**Sample Press Release**

**(District) Receives ($Amount) Funding for (Project/Program/Services)**

The (name of special district) announced it has received ($amount) in funding, which it plans to use for (describe project/program/services benefiting the community that the money could likely be used for). The funding is made available from a $100 million allocation provided by the State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom in the 2021-2022 State Budget.

“(Quote from Special District leader – speak directly to how the use of these funds/what this project will mean for the community and your constituents),” said (name/title). “We’re extremely grateful for this support.”

(Use this section to write 2-3 sentences on what this special district is, what it does, etc.)

This funding arrives after special districts across California experienced budget and staff cuts necessitated as a result of the COVID pandemic. Throughout 2020 and 2021, California’s special districts provided essential services to their local communities, maintained a large portion of the state’s critical infrastructure, and employed thousands of front-line workers, but initially received none of the COVID relief funding available to cities and counties.

“Special districts are addressing our biggest statewide challenges, all at the local level,” said Neil McCormick, CEO of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). We applaud Governor Newsom and our Legislature for recognizing this and responding to our requests for partnership. Special districts make a difference throughout California and this funding will make a difference in the communities special districts serve.”

Statewide, more than 2,000 independent special districts across the state serve the needs of all 40 million Californians at some level, and more than 60 percent of these local agencies provide specialized services to a disadvantaged community.

# # #

*About (Special District):*

**About CSDA**: The California Special Districts Association is a 501c(6), not-for-profit association representing more than 2,000 independent special districts that provide water, sanitation, fire protection, park and recreation, healthcare, electricity, port and harbor, resource conservation, library, cemetery, and other specialized community services throughout California.