



LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Lake Shastina Community Services District

Weed, CA – The Lake Shastina Community Services District (LSCSD) received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

“This award is a testament to the Lake Shastina Community Services District’s commitment to open government,” said Karl Drexel, General Manager. “The entire District staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight.”

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

The Lake Shastina Community Services District also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current District budget, and the most recent financial audit.

Finally, the District must demonstrate outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance, through a regular District newsletter and an annual informational public budget hearing.

The Lake Shastina Community Services District was formed in 1979 and provides a number of services to most of the Lake Shastina area. These services include domestic water, wastewater, and public safety (fire, police, and animal control).

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.

Special districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as water, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, mosquito abatement, ports, libraries, public cemeteries, and more. Districts are established by voters and their funding is approved

by voters in order to meet specific needs through focused service. They can be specially molded to serve large regions or small neighborhoods depending on the need.

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The mission of the Lake Shastina Community Services District is to protect the public health, safety, and environment of its constituents by providing high quality water, wastewater, and public safety services in a safe, efficient, and financially responsible manner.