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Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Earns Excellence in Transparency Certificate

San Rafael, CA (January 6, 2026) — Last month, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District was awarded 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 recognition underscores Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District’s long-standing commitment to fostering transparency and upholding the highest standards of open government,” said, Curtis Paxton, the District’s General Manager. *“Achieving this honor would not be possible without the exceptional work of our staff, whose commitment to transparency empowers the public and strengthens engagement and oversight.”*

To earn this award, a special district must show it has met a comprehensive set of critical government transparency standards. Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District’s completed efforts include conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings in full compliance with the Brown Act, adoption of policies related to public records act requests, annual disclosure of reimbursements to board and staff, and filing accurate financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner, and many others. The District also met 20 key website transparency standards and criteria. This certificate will remain valid through 2028.

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.

The Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary Sewer District serves 30,000 customers in the northern San Rafael area and manages approximately 105 miles of sewage collection pipelines. In addition to the wastewater treatment plant, the District also produces recycled water and is involved in solar and biogas power generation, garbage collection, and a multi-faceted reclamation project, which includes a wildlife pond, irrigated pastures, recycled water storage ponds, and a saltwater marsh. Visit www.lgvsd.org to learn more.

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