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VID RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS STATEWIDE RECOGNITION FOR GOVERNANCE *Vista Irrigation District one of only four special districts statewide to receive Gold Recognition.*

Vista, CA—

The Vista Irrigation District (district) has received the Gold Recognition in Special District Governance award and directors Marty Miller and Randy Reznicek received individual Recognition in Special District Governance for completing the Special District Leadership Academy. The awards were presented at the May 11, 2016 District Board meeting by a representative from the Special District Leadership Foundation.

The district is one of only four special districts in California to receive Gold Recognition in Special District Governance, which requires all directors to complete the Special District Leadership Academy and 10 hours of continuing education. Directors Miller and Reznicek join directors Richard Vásquez, Jo MacKenzie and Paul Dorey in receiving Recognition in Special District Governance.

The Academy is a curriculum-based continuing education program that recognizes the necessity for the board and general manager to work closely toward a common goal and is comprised of four courses: Governance Foundations, Setting Direction/Community Leadership, Board's Role in Human Resources, and Board's Role in Finance and Fiscal Accountability. Each course's curriculum has been created by special districts and agreed upon as to what governing officials of special districts should know with regard to each topic. The Special District Leadership Foundation has endorsed the Academy as the core special district governance training in California.

There are over 2,300 independent special districts in the state of California that provide essential services such as water, sewer, fire protection, and parks and recreation.

The Special District Leadership Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 127,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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