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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

**McKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RECOGNIZED
AS "DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION"**

McKinleyville, CA – The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) received the "District of Distinction" accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations. MCSD's General Manager, Greg Orsini explains, "MCSD Board of Directors included this goal in our strategic plan two years ago and we are pleased that our standard business practices made this accomplishment achievable in such a short time."

"SDLF provide 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, in order 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.

McKinleyville Community Services District was created on April 7, 1970 and provides water, wastewater treatment, streetlights, park and recreational services. The District boundary

encompasses 12,140 acres ranging from North Bank Road on the south to Patrick's Creek on the north. The District is an independent, special district governed by a five member Board of Directors elected by McKinleyville's voters, and has over 5,300 active water services and 4,470 active sewer connections.

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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