

STAFF REPORT

To: Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

From: David Dickson, General Manager

Agenda: February 13, 2018

Report Date: February 7, 2018

Subject: District Transparency Certificate of Excellence awarded through the Special District Leadership Foundation

Recommendation:

None. Information Only.

Background:

In June of 2017 the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo released the Grand Jury's Report entitled "Can We See You Now? San Mateo County's Independent Special Districts Website Transparency Update" which was a follow up to the Grand Jury's 2014 report, "Partly Cloudy with a Chance of Information". The reports provided findings and recommendations pertaining to website transparency issues associated with 23 independent special districts operating within San Mateo County.

At the July 11, 2017 Coastside County Water District's Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved the District's response to the findings and recommendations prepared by District staff. One of the recommendations encouraged submitting an application for the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence to the California Special Districts Special Leadership Foundation. District staff submitted this application on July 26, 2017.

On December 28, 2017 the District learned that the Transparency Certificate of Excellence application had been approved and awarded (Attachment 1).

Staff has been advised that Colleen Haley, Public Affairs Field Coordinator, will be presenting the Certificate of Excellence at the February 13, 2018 CCWD Board Meeting.



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Attachment 1

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December 28, 2017

JoAnne Whelen
Coastside County Water District
766 Main Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

RE: District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approval

Dear Ms. Whelen:

Congratulations! The Coastside County Water District has successfully completed the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence program through the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

On behalf of the SDLF Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate your district on achieving this important certificate. By completing the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Program, the Coastside County Water District has proven its dedication to being fully transparent as well as open and accessible to the public and other stakeholders.

Included in this letter are window cling year stickers so that your district may showcase this important accomplishment.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to excellence in local government.
Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Aranda', written in a cursive style.

David Aranda
SDLF Board President