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San Diego County Chapter Honored at Statewide Conference

San Diego, CA — The San Diego County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has received the Chapter of the Year award for 2014. The award was presented by CSDA at its annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase. The San Diego Chapter currently has 44 active members and advocates for education, good governance for members, and promotes public outreach about special districts. Kathleen Hedberg, Chapter President and Board Director of the Helix Water District, accepted the award on behalf of the Chapter.



Left to Right: Brent Ives, BHI Management Consulting; Chapter President, Helix Water District Board Director Kathleen Hedberg; Chapter Board Director, Leucadia Wastewater District Director Elaine Sullivan; Chapter Board Secretary, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District Director Diana Towne.

The award was presented in recognition of the Chapter's successful Educational Outreach Grant program where teachers receive grants that fund projects leading to a better

understanding of the role special districts play in local communities. For the 2013/14 school year, 13 grant recipients received over \$8,000 in grants from the Chapter. State Senator Jean Fuller, Assembly Member Brian Nestande, former Assembly Member Bonnie Garcia, and Katie Kolitsos, the Special Assistant to Assembly Speaker Toni G. Atkins, were in attendance to support the honorees.



Chapter President, Helix Water District Board Director Kathleen Hedberg accepting award from Brent Ives, BHI Management Consulting.

“I am thrilled to receive this award”, said Kathleen Hedberg, Chapter President. “Our Chapter’s board of directors works hard to provide great programs that support local special districts. The grant program was developed to help increase knowledge and awareness of why special districts are the most efficient and cost effective form of local government. It also helps to educate the public about the core services special districts provide, and it helps fund classroom programs. The teachers are very excited to receive additional help for classroom projects.”

The criteria for this award included an affiliated chapter nominated for its effectiveness in outreach, involvement and creativity with activities on behalf of all districts in the chapter’s territory, and/or an ongoing commitment to continuing education.

The grant program is open to all local high schools, middle and elementary schools and is awarded annually. If you are interested in more information about the 2014/15 grant program, contact your local special district or Kathleen Hedberg at (619) 660-7487, kchedberg@cox.net.

About the California Special Districts Association

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is a 501c(6), not-for-profit association that was formed in 1969 to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy and other services for all types of independent special districts. Local special district chapters are an integral part of CSDA's communication, advocacy and education efforts throughout the state.