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Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Nipomo Community Services District

On May 22, 2013, Nipomo Community Services District received news it had 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 is a testament to the Nipomo Community Services District’s commitment to open government,” said Michael LeBrun, General Manager. “District staff and our elected Board of Directors are 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 Nipomo Community Services 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 newsletters and community transparency reviews.

The Nipomo Community Services District operates one water system and two sewer systems; one serving the Town Division and one serving the Blacklake Division. They provide the following services to their residents: water, wastewater, solid waste franchise, street lighting in the Blacklake division and drainage to a limited area.

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.

Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 9AM, District Board Room 148 South Wilson, Nipomo

For more information, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133 or visit www.ncsd.ca.gov.

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Established in 1965 to meet the health and sanitation needs of the local community, Nipomo Community Services is pleased to provide a wide variety of services throughout its district including the provision of water, sewer, and waste management services as well as lighting and drainage in limited areas. The mission of Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.