

Senate Local Government Committee

Can Special Districts Issue Promissory Notes Without Voter Approval?

Type of special district	Term	Citation
California water districts	5 years	WC§36400-36409
Community services districts	5 years	GC§61742-61749
County sanitation districts	2 years	HSC§4746.1
County service areas	No provision	
County water districts	5 years	WC§31304
County waterworks districts	10 years	WC§55503-55303.6
Fire protection districts	10 years	HSC§13906
Irrigation districts	5 years, 10 years	WC§23263, 23810
Municipal utility districts	5 years	PUC§13345-13347, 13626
Municipal water districts	5 years, 10 years	WC§71811-71812
Public utility districts	No provision	
Reclamation districts	5 years	WC§53040
Recreation & park districts	10 years	PRC§5784.22
Regional park & open space districts	5 years	PRC§5544.1
East Bay regional park district	20 years	PRC§5544.2
Resort improvement districts	No provision	
Resource conservation districts	No provision	
Sanitary districts	No provision	
Sewer maintenance districts	10 years	HSC§4894
Water conservation districts	5 years	WC§74950
Water replenishment districts	No provision	
Water storage districts	5 years, 10 years	WC§44900-44910, 44963

NOTE: Omits warrants and notes that districts can issue to repay their initial organization costs.

SOURCES: *General Comparison of Water District Acts* (Bulletin 155-94), Department of Water Resources, March 1994; additional research by the Senate Local Government Committee staff.