



## **RMWD DIRECTORS VISIT SACRAMENTO TO ADDRESS WATER POLICY ISSUES**

In May 2017, a delegation from Rainbow MWD joined some of our local government representatives at the California Special District Association's Legislative Days event in Sacramento. The annual event allows numerous opportunities to provide first-hand information to our legislators about the topics that directly affect our ratepayers with an emphasis on reducing some of the burdensome regulations related to water supply. It is also a great avenue to meet with some of California's legislators in person as well as network with peers as pictured below.

Concentrated on essential components of special districts, this event allows us a forum to educate policymakers on the core services our district provides and propose significant ways for supporting and adding value to our local communities. We appreciate the ongoing commitment and efforts of our local legislators, especially Assemblywoman Marie Waldron, in their support on issues that significantly impact our local communities.



Pictured above from left to right: Bill Steward (Rainbow MWD Director), Marilyn Huntamer (Resource Conservation District Representative), Mike Sannella (Vallecitos WD Director), Michael Mack, (Rainbow MWD Director), Marie Waldron (75<sup>th</sup> District Assembly Member), Miguel Gasca (Rainbow MWD Director), Jo MacKenzie (Vista Irrigation District Director), Tom Kennedy (Rainbow MWD General Manager), and Hayden Hamilton (Rainbow MWD Director).

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**FEATURE SPOTLIGHT**

**SPECIAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION**

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), a partner organization of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) allows individuals who have documented experience in special District governance and community engagement to apply to take an examination in order to receive the Special District Administrator Certification. Earlier this year, General Manager, Tom Kennedy successfully passed this examination and was presented with this SDLF accreditation at the CSDA Legislative Days conference in Sacramento. This certification acknowledges a high-level knowledge and expertise in the area of special district management and governance, and a strong commitment to the community. This certification helps document and recognize a candidate's knowledge, skills and capabilities as a special district administrator.

The program was created by the SDLF in an effort to promote transparency in the operations and governance of special districts. General Manager, Tom Kennedy commented, "This is one of the many significant ways the District demonstrates its continued efforts to effectively operate and govern." Mr. Kennedy added, "Earning this certificate is a tangible acknowledgement of our commitment to being open and accessible, engaging the public and engendering improved awareness of our district's activities."

The District in their commitment to its stakeholders continuously seeks valuable, economically viable, and effective educational opportunities for its officials and employees to enhance the District's service to the public. Out of the over 2000 independent special Districts in California, less than 60 individuals have received this certification.

**COMMITTEES SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**

The District has three committees comprised of volunteer district ratepayers who offer their time and effort towards assisting staff and the Board in running the District. Currently our Communications and Budget and Finance Committee are looking for volunteers who have an interest in helping successfully promote the District's strategic plan objectives.

The Communications Committee supports the District's outreach and communication programs including: positive public image; positive staff relationships; community outreach; media relations; water use efficiency programs; intergovernmental relations; and other public relations programs. Meetings are typically the first Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

The Budget and Finance Committee is responsible for the review of District finances including: rates, fees, charges and other sources of revenue; budget; audit; investments; insurance; and other financial matters. Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Our Engineering Committee currently has full complements.

If you would like to be considered for an appointment to either of these committees, please contact the District at 760-728-1178.