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**EL TORO WATER DISTRICT RECEIVES
DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION ACCREDITATION FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE
TIME**

First accredited as a District of Distinction in 2007, El Toro Water District continues to play a leadership role in terms of fiscal responsibility and their strong commitment to education.

Sacramento, CA (March 16, 2012) – The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) is pleased to recognize El Toro Water District for once again satisfying the stringent requirements necessary to be reaccredited as a District of Distinction.

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.

"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. This recognition also highlights the significant efforts the District has made in going above and beyond as a public agency in California," said Neil McCormick, SDLF Administrator.

El Toro Water District – which serves the city of Laguna Woods and portions of the cities of Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo and Aliso Viejo in Orange County– was first awarded the District of Distinction accreditation in 2007 and earned reaccreditation in 2009.

“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 a 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.”

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About the SDLF

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) is a non-profit organization formed to promote excellence in special districts of all types throughout California. SDLF provides opportunities for special districts and their elected officials and staff to strive to be among the best and receive recognition for their efforts through certificate, accreditation and certification programs.

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