

## CSDA Says Thank You with Free Ethics Training

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Thank you for renewing your membership in CSDA. We appreciate your investment and continued support of this association.

As promised, we are offering your entire board of directors and staff access to free AB 1234 Ethics Compliance Training, just for renewing your dues by the January 1, 2011 deadline. This is an on-demand training that your staff and board can take at their convenience on a computer of their choice. The training will be available during the months of January and February of 2012 and you will receive access and full instructions during the first week of January 2012.

We also encourage you to take advantage of the full range of benefits we offer:

- Excellent educational programs
- Access to cost-effective risk management services and tax-exempt financings
- Listserv and other communication tools
- Added-value benefit programs like discounted group purchasing
- One hour free legal advice per year/per district
- Online bookstore with discounted member pricing
- Free downloadable publications

CSDA is known for our strong collective voice at the Capitol and our quality education programs. In addition, we continue to develop programs and services designed to make your district, staff and representatives more successful and effective in serving your constituencies.

Should you ever have any questions or need assistance, please make CSDA your first call at (877) 924-2732. And, once again, thank you for your support!

## CSDA e-News

Monday, November 28, 2011

On November 17, 2011, the Kensington Fire Protection District became reaccredited as a District of Distinction through the Special District Leadership Foundation. The District of Distinction accreditation is one of the most prestigious local government awards in the state of California. This award clearly validates the Kensington Fire Protection District's commitment to good governance and to ethical and sound operating practices.

As of November 2011, the following are SDLF's Districts of Distinction:

1. Bear Valley Community Services District
2. Chico Area Recreation & Park District
3. Chino Valley Independent Fire District
4. Costa Mesa Sanitary District
5. El Toro Water District
6. Kensington Fire Protection District
7. Kern County Cemetery District
8. Leucadia Wastewater District
9. Mesa Consolidated Water District
10. North County Cemetery District
11. Olivenhain Municipal Water District
12. Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District
13. San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District
14. Stege Sanitary District
15. Vista Irrigation District

### Interested in Becoming a District of Distinction?

Special districts provide the most efficient, responsive local services to California communities and yet they have been under frequent scrutiny by the media and Legislature, which allege that special districts are often invisible and unaccountable.

SDLF has developed the District of Distinction program to help correct these misperceptions by providing districts with a means for proactively demonstrating their viability as providers of essential public services.

### Why become a District of Distinction?

Prove your district understands and respects the responsibilities inherent to providing essential public services in a fiscally responsible manner.

Earn the right to use the program's seal on district materials.

Receive a plaque honoring the district's accomplishments.

Have SDLF issue press releases and notify legislators on the district's behalf.

Submit your application to become a District of Distinction by clicking [here](#) to go to the application. Or contact Neil McCormick, SDLF Administrator, at (916) 231-2939.