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Designed by Emmett Jordan

Thank You, SDA Members!



Dear SDA Members,

As we continue to celebrate SDA's 50th anniversary, I would like to take a moment to thank you, our members, for the work you do every day in serving your communities and strengthening Colorado. Special districts are the cornerstone of local government, providing the essential services that make our state thrive: clean water, fire protection, parks and recreation, libraries, and so much more.

This milestone year gave us the opportunity to reflect on how far we have come together. From our beginnings in 1975 to the strong, united voice we have today, SDA's success is built entirely on the dedication and leadership of our members. Your work in every corner of the state demonstrates the very best of local governance—innovative, responsive, and community driven.

The 2025 SDA Annual Conference in Keystone was a perfect reflection of that spirit. The energy, ideas, and collaboration on display reminded us why this association continues to grow and make a difference year after year.

As we look ahead to the next fifty years, we remain deeply grateful for your trust, partnership, and commitment to serving Colorado's residents. Together, we will continue to strengthen special districts, support good governance, and ensure that local voices remain at the heart of every community.

With appreciation,

Ann Terry

Ann Terry, CEO

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May all the joys of this happy season be yours now and into the New Year!
Best wishes from the SDA team!

A note from SDA CEO Ann Terry: As we wrap up the year of celebrating our 50th anniversary, we wanted to share these two letters from 1995 when we were commemorating our 20th anniversary. The note from John Amato, who was one of the very first SDA Board members, appeared in the March 1995 newsletter. The letter from Dodie Gale, SDA's first Executive Director, appeared in the April 1995 issue of the newsletter. Both John and Dodie speak to the variety of ways

SDA supports districts around the state, from providing training opportunities and access to insurance coverage to legislative advocacy and becoming a voice for districts. We are proud that this work has not only continued, but that we have been able to evolve and expand the support we offer to best meet the needs of districts across Colorado. And now we have a number of new things in the works for 2026! Stay tuned for more to come and here's to the next 50 years!

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY SDA

John V. Amato

February 25, 1995

*Special District Association of Colorado
225 East 16th Avenue, Suite 1120
Denver, CO 80203*

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Twenty years ago a small group of individuals involved in one form of local government formulated a plan to prevent special districts from being legislated out of existence. That plan was successful. It expanded and evolved into an entity that codifies statutes, upgrades special district employees and elected officials to a new level of professionalism, and provides workers compensation, dental, medical, life, disability, property and liability insurance programs resulting in substantial savings to taxpayers. These accomplishments far exceed anything the organizers, in their greatest optimism, ever envisioned.

Congratulations SDA on twenty years of solid accomplishment!!

Sincerely,

John V. Amato

In celebration of its twentieth Anniversary, SDA will be running historical vignettes and letters from founders and other early contributors to its success over the years.

Anyone with a special memory about SDA which you would like to see in the Newsletter is invited to call the SDA office. We would love to include your bit of history.

Editor's Note: John Amato was an organizer of the SDA, its first and continuing president for its early years and still serves as its Treasurer and a member of its Board of Directors and numerous committees.



HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY SDA

Dodie Gale

March 21, 1995

Special District Association of Colorado
225 East 16th Street, Suite 1120
Denver, CO 80203

Members and Associates:

Congratulations for twenty years of service to all of the dedicated and talented people who work with special districts in Colorado. The range of services provided today by SDA were not even dreams twenty years ago. It has truly been an outstanding growth period as witnessed by the Association's numerous programs and services now offered to its members.

Twenty years ago, I was working in the Department of Local Affairs and one of my duties was the legislative liaison for the many local government programs under the jurisdiction of this department. Every form of local government was represented by an association — except special districts. I found myself being the spokesman more often than probably was appropriate. Because a few good men created the Special District Association, the laws were clarified, strengthened, and an official lobbyist, John Tipton, represented these interests. Jim Collins provided technical assistance and provided a newsletter to the members informing them of changes in laws and regulations as well as holding annual conferences.

Twenty years ago, special districts were not included in meetings where local government issues were discussed. SDA changed that and today, not only are they included, but are no longer referred to as “phantom governments” and have earned respect as a credible unit of local government.

