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**San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District Awarded District
Transparency Certificate of Excellence**

Burlingame, CA – January 9, 2017 – In recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance, San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District has been awarded the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF).

“This award is a testament to the District’s commitment to open government,” stated San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District Manager Dr. Chindi Peavey. “The entire San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District staff should be commended for their ongoing efforts to provide transparent communication to the public.”

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 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 newsletters, special community engagement projects, and a community transparency review.

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.

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