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1. [Voting via buttons](#)



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[Shayna Rians](#)

Do your Board Members vote via roll call vote? Does anyone use voting buttons?

We are renovating our Board Room -- we will be upgrading audio/video, but I am struggling to find any voting buttons/software.

During the demolition process of the renovation, we removed a large wall-mounted light-up box that displayed Director votes. Along with the wall-mounted box being removed, we are removing all the Directors' buttons while we refinish the dais.

I searched the discussion forums and couldn't find any mention of voting this way.

If your District utilizes a form of voting outside of audible, per-person, roll-call votes, I would love to hear it.

Thank you!

Shayna Rians
Executive Assistant/Board Clerk
San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District
Spring Valley, CA
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2. What is the Main Difference Between a Resolution and a Motion?

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[Patty Liddy](#)

Just Curious - Why do some things need a resolution and other things just need a motion?

Patty Liddy
Secretary
Anderson Valley Community Services District
Boonville CA

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3. Re: Board Member Vacancy

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[Christal Martinez](#)

I've had to recruit for an open board member position twice within the last year. The way I understand it, if the position vacated by the board member is not up for reelection you can recruit for the position. The new member would only be eligible to fill that position for the remainder of the term.

I recruited similar to regular recruitment. I wrote a Press Release and published it on our website, on social media, via print ads, and local media outlets.

I gave candidates 30 days to respond with a letter of interest and resume for the open seat. The board then held a special meeting to interview the candidates with pre-written questions developed by me and legal counsel. On the day of the special meeting, I mediated the interviews, and the board members made motions to appoint their top candidate. They then voted on one person, and it required a majority vote. They were then sworn in at our next regular meeting.

I understand that you have 60 days from the last day of appointment of the current member to fill his/her position. Not really sure what happens if you do not find anyone in time. I've received mixed feedback.

Christal Martinez
Executive Director
NORTH KERN - SOUTH TULARE HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Delano CA
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Sent: 04-26-2023 09:47 AM
From: Carmen Glass
Subject: Board Member Vacancy

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[Carmen] [Glass]
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4. Re: Board Member Vacancy

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[Sarah Melton](#)

I concur with everything Christal said, and will add that for our Fire District, if a member isn't appointed by the end of 60 days, the next authority up (for us it is the Board of Supervisors) can assign someone to the position instead. Then, when the term for the past board member completes, that new appointed board member is up for election, so the public can then choose to keep them or elect someone else. I'll attach a copy of an old Board Vacancy notice we had from my last District - it states the codes relevant to the process, which I believe are still correct today. Hope that helps!

Sarah Melton
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5. Re: Board Member Vacancy

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Apr 27, 2023 9:33 AM

[David Heft](#)

Generally, it's up to the appointing body to find a replacement. If it is a city, they'll typically list an opening on their city website for interested citizens looking to serve in some capacity. The same generally applies if the opening is for a board member appointed by the county as well. In terms of the district, if anyone knows someone that meets the criteria of the appointing body, you could certainly encourage them to apply. It can be a challenge to find willing candidates, I have two openings currently at my own district...

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6. Re: Board Member Vacancy

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Apr 27, 2023 10:42 AM

[Scott Holbrook](#)

For our District in Placer County (I think it varies on County Charter rules the process is this

Option A - if more than a year away from the next election, hold a special election for the position that will last for the duration of the term of the departed board member.

Option B - The Board can appoint a member for the duration of the term or the next election / whichever comes 1st
Then at the next election the position would go up for election, either for a full term or the remainder of the term. IF the Board can not appoint someone within (90 Days I think) Then the County Board of Supervisors will appoint one.

We have had to do this twice including very recently. Shortly before the 2022 Election, and too late to change the ballot - an incumbent board member fell ill and could not serve, he wound up winning. We as a board due to the cost of a special election chose to appoint a board member. We put out a public notice requesting applicants - then at a board meeting we held interviews, then we did a process to vote for a new member, similar to how we choose the board chair. The person selected will serve until the 2024 Election. For that election the normal cycle is three 4 Year positions - this time there will be three 4 Year Positions and one 2 year position up for grabs. Candidates need to choose which position they want to run for. The appointed member could choose to run for a 4 year spot if they want.