I am proud to have been the first Executive Director of SDA. I still miss all of the fine people who truly are SDA — its fine staff, members of the Board of Directors and the many committees, and all of you who devote your time and talent to the provision of services to a large population of our state.

Keep up the good work for another twenty years!

Sincerely,

Dodie Gale

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vignette
from an early
contributor to the
twenty years of
success of SDA in
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Andy Bass to Lead South Suburban Park and Recreation District



By Susan M. Thornton, M.S.

After a nationwide search, South Suburban Park and Recreation District (SSPRD) has selected Andy Bass as its new Executive Director.

Bass will lead an organization that includes more than 100 parks; 2,500 acres of open space; 125 miles of trails; four golf courses and a hotel; four full-service recreation centers; two ice arenas; tennis and pickleball facilities; and a prominent botanical garden and event center.

Bass acknowledges that SSPRD is a large special district, serving more than 151,000 residents in six cities and three counties.



Andy Bass

Background Includes Extensive Experience

Bass comes to SSPRD from the City of Chandler, Arizona where he was Deputy City Manager from 2019-2022, managing many city departments that included Chandler's parks and recreation operations.

Prior to his time in Chandler, Bass had similar roles with Reno, Nevada; Midland, Texas; the New Territory Residential Community Association, Texas; and Cortez and Bayfield, Colorado.

Bass holds a degree in exercise physiology from the University of Utah and a master's degree in business

administration from the University of Colorado, as well as a Parks and Recreation Professional Certification.

Deep Roots in Colorado

Bass says that he and his wife have deep roots in Colorado, having grown up in the Denver metro area, where they both attended Arapahoe High School.

The couple have six children, four of whom are still at home and adjusting well to the family's change in location.

Getting to Know Partner Communities

Interviewed one month after he began his new position with SSPRD, Bass says he has spent much of his initial time on

the job getting to know leaders of the partner communities that SSPRD serves.

He sees the organization's strengths as its long history of providing great programs and a track record of caring for its parks, open spaces, and facilities well.

Excited to Participate with SDA

Bass says he is very excited to participate with SDA and notes that he looks forward to meeting other leaders of special districts across Colorado.

He hopes to attend SDA's Annual Conference next year and to continually engage with local and state issues. 🍌



2026 Calendar of Statutory Deadlines

The following is a to-do list for your district in the upcoming year. Please note that this list merely highlights some of your reporting and filing responsibilities; it is not exhaustive.

Deadlines in **the blue boxes** occur on the same date each year. Deadlines in **the green boxes** fall on different dates each year.

On or before January 1 of each year

File a current, accurate map of the district boundaries (or letter stating there were no changes) with:

- » the Division of Local Government (DLG);
- » the County Clerk and Recorder of each County in which the district is located; and
- » the County Assessor of each County in which the district is located.¹

First Board meeting

At the first regular Board meeting of the new calendar year, designate the “official” posting location for 24-hour (agenda) notice of district meetings.² The posting location may be the public website of the district or the physical location(s) within the district boundaries designated by the district at the first regular Board meeting of the new calendar year. In order to comply with the posting of notice on the public website of the district or at the physical location, the notice must contain the specific agenda information, if available, and posted not less than 24 hours prior to the holding of the meeting. A district that posts notices on a website shall provide the address of the website to the Department of Local Affairs. The district must still designate one physical location within the district boundaries for posting in the event of an exigent or emergency circumstance which prevents posting or public access to the online webpage.

Conduct annual meeting

Metropolitan districts that were organized after January 1, 2000 and with residential units in its boundaries must conduct an annual meeting. No official action may be taken by the Board at the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, there must be a presentation on the status of the public infrastructure project and outstanding bonds, and a review of the district’s unaudited financial

statements. The district Board must provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the district.

The annual meeting must be held in person, virtually or in person and virtually. If only held in person, it must be held at a physical location within the boundaries of the district, within any county in which the district is located, or at any location that is no more than 5 miles from the district’s boundaries. If the annual meeting is held in person and held in a year immediately preceding a regular election year, the self-nomination and acceptance forms must be available in paper form for electors and include the deadlines when the form can be filed and the person to file the form with.

