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FORA EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECEIVES SPECIAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION

Michael A. Houlemard, Jr., executive officer of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), has been certified as a Special Districts Administrator (SDA) by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF). SDLF, located in Sacramento, is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation and recognition programs.

Special districts are independent public agencies delivering core services to communities, such as water, fire protection, parks and recreation, health care, sanitation, mosquito abatement, ports, libraries, public cemeteries and other services. Special districts are established to address specific community needs and may serve large regions or smaller community areas depending on the identified need and purpose.

FORA is responsible for planning, financing, implementing, and monitoring the adopted Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan which governs redevelopment of the former Fort Ord Military installation, a 45-square mile/28,000-acre facility within California's Central Coast region.

The SDA Certification documents and recognizes a candidate's knowledge, skills and capabilities through an examination process addressing governance, legal requirements, policy development, public finance, records, budget, audit and purchasing, strategic planning, ethics, and public service and public/customer relations. Certification is valid for four years and requires completion of 75 additional continuing education credits during the certification period.

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