION

The District has received email correspondence pertaining to the election of a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A, Coastal Network. The two candidates are:

- Vincent Ferrante, Commissioner, Moss Landing Harbor District (Incumbent)
- Maisha Cole Perri, Board President, Blanchard Santa Paula Library District
- Jacquelyn McMillan, Board Member, Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Scott Meckstroth, General Manager, Ojai Valley Sanitary District

Attached hereto are the information sheets and candidate statement sheets provided by CSDA.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE

Meets Strategic Plan Element 7.6: Encourage Board and staff participation in appropriate regional, state, and national professional, educational, and advocacy organizations such as...CSDA.

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2027-2029 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Vincent C. Ferrante

District/Company: Mosslanding Harbor

Title: Commissioner

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 24 years

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

I currently serve on the Member Service and the Education Development Committees.

In past years I have served on every committee that is offered by CSDA. I also have completed all four modules in the Governance Academy.

2. What other state-wide associations have you been involved with? (such as CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

None

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

I serve as the representative for the Moss Landing Harbor board on the Monterey County Special Districts Association Chapter

4. List your involvement in civic and/or non-profit organization:

My involvement is as follows: Japanese-Sister City organization, Sons of Italy, Friends of Isola del Femena, American Legion Post 31, hospital volunteer

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As a Board Member for California Special District Association for the past several years, I have committed my efforts to efficiently serve the needs of our Independent Special Districts in Coastal Network 5 and also all Special Districts throughout California.

To *advance* our interests, I also served on all CSDA Committees as either Chairman or Vice- Chairman, two terms as the Board Secretary, Vice-President and

in 2017 I had the honor to serve as CSOA President, elected by the CSDA Board of Directors. I have had the opportunity to visit all the Chapters in Coastal Network 5 while serving on the CSDA Board, either in person or on Zoom.

During my time on the CSDA Board, I have seen membership increase; our professional development has added more conferences and various other educational items and also increased attendees at our State Conferences. Our Advocacy/Legislative Department has been able to follow more bills in the State Legislature. Much of this is with the approval of the CSDA Board.

Additionally, I was appointed to the CSDA National Liaison and attended Special District Conferences in Florida, Utah, Colorado, and Oregon in order to create a networking with other States. This has encouraged other states' Special Districts to attend our conferences and provide opportunities to share knowledge, lobbying techniques utilized by other Special Districts, and building to a stronger coalition of Special Districts throughout the United States of America.

Will you please assist me in continuing to serve as your CSDA Director in Coastal Network 5.

Sincerely,
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2027-2029 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Maisha Cole Perri

District/Company: Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District

Title: Board President / Trustee

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: Three years

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

No

2. What other state-wide associations have you been involved with? (such as CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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

Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District

4. List your involvement in civic and/or non-profit organization:

President, Santa Paula Society of Arts

Founder, Santa Paula Community Garden

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Candidate Statement – Maisha Cole Perri

I am proud to serve as President of the Blanchard Community Library for the second year in a row. I am seeking the opportunity to represent the Coastal Network on the CSDA Board of Directors.

Special districts are where government meets real life. We deliver essential services, steward public trust, and respond directly to the needs of our communities. I am running because I believe CSDA must continue to strengthen its voice, sharpen its advocacy, and support districts navigating increasing financial and operational pressures.

In my role as Board President, I have led strategic planning efforts, supported community-driven initiatives, and prioritized transparency and accountability. I understand firsthand the challenges districts face, from funding constraints to growing service demands, and I bring a practical, solutions-oriented approach to governance.

My background in entertainment, non-profit leadership and entrepreneurship has trained me to manage complexity, align stakeholders, and deliver results under pressure. I approach leadership with clarity, organization, and a strong sense of responsibility to the communities we serve.

I am particularly passionate about advancing legislative advocacy, ensuring equitable access to services, and helping districts remain resilient and forward-thinking in a rapidly changing environment.

I am fully prepared to meet the commitments of Board service and to actively contribute to CSDA's mission at the statewide level.

I would be honored to earn your support and to serve as a strong, thoughtful voice for special districts across the Coastal Network.



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2027-2029 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Jacquelyn "Jacque" McMillan

District/Company: Calleguas Municipal Water District

Title: Board of Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 4 years with CMWD and 31 years with Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA

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

34 conferences, events and workshops (list attached)

2. What other state-wide associations have you been involved with? (such as CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

ACWA (Region 8 board & Ag Cmt), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Board and 16 Cmts),

Delta Conveyance Design & Construction Authority (Board), Delta Conveyance Finance Cmt (Chair),

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

Ventura County Special District Association.

4. List your involvement in civic and/or non-profit organization:

Ventura County Women in Ag, West Ventura County Business Association, Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County, Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, Food Share, League of Women Voters

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(Candidate Statement Attached)

Jacque McMillan retired after serving 31 years as a Principal Government and Regional Affairs Representative for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the nation's largest water purveyor. She worked extensively with businesses, community leaders, and elected officials to ensure that 19 million residents continue to have a safe, reliable, and low-cost supply of drinking water. She has served as an officer, committee chair, or active member for over thirty years, representing agricultural, business, and advocacy entities in east Ventura County, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Beverly Hills. Jacque assisted these groups in developing policy positions on water that would enrich the region's business climate and quality of life for its residents. From 2003 to 2019, she also served as a Board Director for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

She began her career in Metropolitan's real estate section, acquiring property for Diamond Valley Lake. Prior to joining Metropolitan, Jacque worked for three petroleum companies, managing 15 oil fields and acquiring oil, gas, and coal rights in over nine states and seventy-nine counties.

Jacque serves on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors and the following Committees: Vice Chair of Legal and Claims and a member of Community and Workplace Culture; Engineering, Operations and Technology; Finance, Affordability, Asset Management and Efficiency; Organization, Personnel and Effectiveness; One Water and Adaptation; Subcommittee on Imported Water; CAMP4W; Ag and Tribal Partnership, and an alternate on the Executive Committee. She also serves on the board of the Delta Conveyance, Design and Construction Authority and Chairs the Delta Conveyance Finance Board.

Director McMillan has a Master's in Business from California State University, Northridge, and a Bachelor's from the University of Houston. She is also a graduate of the Oxnard Leadership, Valley Leadership Institute, and Leadership LA programs.



2027-2029 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Scott Meckstroth

District/Company: Ojai Valley Sanitary Distrit

Title: General Manager

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Appointed

Length of Service with District: 18 Months

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

Yes; I regularly attend the bimonthly Ventura County Chapter of CSDA. I attended the 2025 CSDA GM summit.

- 2. What other state-wide associations have you been involved with? (such as CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

American Public Works Association (APWA) Ventura County Chapter Executive Board 2009-2020. Represented the Chapter as President at 2019 PWX in Seattle and as VP at the 2018 national convention in Kansas City.

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

I have attended and presented at Ventura LAFCo, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, City councils for Camarillo, Ventura, and Thousand Oaks, representing Special Districts, the APWA, agencies and businesses.

- 4. List your involvement in civic and/or non-profit organization:**

Ventura County Association of Water Agencies (AWA) Executive Board 2015-2020; AWA Annual Water Symposium co-chair since 2019 to present.

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