Notice of the date, time and location of the annual meeting must be posted in the same manner as a regular meeting and either posted on the home page of the district’s website or accessible by a link on the home page. The notice must also be provided by mailing, at the lowest cost option, to each address of an eligible elector of the district as listed on the property owners list provided by the County Assessor of each county in which the district is located as of the date that is no more than 90 days prior to the annual meeting or by email to any email addresses of the eligible electors within the district that eligible electors have provided to the district for purposes of receiving communications.

Notice of rate or fee change for water or sanitary sewer services

Districts fixing or increasing fees or other charges for water and sanitary sewer services must hold a public meeting to do so. The district must provide notice to their customers 30 days in advance of the public meeting.³

The notice to customers must be made in one or more of the following ways:

- » Mailing the notice separately to each customer; or
- » Including the notice as a prominent part of a newsletter, annual report, billing insert, billing statement, letter or other informational mailing sent to each customer; or
- » Posting the notice on the district’s official website, if there is a link to the district’s website on the official website of the DLG; or

- » If the district is a member of the Special District Association of Colorado (SDA), by updating the transparency notice on the SDA’s website.

January 15

Pursuant to Section 32-1-809, C.R.S., an annual “transparency” notice must be provided to eligible electors between November 16 and January 15. The annual transparency notice to electors must contain certain information about the district, including, but not limited to:

- » Address, telephone number, and contact for the district;
- » Board member names and contact information;
- » Name of Board Chair or President;
- » Name of each Board member whose office will be on the ballot at the next regular special district election;
- » Date of next Board election and procedures for filing self-nomination;
- » Mill levy and total property tax revenues received during the last year; and
- » Regular Board meeting and posting location information.

The transparency notice must be provided in one or more of the following ways:

- » Mailing the notice separately to each household where one or more eligible electors of the district reside; or
- » Including the notice as a prominent part of a newsletter, annual report, billing insert, billing statement, letter, or other informational mailing sent to each customer; or
- » Posting the notice on the district’s official website, if there is a link to the district’s website on the official website of the DLG; or
- » If the district is a member of SDA, by updating the transparency notice on SDA’s website; or
- » For a district with less than 1,000 eligible electors that is wholly located in a county with a population of less than 30,000, posting the notice in at least three publication places within the district and at the County Clerk and Recorder’s office.

In addition, a copy of this annual transparency notice is also filed with:

- » the DLG;
- » the Board of County Commissioners;
- » the County Assessor;
- » the County Treasurer;
- » the County Clerk and Recorder; and
- » the governing body of any municipality in which the district is located.⁴

January 30

File with DLG a certified copy of adopted budget, including budget message, certification of tax levy and any resolutions adopting the budget, appropriating money, and fixing the rate of any mill levy.⁵

March 1 (60 days after end of fiscal year)

Annual information report to the DLG with respect to any nonrated public securities of the district in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 which were outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year (December 31).⁶

March 31

(within 3 months of close of fiscal year)

Application for exemption from audit, if applicable, due to State Auditor. Any local government where revenues or expenditures are not more than \$1,000,000 may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provisions of Section 29-1-603.⁷

If district has authorized but unissued general obligation debt as of the end of its fiscal year (December 31), submit copy of application for exemption from audit to Board of County Commissioners or governing body of municipality that adopted a resolution of approval of the service plan.⁸

Prior to May 1

If any new property included in district by 100% owner petition, deadline to record court order of inclusion with County Clerk and Recorder to enable district to levy tax against newly included property for the year in which the inclusion occurred.⁹

File a recorded copy of the certified court order of inclusion with the DLG and the County Clerk and Recorder.¹⁰

Record a special district public disclosure document and a map of the new boundaries of the district at the same time as recording the order of inclusion.¹¹

June 30

Auditor submits completed audit and audit report to district Board.¹²

File copy with State Auditor within 30 days after receipt.¹³

June 30 (Continued)

Submit audit report or application for exemption from audit to Board of County Commissioners or governing body of municipality that adopted a resolution of approval of the service plan if district has authorized but unissued general obligation debt as of the end of its fiscal year (December 31).¹⁴

Prior to July 1

If any new property included into district by taxpayer petition or Board resolution, deadline to record court order of inclusion with County Clerk and Recorder to enable district to levy tax on newly included property for year in which inclusion occurred.¹⁵

File a recorded copy of the certified court order of inclusion with the DLG and the County Clerk and Recorder.¹⁶

Record a special district public disclosure document and a map of the new boundaries of the district at the same time as recording the order of inclusion.

