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

### Please vote for your choice

Choose **one** of the following candidates:

- Chad Davisson\*
- Cheryl Sudduth
- Ric Lohman

\*Incumbent

This question is **required**. You may select **one** of the following.  
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**Chad Davisson\***    [\[view details\]](#)

**Ric Lohman**    [\[view details\]](#)

**Cheryl Sudduth**    [\[view details\]](#)



## 2021 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

**Name:** Chad Davisson

**District/Company:** Ironhouse Sanitary District

**Title:** General Manager

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Staff

**Length of Service with District:** 6-years

**1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):**

I am currently a Boardmember of CSDA, I serve as the Chair of the Professional Development Committee, am a member of the CSDA Finance Committee and serve on the SDRMA Board.

**2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

I have been involved with the California Assoc. of Sanitation Agencies, serving on the State Leg. Committee, as well as the California Water Environment Association.

**3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):**

I have worked closely with Contra Costa LAFCo, participating in the Municipal Service Review process, as well as chairing the East CC County Water Management Association looking at regional Water sustainability.

**4. List civic organization involvement:**

I am on the Executive Committee for the Contra Costa Chapter of CSDA. I also serve on the Exec Committee of the Bay Area Consortium of Water and Wastewater Education, as well as teach college level Water and Wastewater Courses preparing the future industry workforce.

**\*\*Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after March 29, 2021 will not be included with the ballot.**

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





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The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Cheryl Sudduth

District/Company: West County Wastewater

Title: Board of Directors, President

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 3 years

**1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):**

Yes; I have attended nearly all of the CSDA in-person and virtual events and workshops over the past few years.

I also attend the Contra Costa County and Alameda County quarterly meetings & events. Prior to the pandemic, I attended all in-person meetings.

**2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

Yes; I am actively involved with ACWA, W.E.L.L., CA-HI NAACP Statewide Environmental & Climate Justice Committee, AWWA, AWWEE and Women in Water & Wastewater,

Black Women in Science & Engineering (BWISE), Nat'l Society Hispanic Engineers, Nat'l Disability Council, CA Disability Council, CA Diversity Council

**3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):**

Vice-Chair WCA, appointed Commissioner of the CCC Racial Justice Oversight Body, Board of Sups Equity Task Force, Dist Atty Juvenile Justice Task Force

Community Advisory Bd: Senator Padilla (prev. Sen. Harris), Senator Feinstein, Rep. DeSaulnier, Rep. Lee, WCCUSD Parent Advisory Board, Albany Unified BPAG

**4. List civic organization involvement:**

ACLU-ABNEB Board, CCC Budget Justice Coalition SC, CC Immigration Rights Alliance SC, Racial Justice Coalition SC, Reimagine Public Safety CC SC, NAACP Legal Redress Comm

Climate Reality Project, Climate 350 Contra Costa, Contra Costa County Climate Leaders (4CL), Community for a Better Environment (CBE), Sierra Club, Sunflower Alliance

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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.



## 2021 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Ric Lohman

District/Company: Montara Water and Sanitary District

Title: Director, Secretary

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 3 years. 13 with Granada Comm. Serv. Dist.

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

Former president and current member of San Mateo County CSDA Chapter.

Attend state conferences

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

Member of ACWA, Cal-LAFCo, CASA

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

Current LAFCo representative for county Special Districts. Member Coastside Sewer

Authority JPA 15 years. Former member Midcoast Community Council

4. List civic organization involvement:

Director, California State Parks Assoc., Resource Conservation District SOI Committee.

Active in County infrastructure and Sea Level Rise committees.

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## 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