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## Press Release

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### Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Vallecitos Water District

San Marcos, CA – At a recent Board meeting, the Vallecitos Water District (Vallecitos) was honored for achieving the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). This recognition is given to organizations for their outstanding efforts to promote a transparent, well governed public agency.

“This award is a testament to Vallecitos Water District’s commitment to open government,” said Vallecitos Board President Hal Martin. “The Board of Directors along with District staff are to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight.”

California Special District Association Board member Jo MacKenzie was on hand to recognize Vallecitos for completing the eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all Board members, properly hosting open and public meetings and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

Furthermore, the District fulfilled the 15 web site requirements, granting the public easy access to important information such as Board agendas, past minutes, current District budget and the most recent financial audit.

The last part of the certification process included demonstrated outreach that properly engaged the public in Vallecitos’ governance through regular distribution of newsletters and a special community engagement project known as the Water Academy, a full day tour of the District which is available to all customers.

The Special District Leadership Foundation 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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*Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 97,000 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Vallecitos’ Administration Building - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos. Board meetings are also televised on San Marcos TV. Visit [www.san-marcos.net/smtv](http://www.san-marcos.net/smtv) for a complete programming schedule.*