July 30

File audit report with State Auditor within 30 days after the report is received,¹⁷ but not later than July 30, or file request for extension of time to file audit.

Submit audit report to Board of County Commissioners or governing body of municipality that adopted a resolution of approval of the service plan if district has authorized but unissued general obligation debt as of the end of its fiscal year (December 31).¹⁸

August 25

County Assessor certifies district's valuation for assessment (preliminary).¹⁹

September 30

If the State Auditor has granted extension of time to file audit, this is the final date an audit may be filed. Failure to file the audit may result in the State Auditor authorizing the County Treasurer to prohibit the release of any monies which were generated pursuant to the taxing authority of the district until the district submits an audit report to the state auditor.

October 1

Any district created after July 1, 2000, shall file not more than once a year a special district annual report for the preceding calendar year. Unless the requirement is waived or otherwise requested by an earlier date by the Board of County Commissioners or by the governing body of the municipality in which a special district is wholly or partially located, the annual report must

be provided by October 1 of each year. The annual report must be electronically filed with the governing body that approved the service plan or, if the jurisdiction has changed due to annexation into a municipality, the current governing body with jurisdiction over the special district, the DLG and the State Auditor, and such report must be electronically filed with the County Clerk and Recorder for public inspection, and a copy of the report must be made available by the district on the district's website.

The annual report must include, as applicable for the reporting year, but shall not be limited to:

- » Boundary changes made;
- » Intergovernmental agreements entered into or terminated with other governmental entities;
- » Access information to obtain a copy of rules and regulations adopted by the Board;
- » A summary of litigation involving public improvements owned by the district;
- » The status of the construction of public improvements by the district;
- » A list of facilities or improvements constructed by the district that were conveyed or dedicated to the county or municipality;
- » The final assessed valuation of the district as of December 31 of the reporting year;
- » A copy of the current year's budget;
- » A copy of the audited financial statements or the application for exemption from audit, as applicable;
- » Notice of any uncured defaults existing for more than ninety days under any debt instrument of the district;
- » Any inability of the district to pay its obligations as they come due under any obligation which continues beyond a 90-day period; and²⁰
- » Any additional information required by the district's approved service plan.

October 15

Qualified person prepares and submits proposed budget to Board.²¹

Schedule public hearing to consider adoption of budget. Arrange for publication/posting of the notice of budget and hearing.²²

November 16

Begin 60-day window to provide annual "transparency" notice to electors.²³

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2026 Calendar of Statutory Deadlines Continued

December 10

County Assessor certifies district's valuation for assessment (final).²⁴

December 15

Adopt budget and appropriate moneys, if certifying a mill levy.²⁵

December 15

Certify mill levy to Board of County Commissioners.²⁶

December 15

File notice of inactive status, if applicable, with:²⁷

- » Board(s) of County Commissioners or governing body of municipality that approved district service plan;
- » County Treasurer;
- » County Assessor;
- » County Clerk and Recorder;
- » District Court;
- » State Auditor; and
- » DLG

December 15

File notice of intent to continue in inactive status, if applicable, with:²⁸

- » State Auditor and
- » DLG

December 31

Adopt budget and appropriate moneys, if not levying property taxes.²⁹

December 31

Calculate (as of the end of the fiscal year) district's authorized but unissued general obligation debt. Specify amount, if any, and any current or anticipated plan to issue the debt in district's audit report.³⁰

December 31

At least annually, publish information about land development charges, if applicable, on district's official website.³¹

December 31

An annual inventory of real and personal property having an original cost that equals or exceeds an amount established by the district, unless the amount is established by the State.³²

¹ Section 32-1-306, C.R.S.

² Section 24-6-402(2)(c), C.R.S.

