



Costa Mesa Sanitary District

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COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT RECEIVES THREE AWARDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(Costa Mesa, CA) – The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is a not-for-profit association that was formed in 1969 to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy, and other service for all types of independent special districts. At the recent CSDA conference held in Monterey, CA, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) received three prestigious awards for the second consecutive year.

CMSD received a Certificate of Excellence for Transparency which demonstrates the District's commitment to the public for being open and accessible and for creating greater awareness of District programs and activities. CMSD's General Manager, Scott Carroll, was recognized for two awards. Carroll, who has been CMSD's General Manager since 2010, received the Special District Administrator Certification from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). The certification documents and recognizes a candidate's knowledge, skills and capabilities as a Special District Administrator. To receive the certification, applicants must pass a two-hour exam that covers all key aspects of local government such as governance, policy development, ethics, finance, strategic planning, personnel and leadership. CSDA currently has over 1,000 special district memberships throughout California and Carroll became the 46th Special District

In addition, Carroll was awarded General Manager of the Year by CSDA for the organization's 2012 accomplishments. Some of those accomplishments include successfully using trenchless technology to rehabilitate dilapidated sewer pipes, earning Collection System of the Year honors from the California Water Environment Association, reducing sewer hot spot locations, implementing a document management system and creating a safety culture that has resulted in zero work related injuries.

"This is not an individual award, but a team award," said Carroll after accepting the award. "That team starts at the top with a cohesive Board of Directors that share the same vision and is committed to good governance. It's followed by a professional and skillfull staff that carries out



Board policies and is dedicated to achieving desirable results. Fortunately for me, staff and the community, that type of teamwork exists at CMSD," said Caroll. "This award will be displayed in the District's award cabinet located in the front lobby, because this is a team award like all other awards in the cabinet."

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