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ETWD Receives Prestigious State Award Recognizing their Ongoing Commitment to Stewardship and Governance

El Toro Water District is one of only four districts in the state of California to receive reaccreditation as a District of Distinction for three consecutive years.

Lake Forest, CA – First accredited as a District of Distinction in 2007, El Toro Water District was recently reaccredited for a record third time. Awarded by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), District of Distinction is one of the most prestigious local government awards in California.

The District, which supplies water to the city of Laguna Woods and portions of the cities of Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo and Aliso Viejo, was honored with the 2012 reaccreditation award at the Association of California Water Agencies 2012 Spring Conference & Exhibition held last week.

"This reaccreditation demonstrates that El Toro Water District's elected officials and staff understand and respect the responsibilities inherent in providing essential public services in a fiscally responsible manner," says Neil McCormick, SDLF Administrator. "This recognition also highlights the significant efforts the District has made in going above and beyond as a public agency in California."

The accreditation criteria is comprehensive and includes the submission of financial audits, current and relevant policies and procedures, and proof of training completed by each of the District's Board members and executive staff in ethics, governance and leadership. The application process also requires a detailed analysis of District records, policies and procedures, and a commitment by the Board of Directors and the executive staff to continued education.

"Special districts provide the most efficient, responsive local service to California communities and yet, too often they do not receive the recognition that they deserve," says McCormick. "The District of Distinction program was created to provide Districts with a means to demonstrate their value as providers of essential public services."

“The Board of Directors and staff at El Toro Water District work diligently to provide our customers with a safe and reliable supply of water and wastewater service in an environmentally and economically responsible manner,” shares Bob Hill, General Manager of El Toro Water District. “It is very gratifying to be recognized by the SDLF for our ongoing commitment to public service.”

For more information about the District and its commitment to good governance, visit www.etwd.com or call 949.837.7050.

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The Special District Leadership Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to provide educational opportunities to special district/local government employees and to its elected and appointed officials to enhance services provided to the public by special districts in California.

The mission of the El Toro Water District is to provide its customers a safe, adequate and reliable supply of water and wastewater service in an environmentally and economically responsible way.