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Monte Vista Water District Awarded Transparency Certificate of Excellence

MONTCLAIR, CA Monte Vista Water District received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation in recognition of the District's outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. The award, received for the second time, was presented to the MVWD Board of Directors at Wednesday's board meeting.

"This award is a testament to Monte Vista Water District's commitment to open government," said Board President Sandra Rose. "Our Board and staff take great pride in being fully accountable to our customers and constituents and we are proud to have received this recognition once again."

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including 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.

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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 a completed 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.



Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors accept District Transparency Certificate of Excellence