³ Section 32-1-1001(2)(a), C.R.S.

⁴ Section 32-1-809, C.R.S. and Section 32-1-104(2), C.R.S.

⁵ Section 29-1-113(1), C.R.S.

⁶ Section 11-58-105, C.R.S.

⁷ Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.

⁸ Section 29-1-606(7), C.R.S.

⁹ Sections 39-1-110(1.5) and 32-1-105, C.R.S.

¹⁰ Section 32-1-105, C.R.S.

¹¹ Section 32-1-104.8, C.R.S.

¹² Section 29-1-606, C.R.S.

¹³ Section 29-1-606(3), C.R.S.

¹⁴ Section 29-1-606(7), C.R.S.

¹⁵ Sections 39-1-110(1.5), 32-1-401(2), and 32-1-105, C.R.S.

¹⁶ Section 32-1-105, C.R.S.

¹⁷ Section 29-1-606, C.R.S.

¹⁸ Section 29-1-606(7), C.R.S.

¹⁹ Section 39-5-128(1), C.R.S.

²⁰ Section 32-1-207(3)(c), C.R.S.

²¹ Section 29-1-105, C.R.S.

²² Section 29-1-106(3), C.R.S.

²³ Section 32-1-809, C.R.S.

²⁴ Section 39-1-111(5), C.R.S.

²⁵ Section 29-1-108(2), C.R.S.

²⁶ Sections 39-5-128(1) and 32-1-1201, C.R.S.

²⁷ Section 32-1-104(3), C.R.S.

²⁸ Section 32-1-104(4), C.R.S.

²⁹ Section 29-1-108(2), C.R.S.

³⁰ Sections 29-1-605(2) and 29-1-606(7), C.R.S.

³¹ Section 29-1-803(1), C.R.S.

³² Section 29-1-506(1), C.R.S.

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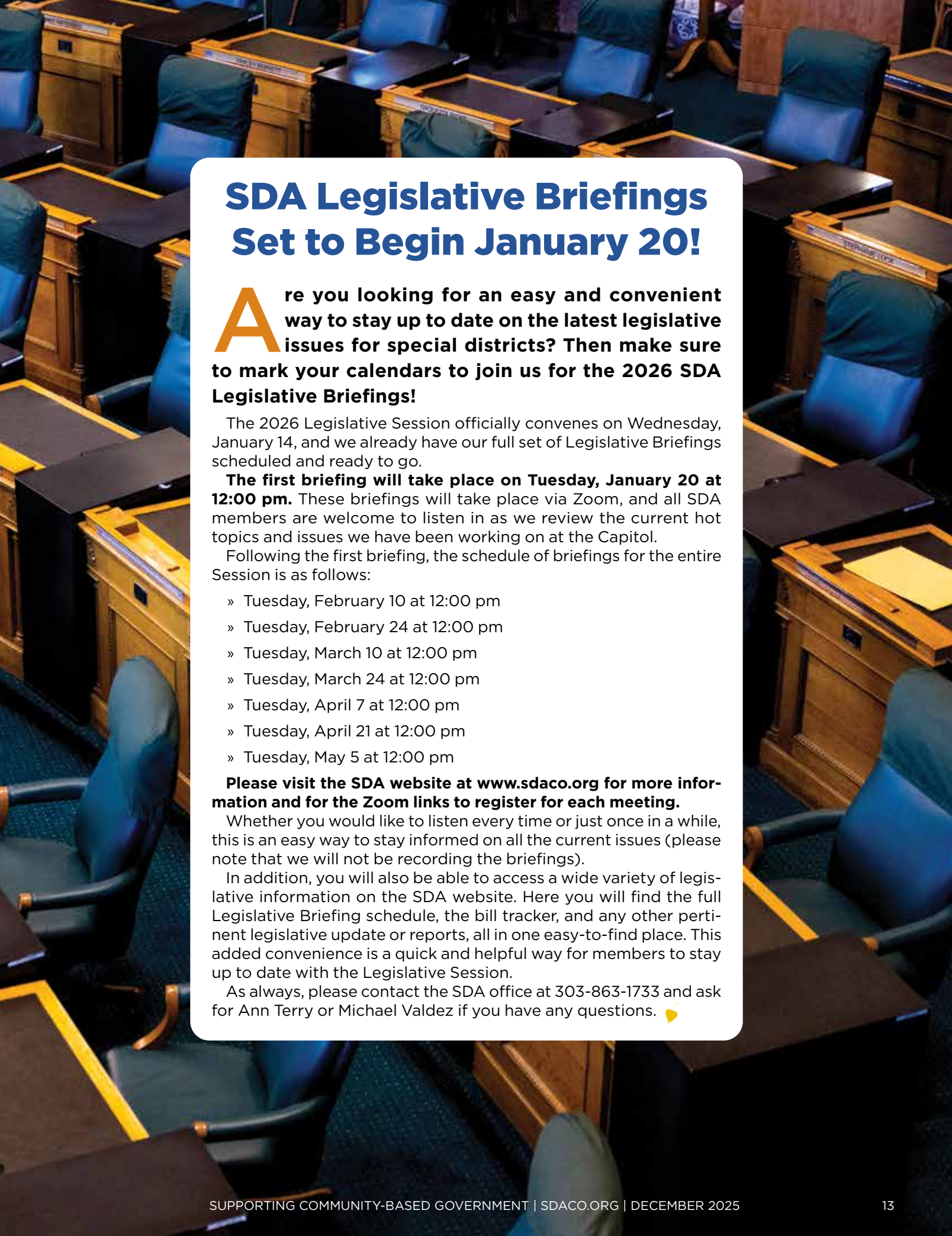
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If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact Karla Boughey, Membership Services Coordinator, at 303-863-1733.

