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CSDA Board of Directors Election Ballot - Term 2022-2024; Seat A - Bay Area Network

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- Chad Davisson*
- Cheryl Sudduth
- Ric Lohman

*Incumbent

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My name is Chad Davisson. I am asking for your support in my efforts running for re-election to the CSDA Board of Directors. It has been my privilege to have spent my entire 35-year career serving California Special Districts. I have built my career in the field of water and wastewater, working for different Districts throughout California. I am currently the General Manager of Ironhouse Sanitary District in Contra Costa County.

Reflecting back on my career in Special Districts, I have had the unique opportunity to see first-hand, the value these singly focused agencies have in delivering our services efficiently and cost effectively, while maintaining the highest service levels. Building my career from entry level to executive management within Special Districts has given me both an understanding of day-to-day operational and resource needs as well as providing me with a deeper understanding of what I believe is critically important to an organization in terms of organizational culture and support of our communities.

I am passionate about issues of organizational sustainability and succession planning, fiscal responsibility and workforce diversity. As a current CSDA Board member, I am currently the chair of the Professional Development Committee and a member of the Fiscal Committee. Participation on these committees provides me the opportunity to work with the CSDA staff to develop relevant, cutting edge professional development content to educate and assist our Special District members.

Serving on the Executive Committee for the Contra Costa Chapter of CSDA, I have worked with my colleagues to interactively provide interesting, relevant content to our local Special District members on a myriad of important local issues.

Again, it has been an honor to serve on the CSDA Board and I appreciate your consideration in my re-election to a second term.

Respectfully,

Chad Davisson

General Manager, Ironhouse Sanitary District



Candidate Statement

Ric Lohman

Open Seat A on the BAY NETWORK Board

Dear Bay Network Colleagues,

I have a unique position in our Special Districts on the San Mateo County Coastside. I currently serve on the Montara Water and Sanitary District and manage both water and sewage issues. This area is also unique in that the three Sanitary agencies work together through a complex facilities-sharing agreement. I have served the local public in elected positions for over 25 years. These positions have been challenging, since much of our area is in San Mateo County's unincorporated region. I have had to deal with County laws and processes, demands from the City of Half Moon Bay, and the needs of our local unincorporated citizens. I have also been active in our county LAFCo for years, defending 7 attempts to merge local districts out of existence.

I feel that smaller districts have been under-represented in regional Boards, and their needs are different than the larger districts that are traditionally represented on our regional and state boards. Even though we are a small district, we still have to deal with all the larger issues, such as, affordable housing developments, sea level rise, ocean pollution, and regulators.

I would like to bring my broad political skills to our regional network and represent the often under-represented districts. I feel our smaller districts have unique issues in staffing, funding, and compliance that are often overlooked by the larger districts

I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

Looking forward to seeing everyone live again in Monterey in the Fall.

Sincerely,

Ric Lohman

Cheryl Sudduth

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

At a time when our society continues to grapple with its deep ambivalence towards the freedoms, rights and humanities of people who may look, act, think and love differently from one another, there should be one constant that should never be at stake - access to clean, safe, affordable water & sewage systems. Our communities have been complacently standing by for fair treatment in a system that views equity as a *balancing* act rather than a *must* for all.

I spend my days in contracting, compliance and procurement, living my life with a strong ethical framework and approach all business and personal matters with unwavering integrity and diplomacy.

As an environmental scientist, I believe action, not talk, will help us make forward progress, which is why I lead by example. In addition to WCW Board President, I am also an ACLU Board Member, an appointed Commissioner of the CCC Racial Justice Oversight Body & Member of CA-HI Statewide Conference NAACP Environmental & Climate Justice Committee, as well as many environmental justice groups.

I am confident I possess the *right* blend of business acumen, political knowledge, technical expertise, *listening*, commUNITY involvement, relationship building, creative solution solving, consensus building, and balancing various stakeholder interests to positively serve the CSDA and it would be my honor to do so.

Throughout my career and my life, I have been unafraid to '*do the work*' - *whatever it takes* to take on righteous fights against systemic injustices. I will work tirelessly to ensure *every* Californian has access to clean, affordable water and sewage systems. *This is what I do.* The same passion, courage, humanity and commitment to justice I have carried in all of my social justice work, I will bring to this Board. *Anyone can fill a position; I am and have been committed to do the work...*

I humbly ask for your support and your vote. Gracias.