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# DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT

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October 28, 2019

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

RE: District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approval

Dear Ms. West:

Congratulations! Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency has successfully completed the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence program 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 certificate. By completing the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence 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**

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

**Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency**

Yucca Valley, CA — The Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency 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 Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency’s commitment to open government,” said, Marina West, General Manager “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.