



Lou Ann Texeira
 Executive Officer

MEMBERS

Candace Andersen <i>County Member</i>	Michael R. McGill <i>Special District Member</i>
Donald A. Blubaugh <i>Public Member</i>	Rob Schroder <i>City Member</i>
Federal Glover <i>County Member</i>	Igor Skaredoff <i>Special District Member</i>
	Don Tatzin <i>City Member</i>

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Diane Burgis <i>County Member</i>
Sharon Burke <i>Public Member</i>
Tom Butt <i>City Member</i>
Stanley Caldwell <i>Special District Member</i>

March 8, 2017 (Agenda)

March 8, 2017
 Agenda Item 9

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
 651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor
 Martinez, CA 94553

Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board Election

Dear Commissioners:

Contra Costa LAFCO purchases its workers' compensation and property/liability insurance through the SDRMA. The SDRMA is a joint powers public agency formed under California Government Code and provides a full-service risk management program for California's local governments. The SDRMA provides risk financing and risk management services to over 760 member agencies, including numerous special districts, municipalities, joint powers authorities and approximately 20 LAFCOs. In conjunction with participation in the SDRMA, LAFCO is also a member of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

On February 6, 2017, LAFCO received correspondence from the SDRMA calling for nominations for the SDRMA Board of Directors (attached).

According to the announcement, there are four (4) director seats up for election. Directors are elected to 4-year terms. The term of office for the newly elected directors will be January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021.

Nominees must be a member of the agency's governing body or a management employee, and must be an active member of **both** SDRMA's property/liability and workers' compensation programs. Candidates must be nominated by resolution of their member agency (i.e., LAFCO) and must complete and submit a Statement of Qualifications. The deadline for nominations is May 5, 2017. Ballots will be mailed out in mid-May and will be due by August 29, 2017.

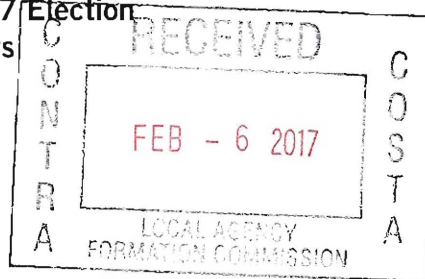
The attached material provides information regarding the nomination and election process, and role and responsibilities of the Board members. Briefly, the SDRMA Board of Directors meets an average of seven times annually. Meetings average 4-6 hours each, and are held in Sacramento. The commitment is approximately 15-20 hours per month.

Recommendation: Advise as to any nomination(s).

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Texeira
 Executive Officer

**Notification of Nominations – 2017 Election
SDRMA Board of Directors**



February 3, 2017

Ms. Mary Piepho
Chair
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, California 94553-1229

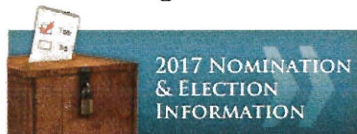
Dear Ms. Piepho:

Notice of Nominations for the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board of Directors 2017 Election is being provided in accordance with the SDRMA Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement. The following nomination information is enclosed: Nomination Packet Checklist, Board of Director Fact Sheet, Nomination/Election Schedule, SDRMA Election Policy No. 2017-03, sample Resolution for Candidate Nomination and Candidate's Statement of Qualifications Form.

General Election Information - Four Director seats are up for election. The nomination filing deadline is Friday, May 5, 2017. Ballots will be mailed to all SDRMA member agencies in mid-May. Mail-in ballots will be due back to SDRMA Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Nominee Qualifications - Nominees must be a member of the agency's governing body or a management employee (see SDRMA Election Policy 2017-03, Section 4.1) and be an active member agency of **both** SDRMA's Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs. Candidates must be nominated by Resolution from their member agency's governing body and complete and submit a "Candidates Statement of Qualifications".

