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January 11, 2016

Mr. Daniel R. Ferons  
General Manager  
Santa Margarita Water District  
26111 Antonia Parkway  
Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688

Dear Mr. Ferons,

On behalf of the California State Senate, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to you, the Board of Directors and the entire Santa Margarita Water District staff for being the recipient of the Special District Leadership Foundation's District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

Transparency is one of the most important qualities our local governments can practice. Taxpayers should easily have the ability to know exactly how their money is being spent. I applaud you and the district on this accomplishment.

The Santa Margarita Water District can now add this important honor to their already leading innovations in water reliability and wastewater treatment. It is my hope many others will follow your example.

Again, congratulations on reaching this significant milestone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat C. Bates", written over a horizontal line.

PATRICIA C. BATES  
Senator, 36<sup>th</sup> District

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