



Costa Mesa Sanitary District

....an Independent Special District

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COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

(Costa Mesa, CA) – The Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) is receiving the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), an independent, non-profit organization based in Sacramento that was formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts.

In early 2013, SDLF initiated the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence program in an effort to promote transparency in the operations and governance of Special Districts while providing an opportunity to showcase these efforts.

In order to receive the certification, CMSD completed 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 with the State Controller in a timely manner. CMSD also fulfilled fifteen website requirements intended to readily provide to the public information such as Board meeting agendas, video recordings of Board meetings, the current budget and the most recent financial audit. Finally, CMSD confirmed its commitment to public engagement through regular communication with its customers and by holding a workshop for the proposed 2013 sewer rate adjustments.

By completing the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Program, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District has become the eighth Special District in California to receive this award and has proven its dedication to being fully transparent, open and accessible to the public and other stakeholders.

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