

MY FELLOW CSDA MEMBER:

As Chairman of East Valley Water District I take great pride in the opportunity to serve my community. Prior to joining the Board of Directors, I was an active public participant, and felt honored when elected in 2014. I firmly believe in the importance of transparent government and public service. With these foundational principles, I look forward to representing this region in a professional and effective manner, as the Southern Network, Seat B, Board of Directors representative for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

I have had the opportunity to work with a number of organizations through involvement with CSDA, ACWA, and San Bernardino County Special Districts. We all truly benefit from interacting with each other and sharing experiences, lessons learned, and mutual opportunities. I am a proud lifetime member of the CSDA Leadership Foundation and have had the pleasure of participating in a number of trainings offered to members. This organization understands and addresses the unique needs of special districts, and the importance of cooperation amongst agencies.

At East Valley Water District, we have made a commitment to good governance and accountability. This is clearly demonstrated through the numerous awards we have received from the Government Finance Officers Association, California Public Information Officers Association, CalPERS, Ragan Communications, the Climate Registry, and even CSDA. But I am proud to be a part of East Valley Water District for more than the awards, they are an organization that delivers. As a performance based agency, we continue to achieve the impossible. Whether it was constructing a headquarters facility to serve as a community resource ahead of an already tight schedule, implementing budget based rates to provide our customers with rate stability event during the drought emergency, or developed an organizational succession plan to help us prepare for the anticipated change in our workforce; we set our sights high in our effort to enhance the quality of life of this community and consistently exceed our own expectations.

As a CSDA Director, I will bring that passion for good governance and public service. I look forward to conveying local issues for discussion on a broader level and working through the challenges and opportunities facing special districts in California.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing me the opportunity to share my experience and perspective. I look forward to serving as a representative on the Southern Network, Seat B Board of Directors for CSDA.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Coats
East Valley Water District Chairman