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### **VISTA SCHOOLS RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS**

*Vista Magnet Middle School and North County Trade Tech High School awarded \$1,000 grants from the San Diego Chapter of the California Special Districts Association.*

Vista, CA—

The San Diego Chapter of the California Special Districts Association recently announced that the Vista Magnet Middle School and North County Trade Tech High School were recipients of \$1,000 educational grants. The Vista Irrigation District nominated these two schools for the grant awards.

The educational grant program provides funding for curriculum geared toward increasing students' knowledge and awareness of special districts and their roles in local government.

Vista Magnet Middle School's project, "Create a Society", will analyze the role that government, including special districts, plays in the lives of people everyday. As noted in the school's application, students will learn about the benefits and services of special districts that serve their geographical area, and the district's impact within their own community. Students will use what they learn about special districts to create their own society.

North County Trade Tech High School's project, "A Holistic View of Water and Fire", aims to create a water-wise and fire safe community. Funding from the grant will be used to add curriculum about water conservation, drought tolerant/fire resistant planting and defensible space. As part of the project, students will install water-saving devices at homes and small businesses and learn about defensible space from fire safety professionals.

The California Special Districts Association was formed in 1969 to represent the interests of local, independent special districts. The association has over 1,000 members and is the only statewide group representing all types of independent special districts, including water, fire, parks and recreation, cemetery and utility districts. The San Diego County chapter has 50 members.

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 126,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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