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RECOGNITION IN SPECIAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

A Program for Directors & Trustees.



# Dedicated to Excellence in Local Government

## **Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF)**

In recent years the task of governing public agencies has grown more complex, more regulated and more costly. New, more demanding benchmarks for effective government are required. In response, representatives of eight special district associations combined their resources and formed **SDLF** to provide high-quality, cost-effective professional development opportunities for special district public officials and administrative personnel.

**SDLF** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1999 as a collaborative effort of the special district community. Today it is supported by eight special district associations:

*Association of California Water Agencies  
California Association of Public Cemeteries  
California Association of Recreation & Park Districts  
California Association of Sanitation Agencies  
California Rural Water Association  
California Special Districts Association  
Fire Districts Association of California  
Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California*

*The **SDLF** Board of Directors includes a representative from each of these entities, as well as public members with expertise in local government.*



## Recognition in Special District Governance

This recognition is an opportunity for staff, board members and trustees to demonstrate to their constituents and fellow directors the extent of their commitment and dedication to providing the best possible service to the communities they serve.

The Special District Leadership Foundation, a collaborative effort of eight special district organizations, has developed the Recognition in Special District Governance program to recognize those who have shown that very commitment.

### **What is the Recognition program?**

Recognition in Special District Governance was designed to honor special district board members and trustees, and is comprised of two distinct parts: (1) the CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy, and (2) 10 hours of elective courses from one of the 8 special district partners listed on this brochure.

### **Who should apply?**

Anyone who has completed the four modules of the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy and has 10 elective courses from one of the 8 special district partners within the last 2 years.

### **What do you receive?**

Upon completion and verification of the application, and submission of the one-time fee, you will be recognized by receiving a certificate in a beautiful padded folder, along with recognition at each of the partner's annual conferences, recognition in the Special District Leadership Foundation's Quarterly Report for the quarter in which you were awarded and the education and knowledge of knowing and proving you did it!

### **District Recognition**

In addition to Recognitions given to individual directors, there is also a District Recognition. Districts that have a majority of their governing board holding Recognitions will receive a Silver Recognition, and districts with their entire board holding Recognitions will receive a Gold Recognition. District Recognitions will be presented at a sponsoring association's annual conference.

### **How long is the recognition good for?**

This is recognition for a lifetime. All you need to do is keep SDLF apprised anytime you change jobs, address, etc.

### **Fees**

- Individual Recognition: \$65.
- District Recognition: free of charge.


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## Recognition in Special District Governance

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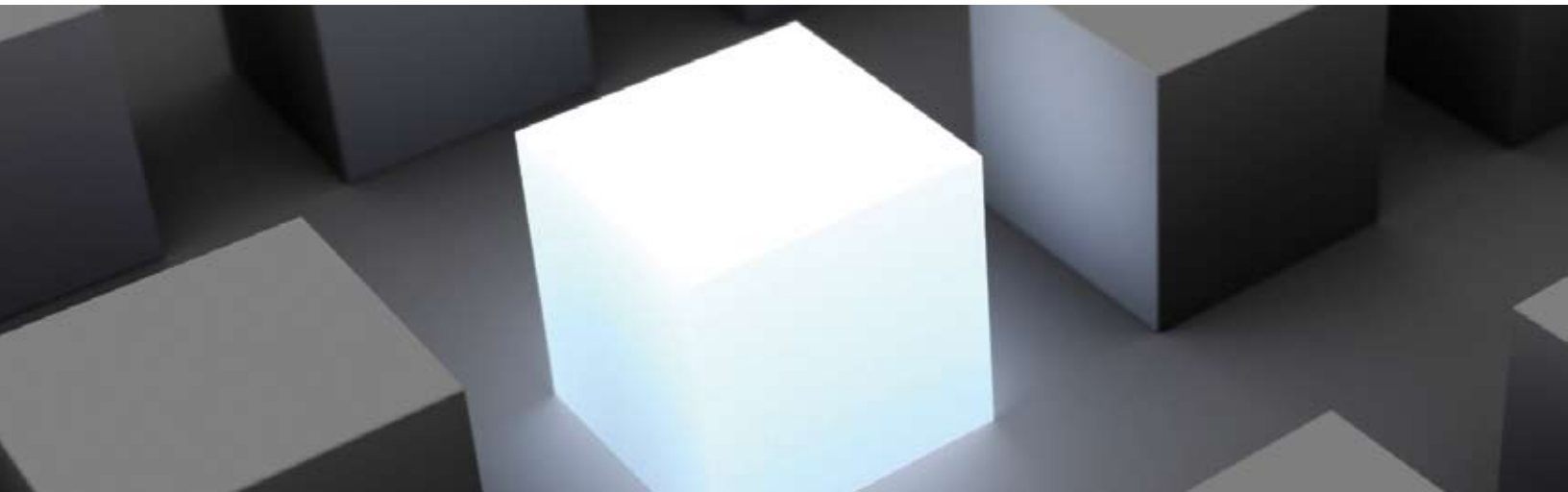
- 1 Special District Leadership Academy
- 2 Elective courses (10 hours required)

Please provide details, dates and appropriate documentation. Use additional pages if necessary.

1  Special District Leadership Academy	
Class	Date taken
Module 1 <b>Governance Foundations</b>	
Module 2 <b>Setting Direction &amp; Community Leadership</b>	
Module 3 <b>Board's Role in Finance &amp; Fiscal Accountability</b>	
Module 4 <b>Board's Role in Human Resources</b>	

Please attach any verifying documentation.

2 Electives (10 hours required)				
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**Recognition in Special District Governance**

Submit this application along with all required documentation and payment to:

**Special District Leadership Foundation**  
1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814  
t: 916.231.2939 f: 916.442.7889 www.sdlf.org

Name

District

Contact name and title

Address

City State Zip

Phone Fax

Email

Use additional pages if necessary.

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