

New Laws & Governance Tools

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New Laws and Governance Tools

- **Powers and Duties of District Trustees**
- **Laws impacting special districts in 2015**
 - **Revenue and Finance**
 - **Human Resources and Personnel**
 - **Public Works and Prevailing Wage**
 - **Governance and Accountability**
- **Tools for the District, Tools for the Public**



Powers and Duties of District Trustees

AUTHORITY

- **Budget**
- **Service Levels**
- **Project/Program Approval**
- **Management Staff & Employee Benefits**

RESPONSIBILITY

- **Open Meetings w/ Accountability to Public**
- **Ethics Trainings**
- **FPPC Reporting**
- **State Controller's Office Reports**



New Laws Impacting Powers and Duties



Revenue and Finance



Revenue and Finance

- **\$100 Million in Local Mandate Reimbursements**
- **\$2 Billion in Property Taxes Protected**
- **Proactive Approach to Restored Revenue**



Local Mandate Reimbursements

- **\$900 million owed since before 2004**
- **CSDA joined CSAC in requesting payment**
- **June Budget includes \$100 million plus the balance of \$800 if revenues exceed projections**
- **Full \$900 proposed no later than 2017-18**



Protecting Property Taxes

- **Prior to dissolution in 2011, RDAs annually diverted \$500 million away from special districts**
- **\$310 million restored so far; \$227 million more forecast for 2013-14 & 2014-15 combined**
- **CSDA policy principles oppose the resurrection of property tax increment financing without taxing entity consent**
 - **JEDI**
 - **AB 2493 (Bloom) “Mardi Gras” Bonds**



Proactive Approach to Restored Revenue

- **Supporting the right RDA replacement**
 - **SB 628 (Beall) “Enhanced” Infrastructure Financing Districts**

- **Prudent use of restored property taxes**
 - **CSDA membership memo**



Human Resources and Personnel



Mandatory Paid Sick Leave

“Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014”

➤ 30-30-90 Plan

- Eligible to accrue after 30 days of employment
- Earn 1 hour of sick leave per 30 hours worked
- Eligible to use accrued sick leave after 90 days employment

➤ Takes effect July 1, 2015

➤ Employment record keeping requirements

➤ Employee notification requirements



Contracting for Service or Labor

- **House Resolution 29 (Gomez)**
 - Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda
 - Does not hold the power of law but sets the stage for future legislation

- **Other Trends in 2014 and Forecast for 2015**
 - New liability for contracted employees' wages, workers' compensation and workplace safety
 - Onerous regulations to limit future contracting opportunities



Public Works and Prevailing Wage



Public Works Project Registration and Notification

- **Approved through budget enactment, as of July 1, 2014:**
 - **Requires DIR notice within 5 days of awarding contracts subject to prevailing wage**
 - **Must use electronic form on DIR's website (PWC-100)**
- **Next Year Phase-In**
 - **All bid invitation and documents must include specific DIR information (January 1)**
 - **Only registered contractors and subcontractors may be listed on a bid (March 1)**
 - **Only registered contractors and subcontractors may work on public works projects (April 1)**



Governance and Accountability



Online Compensation Database

- **Assembly Bill 2040 (Garcia) – Chapter #894**
 - **Districts that maintain a website must post a link to the State Controller’s Office public official compensation database (www.publicpay.ca.gov)**

OR

- **May post agency’s compensation data as submitted to the State Controller’s Office each year**
- **Takes effect January 1, 2015**
- **Requires a one-time update that links to existing database maintained by the state**



Prop 42 – “Public Information”

- **Removes state requirement to reimburse local agencies for open meeting or public records mandates for current laws**
 - **Allows for new open meeting or public records laws to be added without reimbursement requirement**
 - **Does not impact unpaid previously incurred debt owed to local agencies**
 - **In effect since June 3, 2014**

- **Legislative backstop to prevent new requirements on local agencies effectively gone**



Tools for the District, Tools for the Public

- **Special District Leadership Foundation**

- **California Forward Transparency Portal**



Special District Leadership Foundation

www.sdlf.org



Special District Administrator Certification

This is a voluntary designation sought by individuals who strive to be the best. Administrators with various academic and professional backgrounds, as well as from all sizes of special districts, can be candidates for the program. Guided by the SDLF Board, Certification Advisory Committee, and under direction by a professional examination development firm, this certification will give successful candidates recognition unmatched by any other program. This certification helps document and recognize a candidate's knowledge, skills and capabilities as a special district administrator.



Recognition in Special District Governance

Designed to honor special district board members and trustees, and is comprised of two distinct parts: the completion of the Special District Leadership Academy and 10 hours of continuing education.

The Special District Leadership Academy is comprised of four courses unique in that the curriculum has been created by special districts and agreed upon as what governing officials of special districts should know. SDLF has endorsed the Academy as the core special district governance training in California.



District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

This program was created in an effort to promote transparency in the operations and governance of special districts to the public and to provide special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency. There are no fees for this certificate and recognition is two years.

Three main subject areas: Basic Transparency Requirements; Website Requirements; and Outreach Requirements - These are only a sampling of all the requirements needed to complete the transparency certificate.



