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THE COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AWARDED TRANSPARENCY CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

INDIO, CA, JUNE 11, 2014: The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (CVMVCD) announced today that it has been awarded the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation, making it the second mosquito and vector control district in the state to receive the distinction since the award program began in 2013. The award recognizes special districts that exemplify outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

“The District has worked especially hard in recent years to ensure transparency and open government,” says District General Manager Branka Lothrop, PhD. “Our staff are committed to empowering the public with information to facilitate awareness and engagement, and this award is a testament to their responsible stewardship.”

A Special District must complete eight essential governance transparency requirements to be considered for the award, including ethics training for all board members, conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner. CVMVCD also fulfilled 15 website requirements and demonstrated regular community outreach in its governance.

Of the 2,182 independent special districts in California only 61 have been awarded the Transparency Certificate of Excellence. Special districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as healthcare, water, sanitation, fire protection, parks and recreation and more.

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The award is given out by a non-profit organization supported by the California Special Districts Association to promote good governance and best practices.

CVMVCD is a special district whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for our community by providing effective and environmentally sound vector control and disease prevention programs through research, development and awareness.

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