

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

I am seeking to continue my service on the SDRMA Board of Directors, to share my experience and insights, stay actively engaged, and continue learning from others in the industry. With 25 years of experience working in a variety of special districts, including those with very limited financial resources, I understand the challenges many agencies face in balancing fiscal responsibility with providing essential services.

Serving in this capacity would allow me to give back to other agencies by sharing my perspective, helping to shape policies, and supporting collaborative solutions that benefit members. I see this as an opportunity to strengthen risk management practices, advocate for special districts, and ensure that all agencies, regardless of size or resources, have access to the support they need to succeed and serve their communities.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

I currently serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors and have additional board and committee experience as a member of the Alliance Executive Council (AEC), the CSDA Professional Development Committee, and, as a staff member at Midway City Sanitary District, I actively participate in the Legislative & Public Affairs Outreach Committee and the Franchise Committee.

With 26 years of experience in special districts, as a General Manager and previously as a Director of Finance & Human Resources, I have regularly collaborated with many governing bodies at many different levels and statewide associations, gaining practical experience in policy development, risk management, and member services, all of which directly support the responsibilities of an effective SDRMA Board Member.

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**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?
(Response Required)**

I have an MBA from the University of La Verne with an emphasis in accounting and I am also a Certified Special District Manager (CSDM).

My other special skills and experience include being a forward-thinking, community-focused leader and a problem solver with more than 26 years of experience working in various special districts. I value collaboration, active listening, and service to others.

I have volunteered as an assistant coach for both Up & Running Again at the Orange County Rescue Mission and as a coach for Back on My Feet at the Long Beach Rescue Mission, both are programs that support individuals experiencing homelessness through community and goal setting. I have also volunteered with the food pantry at church, and I have coached and refereed for many years in AYSO soccer. These experiences reflect my long-standing commitment to public service and community involvement.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

I am eager to help advance the outstanding work currently being done by SDRMA. As a General Manager, I understand the critical importance of effective risk management for all Special Districts, as well as the fiscal constraints and limited access to resources that many districts face, particularly those with smaller operations or minimal staffing.

It is my vision to continue building on SDRMA's solid foundation by broadening awareness of its services and ensuring that all Special Districts recognize and benefit from the valuable support it provides. I believe SDRMA should serve as both a partner and an extension of every member district, delivering not only services but also the dependable support districts need to operate safely, efficiently, and confidently in service to their communities.

I am also committed to identifying and pursuing value-added services and new opportunities that enhance the benefits of membership while keeping costs manageable for all members. By expanding outreach and engagement, we can grow SDRMA's reach and deepen its impact across the state.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature



Date

5/1/2025