Nomination Documents and Information - Nomination documents (Nominating Resolution and Candidates Statement of Qualifications) and nomination guideline information may also be obtained on SDRMA's website at www.sdrma.org. To obtain documents electronically:



From the SDRMA homepage, click on the "2017 Nomination & Election Information" button. All necessary nomination documents and election information may be downloaded and printed.

Term of Office - Directors are elected to 4-year terms. The term of office for the newly elected Directors will begin January 1, 2018 and expire December 31, 2021.

Nomination Filing Deadline - Nomination documents **must be received in SDRMA's office no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 5, 2017.**

Please contact SDRMA Chief Operating Officer Paul Frydendal at 800.537.7790, if you have any questions regarding the 2017 SDRMA Board of Director Nominations or the election process.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority


Gregory S. Hall, ARM
Chief Executive Officer

2017 Nomination Packet Checklist



SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION AND ELECTION GUIDELINES

January 5, 2017, marked the official commencement of nominations for the SDRMA Board of Directors. Four seats on the Board of Directors are up for election in August 2017.

For your convenience we have enclosed the necessary nomination documents and election process schedule. Please note that some items have important deadlines. All document contained in this packet, as well as additional information regarding SDRMA Board elections are available on our website www.sdrma.org and/or by calling SDRMA Chief Operating Officer Paul Frydendal at 800.537.7790.

___ **Attachment One:** **SDRMA Board of Directors Fact Sheet:** This document reviews the Board of Directors' Roles and Responsibilities along with other important information.

___ **Attachment Two:** **SDRMA Board of Directors 2017 Nomination/Election Schedule:** Please review this document for important deadlines.

___ **Attachment Three:** **SDRMA Election Policy No. 2017-03:** A Policy of the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority establishing guidelines for Director elections.

___ **Attachment Four:** **Sample Resolution for Candidate Nomination:** A resolution of the Governing Body of the Agency nominating a candidate for the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

___ **Attachment Five:** **Candidate's Statement of Qualifications:** Please be advised that no candidate statements are endorsed by SDRMA. Candidate's Statements of Qualification will be distributed to the membership with the SDRMA election ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidate.

Please complete and return all required nomination and election documents to:

SDRMA Election Committee
C/O Paul Frydendal, COO
Special District Risk Management Authority
1112 "I" Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FACT SHEET

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) is a public entity Joint Powers Authority established to provide cost-effective property/liability, worker's compensation, health benefit coverages and comprehensive risk management programs for special districts and other public agencies throughout California. SDRMA is governed by a Board of Directors elected from the membership by the programs' members.

Number of Board Members	7-Board Members: SDRMA Board of Directors consists of seven Board Members, who are elected at-large from members participating in either program.
Board of Directors' Role	SDRMA Board of Directors provide effective governance by supporting a unified vision, and ensuring accountability, setting direction based on SDRMA's mission and purpose, as well as establishing and approving policy to ensure SDRMA meets its obligations and commitment to its members.
Board of Directors' Responsibilities	Board Member responsibilities include a commitment to: serve as a part of a unified governance body; govern within Board of Directors' policies, standards and ethics; commit the time and energy to be effective; represent and make policy decisions for the benefit, and in the best interest, of all SDRMA members; support collective decisions; communicate as a cohesive Board of Directors with a common vision and voice; and operate with the highest standards of integrity and trust.
Four Seats For this Election	4-Seats: Elections for Directors are staggered and held every two years, four seats during one election and three seats in the following election. Four seats are up for election this year.
Term of Directors	4-Year Terms: Directors are elected for 4-year terms. Terms for directors elected this election begin January 1, 2018 and end on December 31, 2021.
Board Member Travel Reimbursement	Board Members are reimbursed for reasonable travel and lodging in accordance with SDRMA Board Policy Manual 2017-01 and applicable laws and are allowed to claim a stipend of \$195 per meeting day or for each day's service rendered as a Member of the Board.
Number of Meetings per Year	7-Board Meetings Annually: Generally not more than one meeting per month, with an average of seven board meetings per year.
Meeting Location	SDRMA office in Sacramento, California.
Meeting Dates	Typically the first Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning of the month.
Meeting Starting Times	3:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.: Meetings are from 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon until 5:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Length	4 - 6 hours: Length of meetings on average.
Average Time Commitment	15 - 20 hours: Commitment per month.

