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Aromas Water District Recognized as "District of Distinction"

Aromas, CA — The Aromas Water District (District) received the "District of Distinction" accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations.

"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. The committee members who review the audits are volunteers from the special district community, including district controllers, directors of finance and certified general managers.

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, to receive the recognition, the District's website must include posting of transparency requirements, including: election procedures 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.

General Manager Robert Johnson commented, "The District thanks the SDLF for this recognition. It has been the culmination of hard work and time commitments by both the staff and the Board of Directors to make this a reality. This is truly a proud moment in the District's history."

The Aromas Water District is a non-profit multi-County Special District governed by a Board of Directors that consists of five elected members of the Aromas community, each serving a four-year term. The Aromas Water District was formed in 1959 and serves 971 connections in both Monterey and San Benito counties.

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.