I hope this helps -

Scott Holbrook
Board Member
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District
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7. Re: Board Member Vacancy

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[Adam Cox](#)

If you are a dependent district you'll want to notify the appointing authority's (city/county) clerk. They should handle advertising, recruitment, and appointment.

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8. Re: Brown Act



Apr 27, 2023 9:31 AM
[Adam Cox](#)

Hi Susan,

Your district should be careful about what's going on. Government Code 61040(e) says: A member of the board of directors shall not be the general manager, the district treasurer, or any other compensated employee of the district except for volunteer firefighters as provided by Section 53227.

If you need a temporary management solution my firm offers contract executive services on a month by month basis and we have experience with union negotiations. It generally is not a good practice to have board members sit on a negotiations team but that's certainly a prerogative of the board. We're happy to help if you need.

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Original Message:
Sent: 04-25-2023 09:57 AM
From: Susan Fox
Subject: Brown Act

1. Our GM's last day was Friday, 21 April. An earlier departure than we had expected. We are currently in the middle of our Union Contract negotiations. The negotiating team consisted of our GM, two board members and an attorney. Our Board President is now Acting General Manager. How do we read him into the union negotiations without violating the Brown act? Would one of the other board members need to step aside?
2. While interviewing general manager candidates, can we discuss a compensation range in the interview Then bring it back to a regular meeting open session for approval? closed session

Susan Fox
Vice President
Resort Improvement District #1
Whitethorn CA
(707) 986-7447



Apr 26, 2023 12:43 PM

[Debbie Lee](#)

Our Board of Directors do not have keys to our office but they do have access to our office during business hours. They have a code for the door. Our current Board of Directors do not come in and tell the staff what they would like done they go through the General Manager. A past BOD thought they had access to the entire office and staff and could tell us what they would like us to do. If they need our conference room when the office is closed our on call person will come and open up and close up the room.

Debbie Lee
Staff
Golden Hills Community Services District
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Original Message:
Sent: 04-19-2023 10:38 AM
From: Marisol Camacho
Subject: Board member Requesting Copy of Keys to Center

Hello, our Board is requesting they get one (1) set of keys for our center/office/hall. Typically, staff members are able to open up when needed but are requesting one set for a board member. Staff were told that a board member having a set of keys was not common practice and due to liability advised not to proceed. Does anyone have anything like this in place in their District? Or any feedback would be appreciated thank you.

Marisol Camacho
Executive Assistant/Board Clerk
Biola Community Services District
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10. Re: Planning Services

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[Melissa Green](#)

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May 1, 2023

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started 3 days ago, [Julie Landers](#) (1 reply)

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Auditor for small district

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1. Document Digitization



May 2, 2023 10:21 AM
[Maria Reyes Palad](#)

We are looking for a company who does document digitization and can provide us a quote. We have a project of organizing and digitizing all Board documents from years ago. Please refer them to me if you know someone.

Thank you,

Maria Reyes Palad
Finance and Accounting Manager
Del Puerto Health Care District
Patterson CA
(209) 892-8781

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2. Water Rates for an ADU and buildings exceeding 750sqft

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May 1, 2023 1:00 PM
[Jose Quintana](#)

Hello

I have a question relating to service charges on ADU builds and buildings exceeding 750sqft. We are a small CSD that provides water and sewer utilities. Our last rate study had water and sewer rates based off of water meter size. But with current ADU laws we cannot charge for connection or impact fees. With this being said. Has any water district looked at adding a charge on the monthly bill for any single family homes with multiple buildings on the property being it an ADU or a building over 750sqft? Is this even legal to do? or could it be some kind of policy implemented by the Board of Directors?

I can see the water usage being captured through an existing meter, but what about the sewer and WWTF being impacted by multiple ADUs around the town that is not being considered?

Any thoughts?

Jose M. Quintana
General Manager
Esparto Community Services District
Esparto CA
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3. Re: Strategic Plan Resources

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May 1, 2023 12:20 PM
[Sarah Melton](#)

Nice timing, because we JUST approved our Strategic Plan for the District, using AP Triton. You can see the report as a sample of their work and process here: www.centralfire.org/2246/Key-Documents

Sarah Melton
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CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
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Original Message:
Sent: 05-01-2023 07:43 AM
From: Marion Champion
Subject: Strategic Plan Resources

Good morning,

I'm looking for recommendations for strategic planning consultants that can come in and work with the board and management to develop a comprehensive strategic planning document for the organization. Bonus points for firms that have water and wastewater experience.

