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SPECIAL DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

December 4, 2019

Marina West
Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
622 South Jemez Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

RE: District of Distinction

Dear Ms. West:

Congratulations! Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency has successfully completed the District of Distinction accreditation through the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

On behalf of the SDLF Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate your district on achieving this important accreditation. By completing this program, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency has proven its dedication to being fully transparent as well as open and accessible to the public and other stakeholders.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to excellence in local government.

Most sincerely,

David Aranda
SDLF Board President



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 13, 2019

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Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Recognized as “District of Distinction”

Yucca Valley, CA — The Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency received the “District of Distinction” accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations.

“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 certified general managers.

In addition, the district’s 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.

Furthermore, to receive the recognition, the district’s website must include posting of transparency requirements, including: election procedure and deadlines, posted board meeting schedule 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.

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.