



December 2020

CSDA would like to wish you and the entire special district family a happy and healthy holiday season. In this difficult year, the grassroots advocacy from special districts was stronger than ever. Just a few of the highlights we accomplished together:

- Secured an average of 240 district position letters for each formal CSDA Call-to-Action
- CSDA staff visited over 800 special districts in-person or virtually
- Established two new CSDA-affiliated chapters and participated in 55 chapter meetings throughout the state
- CSDA staff met with 74 state and federal district offices and 44 LAFCOs
- Facilitated over a dozen roundtable discussions between special district leaders and state legislators, members of Congress, and their staff
- Hosted five virtual tours featuring 15 special districts for more than 150 state and federal officials

Stay tuned for the release of CSDA's New Laws of 2021 publication which will overview more than 100 bills affecting special districts that CSDA actively lobbied in 2020, as well as include short white papers covering some of the most significant new laws of the new year. Finally, because many of the laws special districts must follow are determined in court rooms, the publication will review court cases in which CSDA engaged through amicus briefs on behalf of special districts.

As we wrap up our work in 2020, we will continue to vigilantly advocate for special districts and the communities they serve. Keep an eye on CSDA's [Advocacy News Blog](#) for breaking news in the days and months ahead.

Contact a local CSDA representative near you!

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➤ OTHER WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

Learn More

Got new board members? Start them out right with these essential courses.

Required every two years:

Ethics AB1234 and **Sexual Harassment Prevention** (available live or on-demand, 2 hours each)

Recommended at least once, and as needed with updates to law:

Webinars:

Board Member Best Practices (available live or on-demand, 3 hours)

Intro to Special District Finance for Board Members (on-demand, 1.5 hours)

Brown Act Compliance (available live or on-demand, 2 hours)

CA Public Records Act (on-demand, 2 hours)

Understanding Board Member and Liability Issues (on-demand, 1.5 hours)

Conferences:

Special District Leadership Academy Conference

San Diego

April 11-14, 2021

And

Lake Tahoe

September 26-29, 2021

Join Today

Join an Expert Feedback Team to provide CSDA staff with invaluable insights on policy issues. Email romanw@csda.net to inquire about joining one of the following teams:

- Budget, Finance and Taxation
- Environment
- Formation and Reorganization
- Human Resources and Personnel
- Governance
- Public Works and Contracting

Stay Informed

In addition to the many ways you can **TAKE ACTION** with CSDA's advocacy efforts, CSDA offers a variety of tools to keep you up-to-date and assist you in your district's legislative and public outreach. Make sure you're reading these resources:

- CSDA's weekly e-Newsletter
- Districts in the News
- CSDA's CA Special District Magazine

Email updates@csda.net for help accessing these additional member resources.