"The mission of Special District Risk Management Authority is to provide risk financing and risk management services through a financially sound pool to California public agencies, delivered in a timely and responsive cost efficient manner."
Special District Risk Management Authority | A Property/Liability, Workers' Compensation and Health Benefits Program

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2017 NOMINATION/ELECTION SCHEDULE

2017 Nomination/Election Schedule

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

TASK TIMELINE

- 1/5 Board approves Election Schedule

- 2/3 Mail Notification of Election and Nomination Procedure to Members in January
90 days prior to mailing Ballots (103 actual days)

- 5/5 Deadline to return Nominations
- 5/11 Tentative Election Comm. Reviews Nominations
- 5/17-18 Mail Ballots 60 days prior to ballot receipt deadline (103 actual days)

- 8/29 Deadline to Receive Ballots
- 8/30 Tentative Election Committee Counts Ballots
- 8/31 Election Committee Notifies Successful Candidates and Provides Them With Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule
- 9/27 Directors' Elect Invited to CSDA Annual Conf/SDRMA Breakfast/Super Session

- 11/1-2 Directors' Elect Invited to SDRMA Board Meeting

- 1/2018 Newly Elected Directors Seated and Election of Officers

SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION POLICY NO. 2017-03

A POLICY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS, AND CREATION OF A SUPERVISING ELECTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) is a joint powers authority, created pursuant to Section 6500, et. seq. of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that it is in the best interest of the Authority and its members to adopt a written policy for conducting the business of the Board; and

WHEREAS, establishing guidelines for Director elections and appointments will help ensure a process that is consistent for all nominees and candidates, will promote active participation by SDRMA members in the election/appointment process, and will help ensure election/appointment of the most qualified candidate(s); and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws provide the Board with the option of conducting the election using a mail-in ballot process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of SDRMA has an overriding and compelling interest in insuring the accuracy of the election/appointment process of its Board members through the creation of an election committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the policy of the Board of Directors of SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, until such policy shall have been amended or rescinded, that the following procedures shall be followed when conducting Director elections or filling a Director vacancy by appointment:

1.0. Election Schedule

- 1.1. Not later than the first Board meeting of each election year, the Board of Directors shall approve an election schedule based on the following criteria and time frames.

2.0. Election Committee

- 2.1. The Board of Directors herein establishes an election committee with the following composition, duties and responsibilities; The five (5) members of the Election Committee shall include two presently sitting members of the Board of Directors of SDRMA whose seats are not up for election, the Chief Operating Officer of SDRMA, and the CPA/auditor regularly used and retained by SDRMA at the time of counting ballots of and for an election to the Board of Directors. For good reason found and stated, the Board of Directors of SDRMA may appoint any CPA/auditor who, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, would appropriately serve the Election Committee. The General Counsel for SDRMA shall also sit as a member of the Election Committee with the additional obligation of providing legal advice to the balance of the Committee as legal questions may arise.

3.0. Member Notification of Election

- 3.1. Authority staff shall provide written notification, of an election for the Board of Directors, to all member agencies during January of each election year. Such written notification shall be provided a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the distribution of ballots and shall include; (1) the number of Director seats to be filled by election; (2) a copy of this nomination and election procedure; and (3) an outline of nomination/election deadline dates.

