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Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Foresthill Public Utility District

Foresthill, CA – The Foresthill Public Utility District (FPUD) received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

“This award demonstrates Foresthill Public Utility District’s commitment to open government,” said Helen Rogers West, President of the district Board of Directors. “The entire district is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight.”

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

The Foresthill Public Utility District also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit.

Finally, the district must demonstrate outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance, through a regular district newsletter and community notification announcing filing deadlines for elections.

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Foresthill Public Utility District was formed in 1950 pursuant to the provisions of Section 15501 et seq. of the California Public Utilities Code for the purpose of operating a water system. The District's service area comprises the unincorporated community of Foresthill, California, located in Placer County approximately 60 miles northeast of Sacramento. The District is governed by a five member Board of Directors and currently employs nine full-time employees and one part-time employee. The District currently incorporates an area of approximately 13,000 acres and contains primarily residential development. The District as of 2016 provided 1,985 water service connections.

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.

Special districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as water, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, mosquito abatement, ports, libraries, public cemeteries and more. Districts are established by voters and their funding is approved by voters in order to meet specific needs through focused service. They can be specially molded to serve large regions or small neighborhoods depending on the need.

The mission of Foresthill Public Utility District is to provide the community of Foresthill with the highest quality drinking water at affordable rates with courteous and professional service and to manage District resources responsibly for future generations.

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