Thank you,

Marion

Marion Champion
Government & Public Affairs Manager
Mission Springs Water District
Desert Hot Springs CA
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4. Re: Strategic Plan Resources

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[Mario Iglesias](#)

www.linkedin.com/company/...

Martin Rauch completed our strategic plan.

Mario Iglesias
General Manager
Nipomo Community Services District
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5. Re: Strategic Plan Resources



May 1, 2023 1:01 PM
[Michael Moore](#)

We just issued an RFP for strategic planning services. Here is link:
www.eastvalley.org/bids.aspx

Michael Moore
General Manager
East Valley Water District
Highland CA
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7. Re: I am looking to connect with a small snow district.

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May 1, 2023 4:06 PM
[Melissa Green](#)

Hi, Julie!

You could try reaching out to the districts below. All are small districts with roads/snow removal services.

[Stallion Springs CSD](#)
(661) 822-3268

Alpine Village-Sequoia Crest CSD

(559) 361-6285

[Sierra Cedars CSD](#)

(559) 348-8297

[The Central Valley Local Chapter](#), which includes Tulare, Kings, and Fresno County special districts, is meeting tomorrow, May 2, 2023 at Self Help Enterprises, 8445 W. Elowin Ct, Visalia, CA 93291 at 10am. Please come if you are able and bring your Prop 218 questions! Also, please be sure to download our [Prop 218 Guide!](#)

Melissa Green
Public Affairs Field Coordinator
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Sacramento CA
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Original Message:
Sent: 04-28-2023 12:28 PM
From: Julie Landers
Subject: I am looking to connect with a small snow district.

We just had our first year of doing our own snow removal (not a good year to start) and I would like to connect with another small snow removal district. we are going to have to have a 218 vote and could use some help.

Julie Landers
Treasurer
Ponderosa Community Services District
Springville CA
(559) 542-0913

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8. Re: Auditor for small district

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May 1, 2023 12:48 PM
[Cory Rickard](#)

Hi Michelle,

I'd be happy to share contact information for the CPA we use, who seems extremely reasonable price wise. He also can perform a Single Audit if you require it. Very personable, quick and easy to work with. Feel free to send me an email; crickard@svhospital.org.

Cory Rickard
Financial Officer
Surprise Valley Healthcare District
Cedarville CA
(530) 279-6111

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Original Message:
Sent: 04-29-2023 10:03 AM
From: Michelle Harris
Subject: Auditor for small district

Thank you Meri. I appreciate the information.

Have a great day,

Sent from my iPhone

Michelle Harris

Original Message:
Sent: 4/28/2023 3:44:00 PM
From: Meri Browning
Subject: RE: Auditor for small district

If we do not require a single audit, we use Larry Bain, CPA of El Dorado Hills. I think he is closer to you than he is to us. When we did need a single audit, he referred us to Fechter & Co of Sacramento.

Meri Browning
Secretary of the Board
CALLAYOMI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Middletown CA
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9. Re: Auditor for small district

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May 1, 2023 12:48 PM

[Guy Savage](#)

We use Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP
Alexander Hom, one of the partners is our contact.
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Original Message:
Sent: 04-28-2023 10:08 AM
From: Michelle Harris
Subject: Auditor for small district

I am looking for auditors who work with small districts. Any and all suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Michelle Harris

Michelle Harris
Administrative Executive, Board Secretary
Keyes Community Services District
5601 7th Street
Keyes, Ca 95328

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10. Re: Auditor for small district

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[Michelle Harris](#)

Thank you very much.

Michelle Harris
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11. Re: Auditor for small district

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May 1, 2023 8:23 PM
[Michelle Harris](#)

Hello,

I would greatly appreciate the contact information. We are a small water, sewer and street lighting district in Keyes Ca. It is time for us to go out for RFP's and I thought this would be a great place to get some suggestions.

