



# COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

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## COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT RECOGNIZED AS “DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION”

**Costa Mesa, CA** — The Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) received the “District of Distinction” accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations.

“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 prevention training.

Furthermore, 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.

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.

“Our District’s core values include fiduciary responsibility, integrity, and transparency – all of which are reflected in SDLF’s District of Distinction accreditation. Therefore, it is with great pride that we receive this accreditation for the twelfth consecutive year,” said CMSD Board President Robert Ooten.

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**About CMSD:** Formed in 1944, CMSD is an independent special district that provides solid waste and wastewater collection services to a population of approximately 116,700 in Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, and unincorporated Orange County. For more information and the latest CMSD news, visit [www.cmsdca.gov](http://www.cmsdca.gov) and follow CMSD on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). To get in touch with CMSD staff, email [info@cmsdca.gov](mailto:info@cmsdca.gov) or call (949) 645- 8400.