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#### **Administrative Office Hours**

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# Newsletter



## **HPUD History Continue:**

HPUD has employed 3 employee's and 5 board members' since 2/14/2008.

Lou Wheeler was an active member of the Herlong Community and worked for the District from 2003 until his retirement in 2020. Mr. Wheeler started as a utility helper and grew his knowledge and experience and received his wastewater and water certificates. Mr. Wheeler retired as the Head Operator of the District.

Pat Williams was hired in 2007 as the General Manager of the District for 13 years until his passing in 2020. Mr. Williams was an active Board member of both California Rural Water and National Rural Water. Mr. Williams also was one of the first to help Tom Hammond start the Sierra Alliance, a group to support the mission of the base and this community.

Current Board members are Johnny Everett, Jim Swistowicz, Eula Johnson, Lain Ayers, and Lee Harris. The District and staff appreciate their service to the District and the Community!

## **Herlong Public Utility District Recognized as "District of Distinction - GOLD"**

The Herlong Public Utility District (HPUD) received the "District of Distinction - GOLD" accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) for its sound fiscal management policies and practices in district operations. There are over 2200 Special Districts in California, only 41 have applied and received their Recognition for "District of Distinction" and only 3 including Herlong PUD have reached the Gold accreditation.

"SDLF provides an independent audit review of the last three years of the district's operations to ensure prudent fiscal practices," said Neil McCormick, SDLF Chief Executive Officer. The committee members who review the audits are volunteers from the special district community, including district controllers, directors of finance and certified general managers.

In addition, the district's board of directors and executive staff must also show proof of educational training in public governance, as well as compliance with ethics and harassment prevention training.

Furthermore, to receive the recognition, the district's website must include posting of transparency requirements, including posted board meeting schedule and agendas, current district budget, most recent financial audit, and a list of compensation of board members and staff or a link to the State Controller's webpage with the data.

HPUD is also 1 of 161 District that have received their accreditation for Transparency Certificate of Excellence. HPUD is striving to make a difference in their community.

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation, and other recognition programs.

## **Reminders:**

- **Utility Payments are due in Office by the 10th of every month, not postmarked. Late fees apply if received after due date or balance not paid in full**
- **PSN Help # 866-917-7368 (must have valid email and account #)**
- **FOOD PANTRY @ VFW HALL - 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month from 9am-12pm**

## **Upcoming Events & Meetings:**

- **Sierra Alliance Mtg- 9/28/22 @ HPUD Ofc 5:30pm**
- **Office closed 9/5/2022 in observance of Labor Day**
- **HPUD Board Meeting 9/13/22**
- **Billing 9/19/22**

## **Board of Directors**

Johnny Everett , President  
Jim Swistowicz, Vice President  
Lain Ayers, Secretary  
Eula Johnson, Director  
Lee Harris, Director

