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TRANSPARENCY CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDED TO ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Fremont, Calif. — The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) 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 award is a testament to ACWD's commitment to open government," said Robert Shaver, 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.

ACWD 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 must demonstrate outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance, through a regular district newsletter and annual information public budget hearing.

"ACWD strives for open communication in our financial practices, public meetings, and information sharing with our customers and stakeholders," said Martin Koller, ACWD Board President. "It is an honor to be recognized for our efforts as we continue to apply best practices and encourage involvement and feedback from those we serve," he added.

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For more than 100 years, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the more than 336,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. To learn more about ACWD or to view transparency information, please visit www.acwd.org.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

Special districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as water, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, mosquito abatement, ports, libraries, public cemeteries and more. Districts are established by voters and their funding is approved by voters in order to meet specific needs through focused service.

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