Thank you,

Michelle

Michelle Harris
Administrative Executive, Board Secretary
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Keyes, Ca 95328

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Original Message:
Sent: 04-28-2023 12:24 PM
From: Amit Sharma
Subject: Auditor for small district

Hi Michelle,

Thanks for asking. Are you looking out for the Water Audit Level 1 validation? We provide that service and have done for many cities and districts in CA. We are certified by AWWA for both v5 and V6 Audit versions and will do the Level 1 Water Audit Validations for you. Here are the requirements for Water Audit Validations. <o:p></o:p>We are just reminding you about the 10/1 calendar audit year deadline for Level 1 Water Audit Validation 2023.<o:p></o:p>

<o:p> </o:p>We offer great strategies to increase Data Validity Grades and reduce Losses.

- Provide clearer schematic, and boundary of systems for potable water (after treatment plant)<o:p></o:p>
- We will also provide you with **online portal access** for Audits apart from having spreadsheets.<o:p></o:p>

<o:p> </o:p>

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13. Re: Auditor for small district

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May 2, 2023 10:37 AM

[Maria Reyes Palad](#)

Hi Michelle,

Here's our current auditor, WIPFLI's contact info:

[Christopher J Rogers](#)

christopher.rogers@wipfli.com

Senior Accountant

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Hi, Nancy:

I looked into our buyers guide to see if any of our HR business affiliates provide services close to what you requested. It looks like many of them do provide organizational assessments and change management services. [CPS HR Consulting](#) would be a good place to start. Regional Government Services is another good option, and they provide one free human resources management consultation for CSDA members through our [Consultant Connection program](#).

Hope this helps!

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Sent: 04-11-2023 12:24 PM
From: Nancy Gooch
Subject: Planning Services

Has anyone hired a contractor to prepare an organizational growth, business, or succession plan? If so please share the contact information of someone whose services you are pleased with.

Thanks,
Nancy

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May 3, 2023 8:58 AM
[Richard Sherman](#)

Hello,

We are revamping/updating our logo. Looking to see if a CSDA is legally able to include the CA State Flag in a logo. Any info on this would be greatly appreciated

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Tulare, CA

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3. Re: Document Digitization

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May 2, 2023 2:12 PM
[Jamie Dunn](#)

My name is Jamie Dunn from Complete Paperless Solutions and we provide scanning services for Special Districts and Cities here in California. I already reached out to your office and will provide additional information. We also have piggy-backable contracts which many municipalities have used as well. We highly recommend scanning documents/records into a Records Management System like Laserfiche which is a Trusted System, but we can scan into any system or just PDF's.

Jamie Dunn
Complete Paperless Solutions
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Original Message:
Sent: 05-02-2023 10:08 AM
From: Maria Reyes Palad
Subject: Document Digitization

We are looking for a company who does document digitization and can provide us a quote. We have a project of organizing and digitizing all Board documents from years ago. Please refer them to me if you know someone.

Thank you,

Maria Reyes Palad
Finance and Accounting Manager
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4. Re: Water Rates for an ADU and buildings exceeding 750sqft

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[Jeff Beatty](#)

The law prevents charging additional connection/impact fees, but does not prevent modifying the regular user charge to reflect the additional demands on your system. We treat a single family dwelling with an ADU as a multi-family customer, with monthly rates increased accordingly.

The link below provides helpful information.

www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-07/...

Jeff Beatty
Finance Manager
Mammoth Community Water District

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Sent: 05-01-2023 12:25 PM
From: Jose Quintana
Subject: Water Rates for an ADU and buildings exceeding 750sqft

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I can see the water usage being captured through an existing meter, but what about the sewer and WWTF being impacted by multiple ADUs around the town that is not being considered?

Any thoughts?

Jose M. Quintana
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5. Re: Water Rates for an ADU and buildings exceeding 750sqft

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[Erica Wolski](#)

Jose, how do you do your sewer billing? We bill based on EDUs on the tax roll. When an ADU is added, even though we cannot charge capacity fees, we do add the ~0.5 EDUs to their parcel. So in both cases for water and sewer, we are getting either the volumetric billing thru the water meter or the EDU billing via the tax roll for the sewer even though we cannot collect capacity fees. Luckily on the water side, we have enough capacity. On the sewer side, we have less capacity and we may eventually be on a sewer moratorium as we won't have money to expand without the capacity fees.

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