



CONFIRE

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 21, 2022

**FROM: Mike Bell, Acting Director
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TO: CONFIRE Board of Directors

SUBJECT: District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Accreditation

On December 7, 2021, CONFIRE submitted an application for the District Transparency Certification of Excellence with Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). 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 SDLF and its activities are supported by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA). There are no fees for this certificate and is valid for three years.

This accreditation was created in an effort to promote transparency in the operations and governance of special districts to the public and to provide special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency. Three main subject areas: Basic Transparency Requirements; Website Requirements; and Outreach Requirements.

On June 3, 2022, we received notification that our application was approved. To receive the award, CONFIRE 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.

CONFIRE plans to accept the accreditation award during CSDA's Annual Conference in Palm Desert, CA on August 24, 2022.

This accreditation is valid until June 2025. CONFIRE plans to reapply for re-accreditation at that time.

Enclosed: Approval Letter