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### EVWD RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPARENCY

*Special District Leadership Foundation Recognized East Valley Water District*

**Highland, Calif., (September 24, 2018)** – Operating under the principles of transparency as a commitment and responsibility to the community, East Valley Water District has taken steps to make financial reports and other information easily accessible to the public. Through these efforts, the District is proud to announce it has been recognized with the Transparency Certificate of Excellence Award by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

“As a public agency committed to serving our community, we embrace our responsibility of making District information readily available,” said Board Chairman Chris Carrillo. “We are honored to be recognized with this award.”

To receive the award, the District met essential governance transparency requirements, including creating a website transparency portal, holding ethics trainings for its Board of Directors and management, holding open and public meetings for community members to attend, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller.

“An empowered and knowledgeable community contributes to the success of any public organization,” said John Mura, General Manager/CEO. “Through the website transparency portal, our customers can see how rates are being used to fund operations and also stay informed on District matters.”

This is the first time the District has received this award. It has also been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for transparency in financial documents.

For additional information please visit [www.eastvalley.org](http://www.eastvalley.org).

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*East Valley Water District* was formed in 1954 and provides water and wastewater services to over 102,000 residents within the City of Highland and portions of both the City and County of San Bernardino. EVWD operates under the direction of a 5-member elected Board. More information is available at [www.eastvalley.org](http://www.eastvalley.org).

#### **About Special District Leadership Foundation**

The Special District Leadership Foundation 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. For more information on SDLF, visit [www.sdlf.org](http://www.sdlf.org).