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SUBJECT: *Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Rancho California Water District*

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Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance. This is the second time RCWD has received this biannual award.

“This award is a testament to Rancho California Water District’s commitment to open government,” said Jeff Armstrong, General Manager. “The entire District staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight.”

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.

RCWD also fulfilled fifteen 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.

Finally, the District demonstrated outreach to its constituents that engaged the public in its governance, through a regular District newsletter and special community engagement projects.

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Formed in 1965, Rancho California Water District supplies an area consisting of approximately 150 square miles. The District serves the area known as Temecula/Rancho California, which includes the City of Temecula, parts of Murrieta, and other contiguous lands. The District is separated into two divisions: the Santa Rosa Division generally west of I-15 and Rancho Division generally east of I-15. The District currently provides sewer service to the Cal Oaks and Bear Creek areas.

“The mission of the Rancho California Water District is to deliver reliable, high-quality water, wastewater and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner.”