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Monte Vista Water District Awarded Transparency Certificate of Excellence

MONTCLAIR, CA Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors incumbents Philip L. Erwin and G. Michael Milhiser took their oath of office during the regularly scheduled district board meeting held on Wednesday following re-election last month. Throughout their tenure and leadership, these board members have demonstrated accountability and transparency in financial management, which was also recognized during the meeting.

The board's first order of business was a presentation by the Special District Leadership Foundation to award the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence, recognizing MVWD's outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

"This is the third time we've received this award, which showcases Monte Vista Water District's commitment to transparency," said Board President Sandra Rose. "Our board and staff take great pride in being accountable and accessible by our customers and constituents."

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Special districts that demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements are eligible for recognition. The criteria includes conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

Monte Vista Water District also fulfilled 19 website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit. Additionally, the district demonstrated best practices through its biannual *Waterline* newsletter and completion of staff classification and compensation study.

The Special District Leadership Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

More information on the district's transparency initiatives can be found by visiting the district's website, www.mvwd.org, and clicking the "Find Government Transparency Documents" menu link.

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Monte Vista Water District provides retail and wholesale water services to a population of more than 130,000 in the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, and portions of Chino.