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TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT (TUD) DIRECTOR ROBERT BEHEE RECOGNITION IN SPECIAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

SONORA, CA: As Vice President of the Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) Board, and a member since December 2008, Bob Behee is the first TUD Board member who has been able to find the time needed to complete the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) Leadership Academy. The modules include such diverse areas as community relations, finance and human resources which will help Board members in their guidance/decision-making process.

Bob Behee was a water treatment superintendant, for Modesto Irrigation District. As the newest member of the TUD Board, "He hit the ground running, and these modules help Bob function effectively and efficiently in his new role as a Board member, versus an employee in the water services business," said Pete Kampa, TUD General Manager. The SDLF course adds a lot to his skills. The modules he completed help him understand his new role in a governance position and help him to function effectively and efficiently, among the myriad of laws and regulations governing special districts, for the benefit of TUD and its customers.

In April, 2009, Bob Behee completed the four modules of the SDLF Leadership Academy covering governance, human resources, finance, and community relations. He subsequently completed an additional 10 hours of continuing education on special district governance in April 2010. The educational benefit provides the individual with an understanding of the role of the governance process and the importance of the teamwork necessary to effectively function on a board. Tremendous personal commitment of time and resources is required in order to complete the modules and receive this award, because each module requires one day of training at varying cities throughout the state.

The SDLF was formed in 1999 to provide educational opportunities to Special District officials and employees to enhance service to the public provided by Special Districts in California. It is dedicated to excellence in local government. To date, SDLF has designed and implemented the Special District Administrator Certification program and the Recognition in Special District Governance. The SDA Certification is for management staff of the district, and the Recognition is for the governing board members or trustees.

President Joseph Day presented Vice President Bob Behee with a resolution and certificates honoring him for his achievement in Special District Governance during the Board meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2010.