4.0. Qualifications

- 4.1. A candidate seeking election, re-election or appointment to SDRMA's Board of Directors must be a member of the Governing Body or a management employee of an SDRMA member participating in both the Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs. To qualify as a "management employee," the candidate must be a management-level (as determined by the Governing Body) employee whose wages are reported to the IRS on a "W-2" form. Only one (1) representative from any Member may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. [Per Bylaws, Article II, (2) (b)]
- 4.2. Each nominated candidate must submit a properly completed "Statement of Qualifications" (required form attached) with an original signature (electronic signatures are not acceptable) on or before the filing deadline in May in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the official ballot. A candidate shall provide responses to all questions on the candidate's "Statement of Qualifications". Each nominated candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" must be filed in SDRMA's office on or before the aforementioned deadline by: (1) personal delivery; (2) U.S. mail; or (3) courier. When ballots are mailed to the membership, each candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" form will be distributed to the membership exactly as submitted by the candidate to SDRMA. However, any attachments submitted by the candidate(s) with the Statement of Qualifications will not be sent by SDRMA with the ballots to any members.
- 4.3. If a nominated candidate elects not to use the provided form "Statement of Qualifications," and prepares instead the candidate's own completed form, the candidate's form must include the title "Statement of Qualifications" and contain exactly all information required and requested by the provided form.

NOTE: The candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" form must be submitted as a part of the nominating process. When ballots are mailed to the membership, each candidate's "Statement of Qualifications" form will be distributed "exactly as submitted" to SDRMA, except that any attachments submitted by the candidate will not be sent to any SDRMA members.

- 4.4. A candidate who does not submit a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications that complies with Section 4.2 or 4.3 will be disqualified by the SDRMA-Election Committee.

5.0. Nominating Procedure

- 5.1. Candidates seeking election or reelection must be nominated by action of their respective Governing Body. Only one (1) candidate may be nominated per member agency and one (1) candidate shall not represent more than one (1) member agency. A resolution from the candidate's district/agency Governing Body nominating the candidate must be received by the Authority on or before the scheduled date in May. (A sample of the resolution is enclosed). Actual receipt by the Authority on or before the scheduled deadline date in May is required. The resolution nominating the candidate may be hand-delivered to the Authority or sent by U.S. mail. In the event a candidate is nominated by two (2) or more member agencies, he or she shall represent the member agency whose nominating resolution is first received by the Authority. The other member agency or agencies that nominated the candidate shall be entitled to select a replacement nominee as long as a resolution nominating the replacement is received by the Authority prior to the scheduled deadline date.
- 5.2. A member may not nominate a candidate unless that member is participating in both the Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs and is in "good standing" on the date the nominations are due. "Good standing" is defined as no accounts receivable due to SDRMA which is more than ninety (90) days past due.
- 5.3. No earlier than the day after the deadline for receipt of nominations, the Election Committee, as hereinabove defined and comprised, shall review all nominations received from members, and will reject any nominations that do not meet all of the qualifications specified and set forth in this policy. The Election

Committee's decisions regarding the qualification of nominees are final. Following the Election Committee's review of all nominations, the Election Committee shall direct that a ballot be prepared stating and listing all of the qualified nominees. The ballot of qualified nominees shall be distributed to the membership for election by mail as described below.

- 5.4. Upon verification or rejection of each nominee by the Election Committee, staff will mail acknowledgment to both the nominee and the district/agency of its acceptance or rejection as a qualified nominee for election.
- 5.5. A nominee requesting that his/her nomination be withdrawn prior to the election, shall submit such requests in writing to SDRMA's office a minimum of three (3) days prior to the scheduled date for mailing the ballots. After that date, all qualified nominees names shall appear on the ballot mailed to the membership.

6.0. Terms of Directors

- 6.1. The election of directors shall be held in each odd-numbered year. The terms of the directors elected by the Members will be staggered. Four directors will serve four-year terms, to end on December 31 of one odd-numbered year. Three directors will serve four-year terms, to end on December 31 of the alternate off-numbered year. [Per Bylaws, Article II, (3), paragraph 1].

