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Paul Cole  
Assistant Fire Chief  
Coastside Fire Protection District Headquarters  
1191 Main Street  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Re: SDLF District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

Dear Paul:

Congratulations to the Coastside Fire Protection District, its board of directors and staff on your receipt of recognition from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

United States Supreme Court Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis famously stated that "sunlight is the best disinfectant." The Coastside Fire Protection District's effort to promote transparency and open government has been a ray of sunshine; a model of best practices that all should follow.

Your commitment to ethics training, open and public meetings, and the timely filing of financial and compensation reports is to be commended. The District's maintenance of a website that provides readily available board agendas, past minutes, current district budget information and the most recent financial audit is exemplary.

These achievements, along with the Coastside Fire Protection District's continuing commitment to and support of community-based safety and disaster preparedness programs, are deserving of the important recognition bestowed by the SDLF.

Well done! And best wishes for continued success.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry Hill".

Jerry Hill  
Senator, 13<sup>th</sup> District

