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## **Alameda County Water District Recognized as “District of Distinction”**

*Achievement demonstrates excellence in operations and governance*

**Fremont, Calif.** — The Alameda County Water District received the “District of Distinction, Platinum Level” accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations. This is SDLF’s highest level of recognition for a district. To receive this level, a district has incorporated completion of all Special District Leadership Foundation programs, demonstrating a comprehensive approach to excellence in district operations and governance.

“SDLF provides an independent audit review of the last three years of the district’s operations to ensure prudent fiscal practices,” said Neil McCormick, SDLF Chief Executive Officer.

In addition, the district’s board of directors and executive staff must also show proof of educational training in public governance, as well as compliance with ethics and harassment prevention training.

Furthermore, in order to receive the recognition, the district’s website must include posting of transparency requirements, including: election procedure and deadlines, posted board meeting schedule and agendas, current district budget, most recent financial audit, and a list of compensation of board members and staff or a link to the State Controller’s webpage with the data.

“It took several consecutive years of demonstrating business excellence, by all employees, senior staff and board members to achieve receiving such an award,” said Paul Sethy, the district’s Board President. “ACWD is very proud to be among only nine special district government agencies to receive the Platinum District of Distinction designation of nearly 3,300 special districts in the State of California.”

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The Alameda County Water District is a public agency, providing water service to over 356,000 residents of Fremont, Newark and Union City. Achievement of this award demonstrates ACWD's ongoing commitment to government accountability, openness, and transparency.

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.

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For over 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 356,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, please visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).