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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2016

TO: CSDA Members (Regular, Associate, and Business Affiliate)

FROM: Bill Nelson, CSDA President
Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 2017 CSDA Committee & Expert Feedback Team Participation

CSDA's strength and effectiveness as an organization is directly related to our ability to involve the member district board members and staff and Business Affiliate members in the work of the association. The talents and energy that both groups bring to CSDA and to the issues that concern special districts in California through active involvement are critical components of CSDA's success.

With this in mind, we are asking for volunteers from your district or company (staff and/or board members) to participate and contribute on one or more of our committees and/or expert feedback teams to assist in shaping CSDA.

If you or any others from your district or company would like to become even more involved as a member of CSDA, please review and complete the form included with this letter. Committees need dedicated participants who are able to expend the time to provide their expertise in directing the activities and policies of CSDA. CSDA does not reimburse for committee related travel expenses.

In regard to **CSDA's Expert Feedback Teams**, when a need for feedback arises on a particular policy matter, CSDA advocacy staff will send an e-mail to an expert feedback team asking for its input. Team members need only reply with their thoughts, opinions and experiences. The workload of a team member will ultimately be what he or she makes of it. Team members will not be required to travel; they should expect to receive a handful of e-mails each month and, on rare occasions, they may be contacted by phone.

Please return the attached form by **5:00 PM on October 14, 2016**. The selection and ratification of CSDA's 2017 committees will take place in November and selected participants will be notified by the end of November 2016. Committee participation begins in January 2017.

Thank you for your continued support of CSDA!

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**2017 COMMITTEE AND EXPERT FEEDBACK TEAM
INTEREST FORM**

Please make additional copies for each participant.

Please use actual contact information where you can be reached

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

District/Company: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

COMMITTEES: We hope your District or Company will participate in one or more of CSDA's committees. The CSDA Board of Directors encourages the participation of individuals from member agencies and Business Affiliates on CSDA's committees. As space is limited, please choose more than one committee which you would like to participate on, and please rank according to preference: **1 = 1st choice; 2 = 2nd choice; 3 = 3rd choice**

If we are able to place you on more than one committee, how many committees would you like to serve on?
_____ (maximum 3)

NOTE: All committees meet in-person at least twice annually. Committees generally meet in Sacramento, however locations may vary.

_____ **Audit Committee:** Responsible for maintaining and updating internal controls. Provides guidance to auditors regarding possible audit and fraud risks. Commitment: May meet with auditors prior to the commencement of the audit, when audit is completed and possibly one meeting during the auditing process. Financial experience preferred.

_____ **Professional Development Committee:** Plans, organizes and directs the professional development and events for CSDA. Commitment: Meets at least twice annually.

_____ **Elections & Bylaws Committee:** Conducts annual elections and occasionally reviews bylaws upon request of the CSDA Board, members or as needed. Commitment: Minimum of one meeting in Sacramento.

_____ **Fiscal Committee:** Oversees the financial direction of the organization including budget review and implementation. Commitment: Meets at least three times annually. Financial experience preferred.

_____ **Member Services Committee:** Responsible for recruitment of new members, member retention, development of new member benefits and review of current programs. Commitment: Meets at least twice annually.

_____ **Legislative Committee (space is limited):** Develops CSDA's legislative agenda, reviews, directs and assists with legislative/public policy issues. **Commitment:** Meets up to six times a year in Sacramento. Attending CSDA's Special Districts Legislative Days (May 16-17) and Annual Conference (September 25-28) is expected if you serve on this committee. All 2017 Legislative Committee applicants are invited to join the 2016 committee members and CSDA staff for a legislative planning session on November 3, 2016.

Each Legislative Committee member will be assigned to 1 or 2 working groups. Please rank from 1 to 6 which working groups you prefer to serve on (1 being most preferred):

- _____ Environment Working Group
- _____ Formation & Reorganization Working Group
- _____ Governance Working Group
- _____ Human Resources & Personnel Working Group
- _____ Public Works & Facilities Working Group
- _____ Revenue Working Group

I prefer to serve on ___ (1 or 2) Legislative Committee working groups

_____ **Alternative Option: CSDA Blog and Legislative Distribution List** - Because seats are limited on the Legislative Committee, CSDA has created an alternative option whereby members can receive the same legislative information via email that Legislative Committee members receive. Members on this list will be subscribed to receive "real-time" e-mail updates from the CSDA Blog and will be copied on Legislative Committee e-mails. Select this option instead of the Legislative Committee if you are unable to meet the requirements of serving on the Legislative Committee, but still want to keep informed of the latest legislative issues impacting special districts and provide input to CSDA as appropriate.

EXPERT FEEDBACK TEAMS: In order for CSDA to quickly and effectively gauge the impact new laws may have on special districts, we depend on the expertise of the people who are directly impacted in the field. If you have firsthand experience in one or more of the areas below, please join CSDA's Expert Feedback Team.

_____ **Environment:** CEQA; Greenhouse Gas/AB 32; Land Use; Renewable Energy; Sustainable Communities/SB 375

_____ **Formation & Reorganization:** LAFCO

_____ **Governance:** Audits and Reporting; Bankruptcy; Elections; Ethics; Mandates and Mandate Reimbursement; Political Reform/Conflict of Interest/FPPC; Transparency and Accountability

_____ **Human Resources & Personnel:** Contracted Services; Occupational Safety; Labor Relations; Retirement and Other Benefits; Workers' Compensation and Other Insurance

_____ **Legal:** General legal matters affecting special districts

_____ **Public Works & Facilities:** Bidding Process (Design Build, JOC, P3, Best Value); Bonds and Financings; Indemnification; Prevailing Wage; Retention Proceeds

_____ **Revenue:** Benefit Assessments; Fees/Prop 218; Mello-Roos/CFDs; Property Taxes; Redevelopment Agencies/(E)FIDs; Special Taxes

Committee and Expert Feedback Team participation is open to both member district board members and staff as well as Business Affiliates. **Please note that the Association does not reimburse any expenses incurred from this participation.** CSDA is committed to keeping travel costs to a minimum for committee members and handles a significant amount of committee work through webinars, conference calls and e-mail; however, most committees do meet at least two times a year in person.

***Either the District GM/Board President or Company President must authorize below**

*Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this completed form to Charlotte Lowe at CSDA by mail, fax (916) 442-7889 or email charlottel@csda.net no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, October 14, 2016.**