Don't delay; go online and renew today! 🍂



SDA Legislative Briefings Set to Begin January 20!

Are you looking for an easy and convenient way to stay up to date on the latest legislative issues for special districts? Then make sure to mark your calendars to join us for the 2026 SDA Legislative Briefings!

The 2026 Legislative Session officially convenes on Wednesday, January 14, and we already have our full set of Legislative Briefings scheduled and ready to go.

The first briefing will take place on Tuesday, January 20 at 12:00 pm. These briefings will take place via Zoom, and all SDA members are welcome to listen in as we review the current hot topics and issues we have been working on at the Capitol.

Following the first briefing, the schedule of briefings for the entire Session is as follows:

- » Tuesday, February 10 at 12:00 pm
- » Tuesday, February 24 at 12:00 pm
- » Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00 pm
- » Tuesday, March 24 at 12:00 pm
- » Tuesday, April 7 at 12:00 pm
- » Tuesday, April 21 at 12:00 pm
- » Tuesday, May 5 at 12:00 pm

Please visit the SDA website at www.sdaco.org for more information and for the Zoom links to register for each meeting.

Whether you would like to listen every time or just once in a while, this is an easy way to stay informed on all the current issues (please note that we will not be recording the briefings).

In addition, you will also be able to access a wide variety of legislative information on the SDA website. Here you will find the full Legislative Briefing schedule, the bill tracker, and any other pertinent legislative update or reports, all in one easy-to-find place. This added convenience is a quick and helpful way for members to stay up to date with the Legislative Session.

As always, please contact the SDA office at 303-863-1733 and ask for Ann Terry or Michael Valdez if you have any questions. 🍌

Deadline to File Your Transparency Notice is January 15

About Transparency Notices

Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, requires that certain special districts (see chart on page 15) give public notice each year of certain basic information about the district:

- » Address, telephone number, and primary contact person
- » The names of and contact information for the members of the Board
- » The name of the Board Chair or President
- » The name of each Board member whose office will be on the ballot at the next regular special district election
- » The time, date, and location of regular Board meetings
- » Board meeting and posting location information
- » Mill levy and property tax revenues received during the last year
- » Date of next regular election
- » The self-nomination procedure

Nicknamed the “Transparency Notice,” this notice may be disseminated to the public in a variety of ways (as discussed later in this article), but most special districts either post it on their own website or post it on the SDA website.

The chart on page 15 lists special districts that are required to provide a Transparency Notice and those that are not.

