

## BASIS OF AUTHORITY

Policy # **1005**  
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### POLICY

1005.1 The Cosumnes Community Services District (“District”) Board of Directors (“Board”) shall comply with and be guided by applicable state laws and regulations, including the enabling act of the District and applicable federal laws and regulations.

### PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1005.2 Individual Board of Directors can be held personally liable for damages arising from any actions taken by that Director than can be construed to be outside the course and scope of their duties, responsibilities, and authority as a Director.

The Board recognizes the Board is the legislative body and unit of authority within the District. This policy sets forth the basis of authority for the Board and its members.

1005.3 This policy applies to all District elected officials.

### APPLICATION / PROCEDURE

1005.4 Definitions:  
a. None

1005.5 The Board of Directors is the legislative body and unit of authority within the District. Power is centralized in the elected Board collectively and not in an individual Board Director. Apart from their normal function as a part of this unit, Board Directors have no individual authority. As individuals, Board Directors may not commit the District to any policy, act, or expenditure.

1005.6 Board Directors do not represent any fractional segment of the community but are, rather, a part of the body that represents and acts for the community as a whole. Routine matters concerning the operational aspects of the District are delegated to District staff members.

### REFERENCES

1005.7 California Community Services District Law  
Government Code Section 61000, et sec.