SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. III-D**

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: August 2, 2018

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO VOTE FOR ROBERT SILANO FOR THE CSDA BAY AREA BOARD ELECTION

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the General Manager to vote for Robert Silano 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 A of the Board of Directors by August 10. The candidates and their qualifications are listed in the attachments. The incumbent for this position is Robert Silano, he seems like a qualified candidate, and barring different direction fro the Board, we will submit the District vote for him.

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Electronic Ballot - 2018 CSDA Board of Directors Election, (Seat A) Bay Area Network

Please vote for your choice

Choose **one** of the following candidates:

- Robert Silano (Incumbent)
- Catharine Benediktsson
- Chad Davisson, SDA
- Akintunde Okupe
- Jan Palajac

☐ **Robert Silano** [view details]

☐ **Catharine Benediktsson** [view details]

☐ **Chad Davisson** [view details]

☐ **Akintunde Okupe** [view details]

☐ **Jan Palajac** [view details]

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2018 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Robert Silano

District/Company: Menlo Fire Protection District

Title: Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: (prior Elected)

Length of Service with District: 2011

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

   2017- Current Board of Directors
   Committee(s): Financial and Legislative

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 representative for Fire District

4. **List civic organization involvement:**

   - FBI National Academy Associates
   - Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents

****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 May 31, 2018 will not be included with the ballot.**

Robert Silano, Director
Menlo Park Fire Protection District

A public safety professional, Mr. Silano has over 45 years of combined law enforcement and emergency management experience. Presently, Mr. Silano is an Intelligence Officer as a Senior National Security Intelligence Analyst for the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center in San Francisco, CA. In the past, he served as the Chief of Threat Intelligence assigned to the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, representing the California Emergency Management Agency. The NCRIC is one of 77 DHS Fusion Centers specializing in research involving the terrorism threat and emergency management situations as it relates to law enforcement, fire, public health, emergency services and the private industry.

Currently holds a "TOP SECRET" Federal Government Clearance.

As an elected official, Director Silano serves on the Menlo Park Fire Protection District in San Mateo County. In that capacity, he serves on the Communications and Emergency Preparedness Committees. Additional duties include, being a voting member of the Board of Directors for the California Special Districts Association, Bay Area Network, serving on their Legislative and Financial Committees.

As a private safety professional, Mr. Silano has served in various capacities within Emergency Management, Loss Prevention, Security Operations and Corporate Investigations. He holds positions on three (3) company boards of directors.

In the past, Mr. Silano has had experience in domestic and international operations as a former U.S. Department of Justice Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Former Special Agent Silano has held positions as a City of Miami Police Officer, Task Force Commander, Police Instructor, Supervisory Special Agent, and a Senior Manager with the U.S. Department of Justice, DEA. He holds a Baccalaureate and Master's Degrees, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 158.

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

Name: Catharine Benedictsson

District/Company: Sanitary District #5, Marin County

Title: Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected by the district board.

Length of Service with District: 17 years.

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

   no, taken courses in past / workshops.

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

   not recently – was head of nationwide environmental group for FAA, Chief Atmosphere Alaska

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

   have worked with LAFCo.

4. **List civic organization involvement:**

   none – except homeowners association

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

Name: Chad Davisson

District/Company: Ironhouse Sanitary District

Title: General Manager

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Executive Staff

Length of Service with District: 3-years

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

On behalf of the District I am very involved with CSDA. Attend annual conferences, received SDA certification, completed the SDLF Leadership Academy, obtained District of Distinction (Platinum Level), Excellence in Transparency, provide local chapter program committee support. I attend the GM Leadership Conferences and volunteer as a mentor at the "so... you want to be a GM" coaching events. Participate in the CSDA Awards program.

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

I am very involved with California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) participating on the State Legislative Committee, member of the WateReuse Association, member of the Water Environment Federation (WEF). Highly active in California Water Environment Association (CWEA), speaking at events, receiving several awards and attending local and state conferences.

