SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-B**

FROM: Ed Fortner, General Manager

Meeting Date: August 1, 2019

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO VOTE FOR RYAN CLAUSNITZER FOR THE CSDA BAY AREA BOARD ELECTION

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the General Manager to vote for Ryan Clausnitzer or give direction to vote for a different candidate.

FISCAL IMPACT: none

DISCUSSION:

The California Special District Association is requesting that the District vote for Seat B of the Board of Directors by August 09. The candidates and their qualifications are listed in the attachments. The incumbent for this position is Ryan Clausnitzer, he seems like a qualified candidate, and barring different direction from the Board, we will submit the District vote for him.

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Electronic Ballot - 2019 CSDA Board of Directors Election, (Seat B) Bay Area Network - Term 2020-2022

Please vote for your choice

Choose **one** of the following candidates:

- Ryan Clausnitzer* - Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District
- Tod Moody - Sanitary District no. 5 of Marin County
- Cheryl Sudduth - West County Wastewater District

☐ **Ryan Clausnitzer*** [view details]

☐ **Tod Moody** [view details]

☐ **Cheryl Sudduth** [view details]

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2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Ryan Clausnitzer

District/Company: Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District

Title: General Manager

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Staff

Length of Service with District: 3 as Trustee, 4 as General Manager

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

Chair of Fiscal Committee (2018 + 2019)
Tresurer of CSDA / Member of Executive Committee

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

Presenter at MVCAC annual conferences.
CSDA - MVCAC representative

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

Board member of the Alameda County chapter of the CSDA

4. **List civic organization involvement:**

Track & field youth coach
Soccer coach

****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 April 17, 2019 will not be included with the ballot.**

Re: CSDA Board of Directors Bay Area Network Seat B

I am seeking your support for a second term on the CSDA Board of Directors in the Bay Area Network. My experience in city/county/federal governments, as a former Trustee of a special district, as a current General Manager, and my academic background in public policy qualifies me for this position.

I was honored to be chosen by my peers on the CSDA Board to serve on the Executive Committee for most of my first term. I have worked hard to live up to this commitment as CSDA Treasurer by working closely with CSDA financial staff in reviewing financial records, signing off on disbursements, and chairing the fiscal committee. I also collaborated with CSDA advocacy staff by co-authoring and presenting the paper: *"Mosquito & Vector Control as Special Districts: Opportunities and Challenges"* at our state and national mosquito control conferences. I had the privilege of being the CSDA Board and mosquito association representative on the 2-day Capital Tour of Alameda, Sonoma, and Solano special districts with Capitol staff this past October.

I am also involved in our local CSDA Alameda County chapter as an at-large Board member where we were proud to receive the chapter of the year award at the 2019 Annual Conference in Indian Wells. I have been to most Contra Costa chapter meetings and am looking forward to attending Santa Clara and San Mateo chapter meetings as well.

Since becoming General Manager of our District, we have received the CSDA District Transparency Certificate of Excellence twice, and I also obtained the SDA certification last year.

Thank you for considering me as your Board member. I am a big fan of special districts as models of good government and would be honored to represent the Bay Area once again in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Ryan Clausnitzer, MPA, SDA, REHS
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Encl: Nomination form, candidate information sheet, Board resolution

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

Name: Tod Moody

District/Company: Sanitary District # 5

Title: President

Elected/Appointed/Staff:

Length of Service with District: 5 years

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

   No

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

   No

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

   LAFCo. May be elected in a month

4. List civic organization involvement:

   None

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

Name: *Ms. Cheryl Sudduth*

District/Company: *West County Wastewater District*

Title: *Director*

Elected/Appointed/Staff: *Elected*

Length of Service with District: *6mo*

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

I have attended conferences, educational events/workshops & webinars, completed SDLA

2. **Have you ever been associated with any other statewide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

Yes, ACWA, W.E.L.L. (Water Education for Latino Leaders), CASA,

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

Contra Costa Racial Justice Oversight Body *(Appointed-Board of Supervisors)*, League of CA Cities *(AA Caucus, Latino Caucus, Women's Caucus)*, WCCUSD CBOC *(Citizens Oversight Bond Committee appointee)*