Posting on SDA's Website

If you plan to post your district's Transparency Notice on the SDA website, first be sure your district is a current member of SDA. State law requires membership in SDA if you would like to post your Transparency Notice on the SDA website.

If you are a current member, you can review and update your Transparency Notice by going to the SDA website at www.sdaco.org. Make sure you are logged in and then click on “Transparency Notice” in the blue ribbon at the top of the page.

When you complete your online SDA membership renewal, you will also be given a prompt at the end of the renewal process to update your Transparency Notice.

Posting on Your District's Website

If you wish to post the Transparency Notice you've created on the SDA website on your district's website, you can print and post a copy of the completed SDA form.

If you choose to post your notice on your district's official website, your district's website must be “linked” to the website of the Division of Local Government (DLG). If you haven't already established a link, please contact the DLG at 303-864-7720, and they can help walk you through this process.

Other Ways to Distribute Your Transparency Notice

In addition to the website postings discussed above, the statute provides that the annual Transparency Notice to Electors may be disseminated in one or more of the following ways:

1. Mailing the notice to each household where one or more eligible district electors reside;
2. Including the notice as a prominent part of a:
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. Annual report
 - c. Billing insert
 - d. Billing statement
 - e. Letter
 - f. Voter information card or other election notice
 - g. Other informational mailing sent by the district to eligible electors
3. Physically posting the Transparency Notice as provided in the statute,¹ but **only if** the special district has fewer than 1,000 eligible electors **and** the district is wholly located in a county with a population fewer than 30,000.

If you plan to use one of these other distribution methods, you may draft your own Transparency Notice as long as it contains all the information required by Section 32-1-809(1)(a-i), C.R.S. The Division of Local Government has prepared a statutorily sufficient Transparency Notice template that you may access on the DLG website.

Required to Provide Transparency Notice

Ambulance districts
Fire protection districts
Forest improvement districts
Health service (hospital), health assurance, and mental health care service districts
Metropolitan districts
Mosquito control districts (not county pest control districts)
Park and recreation districts
Sanitation districts
Tunnel districts
Water districts
Water and sanitation districts

NOT Required to Provide Transparency Notice

Business improvement, general improvement, local improvement, public improvement, and special improvement districts
Cemetery districts
Conservancy districts
Conservation districts (formerly soil conservation districts)
Conservation districts (river water)
Disposal districts
Drainage districts
Federal mineral lease districts
Ground water management districts
Intergovernmental authorities
Irrigation districts
Junior college districts
Library districts
Local marketing districts
Pest control districts (county-established)
Recreation districts (county-established)
School districts
Urban drainage and flood control districts
Urban renewal and downtown development authorities
Water conservancy districts
Water conservation districts

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing your Transparency Notice, please call the SDA office at 303-863-1733.

In addition, a copy of the Transparency Notice is also filed with:

- » the Division of Local Government;
- » the Board of County Commissioners;
- » the County Assessor;
- » the County Treasurer;
- » the County Clerk and Recorder; and
- » the governing body of any municipality in which the district is located.

Exemptions for Inactive Districts

Special districts that have legally claimed “inactive” status pursuant to Section 32-1-104, C.R.S., are exempt from complying with the Transparency Notice provisions in Section 32-1-809, C.R.S.

CORA and Water and Sanitary Rate Increase Notices

In addition to the Transparency Notice information, SDA members can also post their required document

and retrieval policy and fee schedule for Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests directly on the Transparency Notice form on the SDA website. Please note: effective July 1, 2024, the CORA maximum hourly research and retrieval fee increased to \$41.37. Before increasing the fee, government entities must revise and publish their Colorado Open Records Act policies to include the new fee.

There is also a section to post notice of a public hearing if a district plans a fee increase or change for water or sanitary sewer service.

We Make It Easy for You

Being able to take care of all of these requirements in one easy place is an added membership benefit that we hope all districts will take advantage of.

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¹ See §32-1-809(2)(e), C.R.S.

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For more information, including the reimbursement form, please visit our website at www.sdaco.org. From there, please make sure you are logged in and then click on "Members" at the top of the page. You can then scroll to the bottom of the Members page where you will find a black box with the title "ADA PDF Remediation Reimbursement Form."

