

June 17, 2020

Subject: **Elect Greg Mills to CSDA Seat C (Southern Network)**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to recommend Director Greg Mills, of Serrano Water District (Serrano), for election to the Board of Directors for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), serving as Seat C representative for the Southern Network. Director Mills possesses the qualifications, knowledge, and understanding of the many issues facing special districts, and his proven leadership abilities can provide added value for CSDA's Southern Network.

It is our understanding that Director Mills is running for CSDA Seat C to further our local control interests through actions, advocacy, and communications. Should Director Mills be elected, he has pledged to:

- be actively engaged with CSDA in monitoring state policies that could impact special district authority, finances, and operations; and,
- share information that is timely, relevant, and actionable for your district.

In addition to serving on Serrano's Board since 2016, where he has made fair and informed decisions that have greatly benefited constituents, Director Mills served four years on Villa Park City Council, including as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. His public service includes three years on the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board, and two years on the Orange County Sanitation District Board; and, his community involvement includes Rotary, Elks, and other charities.

For many years, Director Mills has actively participated in the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) monthly Executive Committee meetings and quarterly events. He also represents Serrano at the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA).

With a career background that includes entrepreneurial, engineering, and marketing experience, Director Mills is currently a technical professional with an MS in Engineering Management and a BA in Chemistry. He is also a member of several professional associations, including the American Chemical Society.

We are fortunate to have such a qualified candidate in Greg Mills, who has our coalition's unanimous support to serve as CSDA Southern Network Seat C representative. Seat C is one of three seats for the Southern Network, encompassing the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Representatives from the Inland Empire and San Diego hold other two Southern Network seats.

Your district should have already received a CSDA ballot, which is due by July 10. If you have questions or requests for more information, please feel free to contact Mesa Water District's Water Policy Manager, Stacy Taylor, at StacyT@MesaWater.org or [714.791.0848](tel:714.791.0848). Thank you for your consideration in electing Greg Mills, who would be honored to receive your vote.

Sincerely,



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