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## **Press Release**

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### **Vallecitos Water District receives Re-accreditation as a “District of Distinction”**

San Marcos, CA – On April 4, 2018, the Vallecitos Water District (Vallecitos) was honored for achieving re-accreditation as a “District of Distinction” by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). This accreditation is designed as a way for districts to highlight their prudent fiscal practices along with other areas important to effectively operate and govern a special district. California SDLF Public Affairs Field Coordinator, Chris Palmer, was on hand to recognize Vallecitos for completing the essential governance requirements. This is the second time Vallecitos has received this biannual accreditation.

“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 general managers. 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.

To receive the recognition, Vallecitos’ website must include posting of transparency requirements, including: election procedures and deadlines, posted board meeting schedules 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. Vallecitos’ 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.

“This award is proof of the District’s commitment to good government,” said Vallecitos Board President Jim Hernandez. “The Board of Directors, along with District staff, are to be commended for their efforts to highlight our prudent fiscal practices and sound policies in the areas of governance, board conduct and transparency.”



*From left to right: Vallecitos Board Vice President, Hal Martin; Vallecitos Board Member, Mike Sannella; Vallecitos Board President, Jim Hernandez; SDLF Public Affairs Field Coordinator, Chris Palmer; Vallecitos Board Member, Betty Evans; Vallecitos Board Member, Craig Elitharp.*

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**About Vallecitos Water District:** *As an independent, special district, Vallecitos is dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 98,000 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 5:00 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.*