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

Support Contra Costa LAFCo, provide assistance on technical matters and municipal service reviews. Chair of the East CC County Water Management Association. Participate in the Western Recycled Water and the Bay Area Biosolids Coalitions.

4. **List civic organization involvement:**

Provide leadership to the Bay Area Consortium of Waster/Wastewater Education (BACWWE) to address career development and industrywide succession planning. I teach a variety of water and wastewater courses. On the planning committee of General Manager Roundtable group across the Bay Area. Member of Community Advisory Group for Water Rate Setting in Vallejo.

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Chad Davisson, SDA, General Manager
Ironhouse Sanitary District

My name is Chad Davisson and I am the General Manager of Ironhouse Sanitary District. I am running for the California Special District Association (CSDA) Director, Seat A – Bay Area Network.

I am very proud to have dedicated my 30-year career in water and wastewater to serving my local community through special districts and local government. I began my career at a special district and have since have earned a degree in Public Administration and an MBA from Saint Mary's College of California. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work in several special districts throughout California.

Through my background with special districts, I recognize the importance and value of supporting CSDA. I have a vast understanding of special district needs and as a CSDA Board Member, I will use my experience and expertise to further enrich services that benefit CSDA members.

My goal as General Manager is to provide Ironhouse Sanitary District and its constituents with complete and open public transparency utilizing best management practices. Under my leadership, the District was awarded District of Distinction (Platinum Level) accreditation and the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence. I have received the CSDA Special District Administrator certification and completed the SDLF Leadership Academy.

I actively attend and mentor special district professionals at CSDA's General Manager Leadership Summit coaching events. I am proud to say that Ironhouse staff members have received CSDA awards for their outstanding performance. I am also proud to support CSDA's local (Contra Costa County) chapter.

If elected, I will work diligently to ensure CSDA's continued success. I will apply my experience, commitment and leadership to be effective, efficient, and responsive to special district needs.

Please consider me for the upcoming election for Director, Seat A - Bay Area Network.

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

Name: Akintunde Okupe

District/Company: East Palo Alto Sanitary District

Title: General Manager

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Akintunde Okupe

Length of Service with District: 6 months

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

   Workshops & conferences

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

4. **List civic organization involvement:**

   None

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Name: Jan Palajac

District/Company: Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD)

Title: Director of the Board

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: Elected November 2016 to a 4 yr Term

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

   Special District Leadership Academy Graduate (Spring 2017)

   Certificate of Recognition in Special District Governance (Fall 2017)

   CSDA Annual Conference (2017 & 2018); CSDA Legislative Days (2018)

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

   CARPD Annual Conference (2017 & 2018)

   CPRS (California Parks and Recreation Society), member over 15 yrs

   ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects), Northern California Chapter, member 25 yrs

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

   Livermore Downtown Inc (2017 & 2018)

   Key to the City (Livermore) (Spring 2018)

4. **List civic organization involvement:**

   Sr. Landscape Architect, City of San Jose (2000-2017)

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Jan Palajac, Director
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

I am very interested in becoming a member of the CSDA Board of Directors. I am in my first term (2016-2020) as an elected Director of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. During my first year in office, I attended the Special District Leadership Academy, the CSDA Annual Conference, and the California Association of Parks and Recreation District (CARPD) Annual Conference. I also received a Recognition in Special District Governance certificate from CSDA.

After 17 years as a landscape architect managing park and trail projects for the City of San Jose, I retired last year. While at San Jose, I successfully worked very closely with a number of municipal, county, state and federal agencies as well as other stakeholders to construct nationally recognized trail projects. To stay current with the latest professional practices, I attended and was a speaker at several state and nationwide professional conferences.

I believe the communication skills I developed while at San Jose, my enthusiasm, and my commitment to CSDA's mission to promote good governance through professional development, advocacy and other services for special districts will enable me to effectively represent you on the Bay Area Network. Thank you for your support.