7.0. Campaigning

- 7.1. SDRMA staff will mail each qualified candidate's "Statement of Qualifications", "exactly as submitted" by the candidate with the ballots to the membership.
- 7.2. Candidates, at their own expense, may distribute additional information to member agency(s) after the ballots have been mailed and prior to the election.
- 7.3. SDRMA staff is prohibited from actively promoting a candidate or participating in the election process while on Authority premises.
- 7.4. SDRMA staff may provide member information, mailing lists, financial reports or operational data and information, that is normally available through the Public Records Act, to candidates to assist them in their research and campaigning. In addition to obtaining such information under the Public Records Act, candidates may request SDRMA staff prepare mailing labels for the distribution of campaign materials to member agencies. Under existing policy, charges will apply for this service. The SDRMA logo is trademarked for use by SDRMA only. Neither the logo, nor any other Trademark of SDRMA may be used in any campaign literature. No campaign literature is to imply support of any candidate by SDRMA.
- 7.5. SDRMA election mailings to the membership, including ballots and candidates' "Statement of Qualifications", shall be sent via first class mail.

8.0. Limitations on Campaigning

- 8.1. As used in this section the following terms have the following meanings:

"Campaign Activity" means any activity that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate or provides direct support to a candidate for his or her candidacy. "Campaign activity" does not include the incidental and minimal use of public resources, such as equipment or office space, for campaign purposes or the use of public resources to nominate a candidate or vote in any Board of Directors election.

"Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated by the Member Agency to have his or her name listed on the ballot for election to the Board of Directors.

"Expenditure" means a payment of Member Agency funds that is used for communications that expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate. "Expenditure" does not include the use of public funds to nominate a candidate or vote in any Board of Directors election.

"Public resources" means any property or asset owned by the Member Agency, including, but not limited to, land, buildings, facilities, funds, equipment, supplies, telephones, computers, vehicles, travel, and Member Agency-compensated time.

- 8.2. An officer, official, employee, or consultant of a Member Agency may not expend or authorize the expenditure of any of the funds of the Member Agency to support or oppose the election or defeat of a candidate for the Board of Directors.
- 8.3. No officer, official, employee, or consultant of a Member Agency shall use or permit others to use public resources for campaign activity.
- 8.4. At any time during an election campaign, if a Member Agency or its officers, officials, employees or consultants violate this section, that Member Agency shall be ineligible to nominate a candidate for the Board of Directors election in which the violation occurred. Any candidate of an offending Member Agency shall be deemed to have withdrawn his or her candidacy. Prior to declaring a Member Agency ineligible to nominate a candidate or a specific candidate's candidacy withdrawn, the Elections Committee shall hold a hearing to determine whether or not a violation of this section occurred. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to reasonable procedures that the Elections Committee shall prescribe, provided that the affected Member Agency or candidate shall have an opportunity to dispute the violation. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Elections Committee shall determine by a majority vote whether the violation occurred.

9.0. Balloting

- 9.1. A ballot containing nominees for the Board of Directors, accepted and approved by the Election Committee, shall be mailed by first class mail, to each SDRMA member agency, except as provided in Section 9.2 below, no less than sixty (60) days prior to the deadline for receiving ballots and the closing date for voting. Ballots shall show the date and time the ballots must be received in SDRMA's office. A self-addressed, stamped, return envelope shall be mailed with each ballot.
- 9.2. In the event that the number of qualified/approved nominees is equal to or less than the number of director seats up for election, the mailing of the ballots as outlined in Section 9.1 shall be waived.
- 9.3. Only those qualified nominees approved by the Election Committee will be eligible candidates on the ballot. Write-in candidates shall not be accepted.
- 9.4. It is required that the Governing Body of each member vote on behalf of their agency (sample Resolution enclosed) and the ballot MUST be signed by the agency's Presiding Officer.
- 9.5. A member may not vote unless the member was a member of the Authority in "good standing" on or before the nomination due date for the pending election. "Good standing" is defined as no accounts receivable due to SDRMA which is more than ninety (90) days past due.
- 9.6. A member may cast only one (1) vote for the same candidate. By way of example, if there are four (4) candidates on the ballot, a member may not cast two (2) to four (4) votes for any single candidate. Any ballot casting more than one (1) vote for the same candidate will be considered void.

