



California Special
Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together

2026-2028 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Jason Dafforn

District/Company: Valley Sanitary District

Title: General Manager

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Staff

Length of Service with District: 2 years

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

Attend CSDA Conference and Leadership Academy

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

ACWA, CASA, NACWA

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

N/A

4. List civic organization involvement:

Desert Recreation Foundation Board of Directors

****Candidate Statement – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after the nomination deadlines will not be included with the ballot.**

JASON DAFFORN
for CSDA Board of Directors – Southern Network

My name is Jason Dafforn, and I am honored to be a candidate for the CSDA Board of Directors, representing the Southern Network, which includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties.

As a Licensed Civil Engineer with more than 30 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry, I bring a deep understanding of the vital services special districts provide. I have spent 18 years as a utility manager for California local governments, including over eight years with a special district, and I currently serve as General Manager at Valley Sanitary District in Indio, California.

Throughout my career, I have remained committed to improving water and wastewater systems, building safe and reliable infrastructure, and leading teams to find innovative, effective solutions to complex challenges. I am passionate about the essential roles our diverse special districts play, including water, wastewater, irrigation, parks and recreation, cemeteries, fire protection, libraries, harbors, healthcare, and community services.

In my spare time, I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Desert Recreation Foundation, a non-profit organization that collaborates with the Desert Recreation District, California's largest park and recreation district. There, I work behind the scenes to ensure all residents in the Coachella Valley have access to quality recreational resources, facilities, parks, and programs that serve today's needs and those of generations to come.

If elected, I will bring a strategic and forward-thinking perspective to the Board. I will advocate for our collective interests and help CSDA remain a strong resource for its members. Together, we can strengthen California's special districts and continue to enhance the quality of life for the communities we serve.

Thank you for your support and your vote!

Jason Dafforn, PE
General Manager, Valley Sanitary District, Indio, California