

STAFF REPORT

To: Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

From: Mary Rogren, General Manager

Agenda: December 10, 2024

Report Date: December 6, 2024

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

Recommendation/Motion:

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 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. The District has submitted and received the Transparency Certificate of Excellence in 2017, 2019 and 2021.

Staff has recently been working on the submittal application to renew the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence, which included meeting a number of basic requirements, a listing of website requirements, as well as fulfilling a number of outreach/best practices requirements. District staff submitted this application and was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in October of 2024 for a duration of three years.

The overall purpose of the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence is to promote transparency in the operations and governance of special districts to the public/constituents and provide special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency.

The application was recently approved and staff has been advised that Dane Wadle, Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator, will be presenting the Certificate of Excellence at the December 10, 2024 CCWD Board of Directors Meeting.

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October 17, 2024

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

RE: District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approval

Congratulations! 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, Coastside County Water District has proven their dedication to being fully transparent as well as open and accessible to the public and other stakeholders.

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

Most sincerely,

Sandy Raffelson
SDLF Board President

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