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## ***MVWD Earns Recognition for Transparency Efforts***

**MONTCLAIR, CA . . . . .** Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) has proudly earned the “District of Distinction” accreditation from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations! MVWD also received SDLF’s District Transparency Certificate of Excellence for the fourth consecutive time in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

“These awards are a testament to Monte Vista Water District’s commitment to open government,” said General Manager Justin Scott-Coe. “Board and staff members are to be commended for their roles in providing information, facilitating engagement and upholding accountability.”

The District of Distinction accreditation requires the district’s website provide access to important information such as election procedures and deadlines, board meeting schedule and agendas, district budget, financial audit, and compensation data for board members and staff. In addition, the MVWD’s board of directors and executive staff must also show proof of educational training in public governance as well as compliance with ethics and harassment prevention training.

A committee of volunteers from the special district community, including district controllers, finance directors and certified general managers represented SDLF in conducting an independent review of MVWD’s operations over a three-year period to ensure prudent fiscal practices.

The District of Distinction recognition is built upon MVWD’s commitment to open government as demonstrated by successfully achieving SDLF’s Transparency Certificate of Excellence consecutively since 2014. To receive the certificate award, the district demonstrated transparency in governance, 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.

“My colleagues and I are committed to serving Monte Vista Water District and its customers in an ethical and transparent fashion,” said MVWD Board of Directors President Sandra Rose. “The Special District Leadership Foundation sets a high standard for local government leadership and service, and we are proud to have earned this prestigious recognition.”

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***Monte Vista Water District provides retail and wholesale water services to a population of more than 140,000 in the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, and portions of Chino and unincorporated San Bernardino County.***