



## Press Release

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### **Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Sweetwater Authority**

Chula Vista, CA —Sweetwater Authority (Authority) 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. The certificate was presented to the Governing Board at its August 8 meeting.

"This award is a testament to Sweetwater Authority's commitment to open government," said Teresa "Terry" Thomas, Governing Board Chair. "The entire district staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight." To receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of 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.

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, wastewater treatment, 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 to meet specific needs through focused service. They can be specially molded to serve large regions or small neighborhoods depending on the need.

*Sweetwater Authority, a joint powers public agency, provides public water service to approximately 189,000 people residing in National City and the South Bay Irrigation District (which includes portions of Chula Vista and most of Bonita).*

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