- 9.7. A member may vote by using the official ballot provided by SDRMA, or a copy of SDRMA's original ballot, or a reasonable duplicate prepared by the member agency. Whichever of the three foregoing formats is used, the ballot must contain an original signature and confirmation that the ballot was approved at a public meeting of the agency's Governing Body. Ballots submitted without an original signature and/or without confirmation that the form of the ballot was approved at a public meeting of the agency's Governing Body will be considered void.
- 9.8. Ballots may be returned using either hand-delivered or mailed in ballots - faxed or e-mailed ballots will not be accepted. Mailed in ballots must be addressed to, and hand-delivered ballots must be delivered to, the Special District Risk Management Authority office presently located at 1112 I Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814-2865.
- 9.9. Any ballot received after the specified deadline will not be counted and will be considered void.

10.0. Election Results

- 10.1. All ballots will be opened and counted at SDRMA's office only after the deadline for receiving ballots. Ballots will be opened by SDRMA's Election Committee, no more than five (5) days after the closing deadline. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the elected director(s).
- 10.2. In the event of a tie, a coin toss shall be used to determine the elected director. The coin toss shall be conducted by the Election Committee at the time and place of the conclusion of counting ballots.

PROCEDURE: In the event more than two (2) candidates tie, the coin toss shall be between two (2) candidates at a time based on the order in which their name appeared on the ballot. This process shall be repeated, as needed, in cases where there are more than two (2) candidates.
- 10.3. Excluding tie votes, within five (5) days after the ballots are opened and tabulated Authority staff shall advise the candidates and their respective agency in writing of the final election results. Copies of the results shall also be mailed/distributed to SDRMA's Board of Directors, staff and consultants and published in the first available CSDA newsletter.
- 10.4. If a director-elect withdraws after the election or fails to accept the Director seat prior to December 31, the Board shall name a new director-elect by going back to the ballots and awarding the seat to the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes during the election.
- 10.5. Staff shall invite newly elected director(s) to attend the Annual Membership meeting and all scheduled Board meeting(s) after confirmation of election results until the director(s) elect assume office. Director(s) elect will be reimbursed for expenses, except for director stipends, in accordance with approved director reimbursement policy (copy of policy shall be provided to newly elected directors).
- 10.6. A member or candidate dissatisfied with the election result may, within ten (10) days after the ballots are opened and tabulated, file with the Authority a written challenge and appeal. The challenge and appeal must clearly set forth the complaint and any and all facts in support of the challenge and appeal. Within ten (10) days after the ballots are opened and tabulated, the challenge and appeal shall be delivered and received by the Authority. Within five (5) days of receipt of the challenge and appeal, the Authority shall deliver the same to the Election Committee for decision. The Election Committee shall have absolute authority for deciding the challenge and appeal. Notice of the decision of the Election Committee shall be provided to the party filing the challenge and appeal within ten (10) days.

11.0. Director Vacancy

11.1. If a director vacancy(s) occurs (Note 1), appointment of a replacement director for the balance of the unexpired term will be made by the remaining members of the SDRMA Board. In order to accomplish this in an orderly and consistent manner, when a vacancy(s) of an elected Director(s) occurs, the SDRMA Board of Directors, after discussion and consideration, shall, when deemed appropriate, instruct staff to:

