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CSDA Board of Directors Election Ballot - Term 2025 - 2027; Seat A - Bay Area Network

Please vote for your choice

Choose **one** of the following candidates:

- Renee Fernandez-Lipp, Director, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
- Kathryn Slater-Carter, Director, San Mateo County Harbor District

This question is **required**. You may select **one** of the following.

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2024 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Renee Fernandez-Lipp

District/Company: Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD)

Title: Board of Directors

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Appointed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Length of Service with District: 6 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.):

Current Board Director for the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD),
Current Commissioner for the Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission, former
member of the Pittsburg Community Advisory Commission

4. List civic organization involvement:

Additional community service includes drafting the Capital Investment Plan for the
Timber Cove County Water District (TCCWD) as a public member appointed to the
TCCWD Infrastructure Committee.

****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 the nomination deadlines will not be included with the ballot.**

Renée Fernandez-Lipp is a sustainability professional with over 25 years of experience promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and waste diversion programs and initiatives. She has provided green building, climate change resiliency and decarbonization consulting services to both the public and private sectors. Renée particularly enjoys working with special districts and is hoping to create more collaboration between districts to share best practices and optimize the impacts of their work. She recently provided subject matter expertise for the Contra Costa County's draft Climate Action Plan (CAP), co-authored the Timber Cove County Water District's (TCCWD) first ever Capital Investment Plan and is currently developing a climate change resiliency project for TCCWD.

Renée has served on several non-profit boards and local government commissions, including:

- Contra Costa County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD)
- Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission
- Sage Compassion for Animals Board of Directors
- Global Student Embassy Board of Directors
- City of Pittsburg Community Advisory Commission (CAC)
- Dow Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
- Green Science Academy Board of Directors

In her free time, she enjoys travelling and working with animals. She works closely with several bay area animal rescues and helped launch a non-profit that provides grant funding for animals in medical need.

Renée earned her M.B.A. at Golden Gate University and her B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at CSU, Long Beach. She holds a certificate in Green Building and Renewable Energy from UC Davis and is a USGBC LEED Accredited Professional. She is currently completing a master's degree in Sustainability Studies from Harvard University.

2024 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Kathryn Slater-Carter

District/Company: San Mateo County Harbor District
Montara Water and Sanitary District

Title: San Mateo County Harbor District: Commissioner, currently Vice President
Montara Water and Sanitary District: Director, currently Secretary

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected to each district

Length of Service with District:

San Mateo County Harbor District term began in 2023
Montara Water and Sanitary District, 1996 to present

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

Yes: Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Prevention training every other year at CSDA conferences and on-line.

Annual Conference, Leadership Academy 2023, Members of San Mateo County CSDA pre-covid

Each district I am on is a member of (San Mateo County Harbor District and Montara Water and Sanitary District) has a current CSDA Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

Each of the 2 districts of which I am on the board sends management and staff to CSDA events and training. As does the JPA I am appointed to (Sewer Authority MidCoastside)

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

Harbor District is a member of Association of Marine Industries, Bay Planning Coalition, California Association of Harbor Master and Port Captains, California Marine Affairs and Navigation, California Special District Association, California Boating Congress, Government Finance Officers, Marine Recreation Association, and Special District Risk Management Authority.

Montara Sanitary District is a member of California Association of Sanitation Agencies, and California Association of California Water Agencies.

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

Midcoast Community Council (2001-2009), Bay Planning Coalition, Sewer Authority MidCoastside (2016 to present)

4. List civic organization involvement: San Mateo County Chapter of CSDA, Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce, South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and Committee for Green Foothills.

I worked with the SEIU union for 3 years to pass legislation protecting the rights of franchisees. Two bills were passed by both houses in the legislature. Sadly one, reinstating good faith and fair dealing in franchise codes for the State was vetoed by the Governor. The next, giving franchisees the right to the equity built in the franchise created after was signed.

****Candidate Statement –**

Please vote for me for the CSDA Statewide Board. I want to work educating the State Legislature about the necessity and importance of special districts to protecting Californians environmental and economic assets.

Each of our Districts benefits from the CSDA trainings and workshops held throughout the year. CSDA has helped districts bring the staff and board members more knowledge, at an affordable price with convenient times and locations. I am happy to see CSDA has added permalinks to previously zoomed lectures.

I want to work on the effort to put special districts in a position to benefit from federal recognition and funding. The federal government is putting ever more requirements on special districts, but not providing funding. We need to change this to protect our rate payers.

Thank you,

Kathryn Slater-Carter