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**The Leucadia Wastewater District Vice President
Receives Recognition in
Special District Governance Award**

The Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) Vice President Donald Omsted recently received the Special District Governance certification from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) at the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Mid-Year Conference in Palm Springs on January 14, 2010. To receive this certification, Omsted completed four courses provided by the SDLF Governance Academy and a minimum of ten hours of continuing education.



Vice President Donald Omsted

The Governance Academy focused on Special District Governance, Finance, Community Leadership, and the Board's Role in Human Resources. Each course helped Board members learn how to develop a unity of purpose on their board, understand, and work within their role in the district, build a strong, positive operational culture, and organize the formal structure of a board.

The courses must be completed within five years and are taught by a faculty of Directors, managers, attorneys, active consultants and advisors who specialize in Special Districts and Local Government. For Omsted, this certificate represents tangible evidence of his professionalism and commitment to continuing education in special districts governance.

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Background: Leucadia Wastewater District was formed in 1959 to collect, transport, treat, and dispose of wastewater. The District provides service to about 60,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area that includes La Costa, Leucadia, and the Village Park area of Encinitas. The District disposes of about 4 million gallons of treated wastewater daily.

The District's operations feature the use of advanced technology. Pipelines are regularly video-inspected to assure that they are secure and leak free. Computer mapping systems and mathematical modeling are used to design and maintain facilities so that they work under all conditions, at all times.

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