



# Costa Mesa Sanitary District

....an Independent Special District

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## **COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH & FINANCIAL REPORTING**

(Costa Mesa, CA) – The Costa Mesa Sanitary District’s biannual [Citizens Environmental Protection Academy](#) (CEPA) has received a Silver Medal Award for Community Engagement & Outreach Program of the Year from the Santa Ana River Basin Section of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). As an industry-leading educator and certifier of public agency water and wastewater professionals, CWEA commended the District for providing members of the public with a behind-the-scenes look at their local solid waste and wastewater facilities. Unfortunately, CEPA has been cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but District officials anticipate the next academy will begin in spring 2021.

The District was also honored with its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The GFOA represents federal, state and local finance officials throughout the United States and Canada with a mission to advance excellence in public finance. “The purpose of a [Popular Annual Financial Report](#), or PAFR, is to provide a summary of the financial position of the District, as reported in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), along with other information of interest,” said CMSD



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General Manager Scott Carroll. “The PAFR extracts information from the CAFR to produce high quality financial reports specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public. The PAFR is just one of many examples of the District’s ongoing commitment to openness and transparency.”

“The Board of Directors is honored to receive this recognition from two of the most respected professional organizations in California and the United States,” said Board President Jim Ferryman. “More importantly, the Board is grateful and greatly appreciates the dedication and commitment of all District employees who work tirelessly to make it possible to be recognized by our peers and professional organizations,” said President Ferryman.

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**About the Costa Mesa Sanitary District:** Formed in 1944, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) is an independent special district that provides solid waste and wastewater collection services to a population of approximately 116,700 in Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, and unincorporated Orange County. For more information and the latest CMSD news, visit [www.cmsdca.gov](http://www.cmsdca.gov) and follow CMSD on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). To get in touch with CMSD staff, email [info@cmsdca.gov](mailto:info@cmsdca.gov) or call (949) 645-8400.