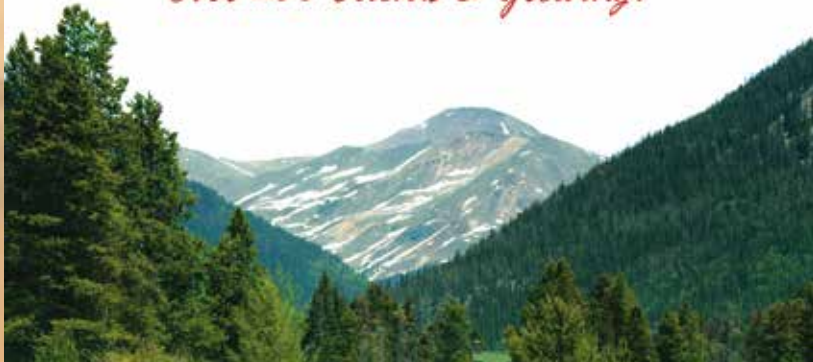
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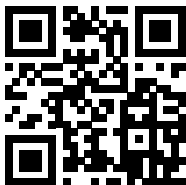
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Making the Most of Your CSD Pool Membership With...

Discount Vendors

Guest article by the Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool

The Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool remains committed to our more than 2,500 public entities as *Your Risk Management Partner*. Each month, we are focusing on a different program or service we offer our membership, either at no cost or at a discounted rate. This month's highlight showcases our specific discount programs—a collection of vendors who provide discounts on products you may already be purchasing.

Our Discount Vendors

Do you purchase any products from the following organizations? If so, make the most of your membership by enjoying discounts on selected products from:

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- » **Daupler**—\$4,800 annually for software to field after-hours calls for water, wastewater, and public works
- » **FireCatt**—10% off all fire hose and ladder testing technology and services

- » **NetDiligence Cyber Risk Assessments**—subsidized pricing on all three QuietAudit cyber assessments
- » **Red Wing Shoes**—15% off all shoes bought at official Colorado retailers
- » **RH Borden**—5% off equipment and maintenance for wastewater collection systems

To view additional details about our discount vendors, or if you have a business partner you would like to recommend, please visit csdpool.org/discounts or email info@csdpool.org.

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As *Your Risk Management Partner*, we remain committed to providing specialized coverages tailored for public entities, exemplary claims support, and safety and loss prevention services to ensure everyone within the organization—from Board members to supervisors and staff—has the tools they need to succeed. If you have any questions about the resources mentioned here, please visit csdpool.org or email us at info@csdpool.com. 🏔️



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 EC East Community Authority Board
 EC East Industrial Metropolitan District
 EC East Metropolitan District Nos. 1-5
 EC East Overlay Metropolitan District
 EC East Water & Sanitation District
 EC West Commercial Metropolitan District
 EC West Community Authority Board
 EC West Metropolitan District Nos. 2-4
 EC West Overlay Metropolitan District
 Ellston Park Metropolitan District

Freestyle Park & Recreation District
 Hawkview Metropolitan District
 Jackson 105 Fire Protection District
 Kroenke Sports and Entertainment Metropolitan District Nos. 1-5
 Legacy Metropolitan District Nos. 1-12
 Main Street Louisville Business Improvement District
 Meadowworks Park & Recreation District
 Overlook at Homestead Metropolitan District
 Pine Brook Water District
 Prairie Song Metropolitan District Nos. 1, 2, and 7
 Revere at Johnstown Metropolitan District No. 5
 Sage Pointe Metropolitan District
 Village East Metropolitan District No. 3
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Alderman Bernstein	Eminent domain and real estate law firm
All Terrain Studios	Website design and accessibility compliance, graphic design, and video production
Bolton & Menk, Inc	Engineering, design, and planning solutions
Casey Parrot LLC	Public finance attorneys
Centerre Construction	Preconstruction, construction management, general construction, and design/build services
Flock Safety	Security hardware and software
Freestone Strategies	Strategic public affairs, government relations, and crisis communications firm
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Landtech Contractors	Commercial landscape construction and maintenance
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