- a) notify all then member entities that a vacancy has occurred; and
- b) said notice shall refer to the applicable Article in the By-laws in advising member entities and their eligible candidates of the steps to take to apply for appointment; and
- c) the SDRMA Board shall establish the closing date for the receipt of applications; and
- d) candidates shall submit the following, by the date specified in the notice:
 - i) a letter of interest; and
 - ii) a resume, with particular emphasis on the candidate's knowledge of special districts and risk management; and
 - iii) a resolution from, or a letter approved by, the candidate's Governing Body nominating the candidate; and
- e) the Election Committee shall review all applications received, and shall reject any that do not meet all of the qualifications specified and set forth in this policy; and
- f) upon verification or rejection of each application by the Election Committee, staff will mail acknowledgement to both the applicant and the district/agency of its acceptance or rejection of the applicant as a qualified candidate for appointment; and
- g) candidates shall be interviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the SDRMA Board of Directors following the date of closure for the applications. Interviews shall be in person, or if an unforeseen emergency arises, the interview may be by telephone at the same scheduled time; and
- h) the SDRMA Board shall make the appointment without undue delay, but need not act at the same meeting.

Note 1: If the Director vacancy occurs within nine (9) months after the date the ballots were counted and certified by the Election Committee or within nine (9) months after a candidate was appointed to fill a vacancy, then the Board shall have the option to interview and appoint the candidate(s) who did not receive sufficient votes to be elected OR to interview and appoint from the pool of candidates from 11.1.g) above. If the Director vacancy occurs in an election year after the Notification of Election is sent to the members, the Board may determine to fill the vacancy by appointing the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes in the election. If the Board determines in its sole discretion that none of these options is appropriate, then staff shall be instructed to proceed with the process described above in steps 11.1 a) to h).

Revised and adopted this 2nd day of February 2017, by the Board of Directors of Special District Risk Management Authority, at a regular meeting thereof.

This Policy No. 2017-03 supercedes Policy No. 2015-01 and all other policies inconsistent herewith.

APPROVED:



Jean Bracy, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Gregory S. Hall, ARM
Chief Executive Officer

**SAMPLE
RESOLUTION FOR
CANDIDATE NOMINATION**

Available for download in Microsoft Word file format
visit our website at www.sdrma.org

[AGENCY NAME]

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE [AGENCY NAME] NOMINATING
[CANDIDATE'S NAME] AS A
CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) is a Joint Powers Authority formed under California Government Code, Section 6500 et.seq., for the purpose of providing risk management and risk financing for California Special Districts and other local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and Bylaws of SDRMA set forth director qualifications, terms of office and election requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of SDRMA established procedures and guidelines for the Director Election process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of SDRMA established a policy requiring candidates seeking election to the SDRMA Board of Directors to be: 1) a member of the agency's governing body or management employee per SDRMA Election Policy 2017-03, Section 4.1 and be an active member agency of **both** SDRMA's Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs, and 2) be nominated by Resolution of their member agency's governing body, and 3) each nominated candidate must submit a completed and signed "Candidate's Statement of Qualifications" on or before the May 5 filing deadline in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the official ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The governing body of **[AGENCY NAME]** nominates **[CANDIDATE'S NAME]**, its **[POSITION TITLE]**, as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority.

2. **[ONLY IF CANDIDATE IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AGENCY'S GOVERNING BODY:** The governing body of **[AGENCY NAME]** has determined that **[CANDIDATE'S NAME]** is a management employee for purposes of SDRMA Election Policy 2017-03, Section 4.1].

3. The governing body of **[AGENCY NAME]** further directs that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to SDRMA on or before the May 5, 2017 filing deadline.

ADOPTED this **[DATE]** of **[MONTH/YEAR]** by the Governing Body of **[AGENCY NAME]** by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	[LIST NAMES of GOVERNING BOARD VOTES]
NAYES:	"
ABSTAIN:	"
ABSENT:	"

APPROVED

ATTEST

President – Governing Body

Secretary

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
OF
QUALIFICATIONS

Available for download in Microsoft Word file format
visit our website at www.sdrma.org

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates – **no attachments will be accepted. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.**

Nominee/Candidate _____
District/Agency _____
Work Address _____
Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

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

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)**

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

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

(Response Required)

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

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 _____