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Coastside Fire Protection District Recognized as “District of Distinction”

Half Moon Bay, CA - CAL FIRE San Mateo/Santa Cruz Unit. The Coastside Fire Protection District received the “District of Distinction” accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations. This is the first time Coastside Fire Protection District has received this biannual accreditation.

“SDLF provides an independent audit review of the last three years of the district’s operations to ensure prudent fiscal practices,” said Neil McCormick, SDLF Chief Executive Officer. The committee members who review the audits are volunteers from the special district community, including district controllers, directors of finance and certified general managers.

In addition, the district’s board of directors and executive staff must also show proof of educational training in public governance, as well as compliance with ethics and harassment training.

Furthermore, in order to receive the recognition, the district’s website must include posting of transparency requirements, including; election procedure and deadlines, posted board meeting schedule and agendas, current district budget, most recent financial audit, and a list of compensation of board members and staff or a link to the State Controller’s webpage with the data.

Through a cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE, the Coastside Fire Protection District provides the fire protection services for the City of Half Moon Bay and the Communities of Montara, Moss Beach, Princeton, El Granada and Miramar in addition to the surrounding unincorporated areas with a total District size of 50 square miles and a population of 30,000 residents. The District operates three fire stations to provide the emergency services. Fire Station 40 is located within the downtown are of the City of Half Moon Bay, Fire Station 41 is located within the unincorporated area of El Granada and Fire Station 44 is located within the Moss Beach area of the District.

SDLF is and independent, non-profit organization formed to provide good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

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