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Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

West Covina, Calif. (December 11, 2023) — The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD/District) 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. To receive the award, the District demonstrated the completion of 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.

"This award is a testament to San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District's commitment to open government," said Jason Farned, SGVMVCD District Manager. "Our staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight."

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 public health, mosquito abatement, utility, wastewater treatment, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, ports, libraries, public cemeteries, and more. Districts are established by voters and their funding is approved by voters to meet specific needs through focused service. They can be specially molded to serve large regions or small neighborhoods depending on the need.

For more information, contact the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at 626-814-9466, online at SGVmosquito.org, or on social media: <u>Facebook</u>, X, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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About SGVMVCD

SGVMVCD is one of five vector control districts in Los Angeles County. Year-round, the agency monitors stagnant water sources, such as gutters, storm drains, channels and non-functional swimming pools. The agency also routinely monitors populations of adult mosquitoes using traps and tests groups of adult female mosquitoes for the presence of <u>WNV</u> and other mosquito-borne diseases. In addition, the agency submits samples from dead birds, such as crows, for testing, which can provide insight into the spread of WNV.