4. **List civic organization involvement:**

ACLU Albany-Berkeley-Emeryville *(Board member)*, Contra Costa Racial Justice Coalition *(Steering Committee)*, Contra Costa Immigration Rights Alliance *(Steering Committee)*, Contra Costa Budget Justice Coalition *(Steering Committee)*, NAACP-El Cerrito, Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland *(Member; former Board Member)*, Black Elected Officials *(BEO-FBL)*, Bay Area Latino Elected Officials *(BALEO)*, National Ass'n Latino Elected Leaders *(NALEO)*, Women in Science/Black Women in Science/Latinas in Science *(Member, Mentor, Speaker)*, Sierra Club, APEN *(Asian Pacific Environmental Network)*, CBE *(Communities for a Better Environment)*, Ctr for Biodiversity, AKA Sorority *(Member, Organizer, Speaker)*, Global Women's Leadership *(Member, Speaker)*, Ella Baker Center *(Member/Volunteer)*, Human Rights Commission, Latina Center *(Volunteer)*, Mujeres/Sisterhood *(Volunteer)*, Centro de la Raza, La Puente, La Raza, WCCUSD *(STEM Volunteer)*, BWOPA, League of Women Voters *(Environmental Concerns Team, Climate Change Team, Voter Engagement Comm, Actions & Programs Team)*, Close the Gap, Emerge CA, Higher Heights, Emily's List, SF Muslim Center *(Board of Directors)*, CAIR, *Muslimahs Bay Area (Board, Speaker)*, Muslim American Society, *Muslim Rights Coalition* Interfaith Council *(Member, Speaker)*, Jewish Family & Children's Svcs Ctr of SF *(Volunteer, Speaker)*, CCISCO *(Volunteer)*, Ceasefire/Live Free! Richmond & Oakland *(Volunteer)*, Let My People Go, Let My People Vote *(Volunteer)*, Wounded Warriors Project *(Volunteer)*, CA Diversity Council *(Member, Speaker)*, National Diversity Council *(Member, Speaker)*, Black Professionals *(Member, Speaker)*, Latina Women in Politics *(Member, Speaker)*, Hispanic Chamber, Black Chamber, Oakland AA Chamber, East Bay Law Center *(Volunteer)*, Immigration Rights Coalition *(Member, Organizer, Speaker)*, East Oakland Collective, Feed the Hood Project *(Volunteer)*, Safe Return Project, ACCE, Oakland Justice Coalition *(Steering Comm, Environment Comm, Educ Comm)*, Oakland Privacy Council, AUSD STEM Mentor, Albany Black Parents Group (Board), Albany Latino Parents Advisory Board Albany Superintendent's Advisory Council, Latino Parents Council *(Volunteer/Organizer/Speaker)*, HOH Gymnastics *(Parent Volunteer & Athlete Mentor)*, The CA All-Stars Cheer *(Parent Volunteer & Student Athlete Mentor)*, Girl Scouts *(Parent Volunteer)*, Boys & Girls Club *(Volunteer)*

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Candidate Statement

Cheryl Sudduth | WCWD

"si no estás sentado a la mesa, no se pueden establecer las prioridades o la agenda..."
("if you're not seated at the table, you cannot set the priorities or the agenda...").

Throughout my career & activism, I've been a fearless advocate for *the People* – primarily on challenging of discriminatory & unfair systems impacting equal, affordable access to sound environmental protections, especially in marginalized & impoverished communities.

I am a passionate environmental advocate. I listen. I pay attention. I see the passionate efforts afoot in our Special Districts' community yet I know so much more can be accomplished – especially to ensure *all* voices are heard to promote continued growth in CSDA's vision, encourage members' input, educate all on strategic planning & good governance, & align district goals -> equity & diversity values.

As a multicultural/multiracial Woman in an industry & organization sorely lacking in representation of Black/Brown/Indigenous Women/People in positions of power & influence, I offer a unique perspective of an experienced Scientist *(Cellular & Molecular Biologist/Biochemist)*, international business negotiator & compliance expert, & community advocate. I'm committed to open, purposeful, & respectful dialogue that includes *all* perspectives. I know communication is key to positive change, though conversations *must* include stakeholders we serve: district leaders, workers, community leaders, elected officials & policymakers. In doing so, we remain relevant, connected & embrace a lens to view the future. My professional skills & the strong relationships I've built with legislators, industry leaders, science professionals, & community leaders will aid in encouraging authentic communications & creating strong relationships with CSDA membership.

If elected, I'll advocate for CSDA developing clear policies & programs to cultivate greater diversity in our membership & leadership to ensure there's room for different perspectives, ideas & experiences to ensure *all* voices are heard. It's especially relevant given many boards/representatives don't always reflect the demographics served, leaving many feeling unseen & unheard. Voices meant to speak for the whole, though we know not every voice is one that can/should speak for every community so we must be certain that each of our communities are truly represented. *Representation matters*. Though I don't have the answers to solve this equity & diversity conundrum, I'm ardent about being part of the conversation & working towards finding resolutions so we've more than paper Values Statements while *'business as usual'* continues.