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**LVMWD Awarded “Certificate of Excellence”  
For Transparency in Operations and Governance**

CALABASAS, CA November 13, 2013 – Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) has been awarded the “District Transparency Certificate of Excellence” by the Special District Leadership Foundation for the District’s efforts to promote transparency in its operations and governance to the public.

To qualify for the Certificate of Excellence, an agency must demonstrate extensive and sustained efforts at transparency, some examples include: documented ethics training for board members, timely filings of financial reports with the state Controller’s office, website content that includes the names, biographies and terms of board members, at least three years of financial audits, evidence of community outreach through the website and via customer newsletters and a review of the submitted materials by a panel of outside community leaders.

“It is a high honor to have our transparency efforts recognized by the Foundation,” said LVMWD general manager David W. Pedersen. “This award confirms our commitment to the community as an agency dedicated to the highest standards of ethical conduct and providing access to the public in all aspects of our operations, including governance and financial management.”

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Based in Sacramento, the Special District Leadership Foundation was founded in 1999 as a non-profit entity, “to provide educational opportunities to special district officials and employees to enhance service to the public provided by special districts in California.”

Las Virgenes MWD provides potable water, wastewater treatment, recycled water and biosolids composting services to residents of the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and adjacent unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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