



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together



CA SPECIAL DISTRICTS FACT SHEET

Delivering Communities' Core Services

LOCAL VALUES ARE DISTRICT VALUES

- ***Focused Service***

Each special district performs a specific set of services well and without distractions, which leads to innovation as well as prudent long-term planning. They heighten the level of services desired by their constituencies and deliver unmet service needs.

- ***Economic Solutions***

Special districts can offer just the amount of government that residents want at the price they can afford. Where residents want a specific, new or enhanced service they can trust will be delivered, a special district can succeed; and, a district will link the cost of that service to the benefit.

- ***Infrastructure***

Special districts can build and operate urgently needed infrastructure without straining city, state or county balance sheets.

- ***Flexibility & Regional Capacity***

Special districts can serve large regions or small neighborhoods based on need, not political boundaries—no other type of government can cross city and county lines. This offers flexibility to address the unique needs of our diverse state's communities.

- ***Voter Driven***

Special districts cannot be formed, nor raise taxes, without the consent of the voters. Most of these districts are governed by board members elected from their communities; others are appointed to fixed terms.

- ***Open & Transparent***

Special districts must file an annual independent audit with the county auditor and an annual financial statement and compensation report with the State Controller. Local Agency Formation Commissions conduct regular municipal service reviews of special districts. And, every special district board must comply with FPPC regulations, the Public Records Act, and all open meeting requirements in the Brown Act.

- ***More Information***

If you have any questions or would like to find more information about special districts, please visit www.csd.net or call the California Special Districts Association at 877.924.2732.