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Agenda Topic Title: Board Training Resources

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING RESOURCES

Gold Mountain CSD is a member of CSDA (California Special Districts Association). The CSDA offers training, certifications, conferences, forums, legislative representation and much more to Special Districts across California.

All GMCSO staff and board members are individually included as part of the District's membership. Each individual must be registered on the CSDA website to access tools, training, and more. The CSDA web site is: <https://www.csdanet/home>. Contact the CSDA staff if you have issues registering.

Many CSDA courses are free to members, including the Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention courses that are mandatory for all elected officials every two years.

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO ACCESSING CSDA TRAINING:

1. Go to CSDA.net and login. If you never set up an online account with CSDA, you will need to "register" before proceeding.
2. To register for a course, from the [Home Page](#), select the "Learn" tab and then select "Board Member Resources".
3. You will see a Red Tab for "**Required Training**", which includes "On Demand" and "Webinar" options. On Demand classes are recorded sessions and Webinars are "live". You can select your preference and follow the instructions for completing training. Both Ethics and Sexual Prevention are free courses but you still need to go through the checkout process.
4. From the "Board Member Resources tab, you will also see other, non-required courses. I highly recommend taking the **Board Member Bundle** in addition to your required classes. The courses are invaluable resources and training for Board Members responsible for governing the District.

If you want to be a “Super Hero” Board Member – consider getting your **Special District Leadership Academy** - <https://www.sdlf.org/programs/governance>. It covers all the basic areas of Board responsibility in-depth. It is a fantastic way to hear what’s going on in other Districts and meet people from around the state that are doing cool things. You will receive a SDLF certification after completing the program. I highly recommend this series of training – it was well worth my time!

The ***required Ethics and Harassment Prevention courses are offered free***, as are many of the other on-demand courses. There may be fees for these courses. The 2024/5 budget has money for Board training but please check with Skyler about your plans to spend District money in advance of signing up. In addition, the CSDA offers scholarships – and it has been my experience that they are very easy to apply for and receive. If you invest the time, we will find a way to invest the dollars!

Once completing a class, be sure to provide the Board Secretary with a copy of your Completion Certificate – either electronically or printed. This way, we can be sure that we have 100% compliance of required board training.