

DON BARTZ

GENERAL MANAGER



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

It is an honor to be considered for election to CSDA's Seat B - Southern Network to continue my service as a member of the Board of Directors. I have been active with CSDA for over 20 years during my time as General Manager for three different Southern Network agencies. I hold the Certified Special District Manager designation through CSDA and I understand just how valuable membership in CSDA is for special districts. Special districts often do not have a voice with our legislators and CSDA advocates for us. Most recently, when special districts were completely overlooked in regard to state and federal COVID-19 funds, CSDA worked with our legislators to provide COVID-19 funding for special districts.

I have been the General Manager of the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District ("District") since it formed 14 years ago. Our District has utilized CSDA's education and legislative programs to educate both District directors and staff in order to establish sound governance and best practices for our authorized services. I have served on CSDA's Professional Development and Membership Committees and recommend all special districts join CSDA to strengthen our coalition and bring recognition to our unique districts.

Because my District provides water, parks and recreation, solid waste, and street lighting services, I will bring a variety of experience and understanding of the needs of special districts in our region. As a regular attendee of CSDA conferences and workshops, I am willing to attend meetings and conferences. As a regular panelist on CSDA's, "So You Want to be a General Manager," workshop, I understand the role CSDA plays in helping general managers manage special districts and how CSDA is essential in training the next generation of managerial staff.

I currently serve as CSDA's representative for the Institute of Local Government and I also serve as an appointed planning commissioner for the City of Hesperia. I understand the land use and other hurdles special districts face when developing projects. I will utilize my legislative relationships for the benefit of CSDA members to advocate for special districts and to ensure we have a voice in the legislature and are considered for funding and grants. I would be honored to receive your agency's vote.

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