Districts of Distinction Accreditation

In a time where proper fiscal management and responsibility in public agencies is paramount and the task of governing these agencies has become even more complex, regulated and costly, it has become increasingly important to demonstrate to constituents that districts have sound fiscal management policies and practices in place among other areas of importance in district operations.

This accreditation is designed as a way for districts to highlight their prudent fiscal practices along with other areas important to effectively operate and govern a special district.

Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF)

➤ Scholarships

- Opportunities to attend CSDA professional development events for districts with eligible operating budgets or serving disadvantaged communities**

California Forward Transparency Portal

- **Project led by CAFwd in collaboration with CSDA working group**
- **Searchable database of public information on local agency budgets and finances, based on State Controller reports**
- **Includes special district-specific glossaries to give context to data**
- **Features general education tools including types of special districts operating in California, their history and how they are funded**



TRANSPARENCY TOOLS

Special District Search

California Forward and the California Special Districts Association have launched a first-of-its-kind Portal for data and information on California's Special Districts. You can utilize the search feature below to narrow results by county and the kinds of services the District provides.

This new tool allows users to search and view background information and visualizations of financial data on more than 1,100 Special Districts throughout the state. We have also developed glossaries and other background information, including [what kinds of Special Districts operate in California](#), [their history](#) and [how they are funded](#).

The data and service designations for this portal are taken from the California State Controller's Special Districts' Annual Financial Reports.

Select County

Fresno

Select Service Type

Pest Control

Search

SEARCH RESULTS

- Central Valley Pest Control District (Fresno County)
- Coalinga-Huron Mosquito Abatement District (Fresno County)
- Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District (Fresno County)
- Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District (Fresno County)
- Fresno-Westside Mosquito Abatement District (Fresno County)

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PORTAL NEWS & REPORTS



CASE STUDY

REPORT: Rebooting Campaign Finance Disclosure in California



CASE STUDY

Roundup: State of Transparency Report Garners Widespread Media Attention



CASE STUDY

The State of Transparency: 2013



TRANSPARENCY REPORTS

transparency.cafwd.org/portal/





FRESNO MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

County: Fresno Founded: 1954 Website: www.fresnomosquito.org

District Type: Non-Enterprise Service: Pest Control

Statutory Authority: Health and Safety 2200

Total Revenues (2010-2011): \$1,294,823 Total Expenses (2010-2011): \$1,146,347

| Special District | Service Type | Service | Revenues (10-11) | Expenses (10-11) |
|---|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District | Non-Enterprise | Pest Control | \$1,294,823 | \$1,146,347 |

District Finances at a Glance



About Special Districts

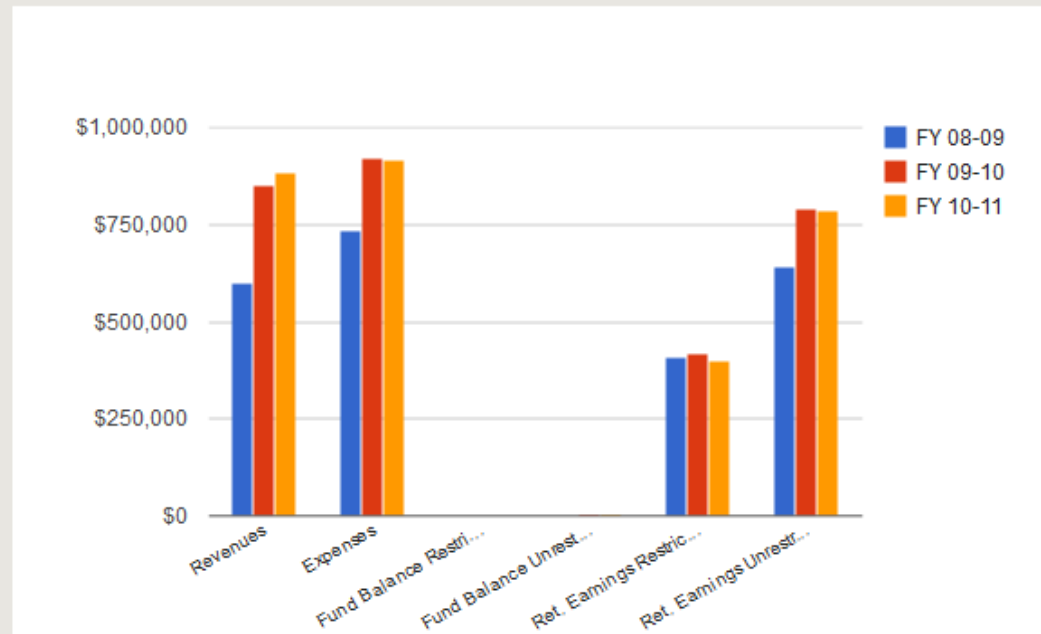
Special District Services

What types of services are provided?

A Special District Budget

How is service delivery funded?

District Finances at a Glance



Data Source: California State Controller

What do these figures mean?

A Special District Budget

How is service delivery funded?

Learn More

Learn about this and other Special Districts in your area through the [California Special Districts Association's online mapping tool](#).

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