

# COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## PROCLAMATION

### ENDORISING MAY 16 – MAY 22, 2021 AS SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, Special districts are local governmental entities created by a community's residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, just over 2,000 independent special districts provide millions of Californians with essential services, including services related to water, sanitation and water recycling, fire protection, electricity, parks and recreation, health care, open space, ports and harbors, flood protection, mosquito abatement, cemeteries, resource conservation, airports, transit, road maintenance, veterans' facilities, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Special districts first arose when San Joaquin Valley farmers needed a way to access their local water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Wright Act of 1887, the Turlock Irrigation District became California's first special district and made it possible for local farmers to intensify and diversify agriculture in California's Central Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 20th century, special districts increased dramatically in both number and scope, and during the periods of prosperity and population growth following both World Wars when the demand for all types of public services increased, and special districts met that need; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutory authorization for mosquito abatement districts was enacted in 1915 to combat the salt marsh mosquitoes around the San Francisco Bay and higher than average malaria cases in rural counties; and

**WHEREAS**, fire protection districts can trace their origins to a 1923 state law, and in 1931 the Legislature authorized recreation districts, the forerunners of today's recreation and park districts; and

**WHEREAS**, although originally created to provide individual services, in 1961 the Legislature authorized special districts to address multiple needs, when it provided for multipurpose, community services districts; and

**WHEREAS**, special districts vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout California, from small rural neighborhoods, such as the Pine Cove Water District in the San Jacinto Mountains of Riverside County, to large urban regions, such as the East Bay Municipal Utility District spanning much of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa; and

**WHEREAS**, local residents own special districts and govern them through locally elected or appointed boards. A series of sunshine laws ensure special districts remain transparent and accountable to the communities they serve, as these laws require open and public meetings, public access to records, regular audits, online posting of finances and compensation, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent overlapping services and ensure that local agencies are operating effectively and efficiently to meet communities' needs, special districts are formed, reviewed, consolidated, or dissolved through a methodical local process that includes the oversight of a local agency formation commission and the consent of local voters; and

**WHEREAS** In 1969, several independent special districts formed a statewide association called the California Special Districts Association, commonly referred to as the CSDA, to promote good governance and improved essential local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cosumnes Community Services District seeks to promote democratic institutions, community-based services, local control, and self-determination; and

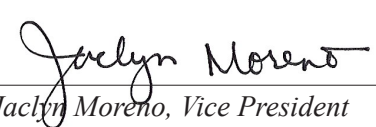
**WHEREAS**, the Cosumnes Community Services District seeks to promote and educate the public about their local public service providers, including awareness and understanding of special districts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors does hereby join the California State Legislature in proclaiming the week of May 16, 2021, to May 22, 2021, as:

### SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED** this 5th day of May 2021, in Elk Grove, California.

  
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