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### **Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District**

Fresno, CA — The **Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District** 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 **Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District’s** commitment to open government,” said Alan Hofmann, 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.

The **Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District** provides flood control and urban storm water services in a 399-square mile watershed located between the Kings and San Joaquin Rivers, serving roughly 650,000 people for both urban and agricultural land uses.

It is the mission of the **Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District** to control storm and other surface water flows, preventing property damage, personal injury and inconvenience, while managing such waters for a long-term beneficial use within the District.

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 flood control, 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.

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