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Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) Honors Special Districts and Individuals

Three Oregon special districts and four individuals were recognized on Saturday, February 9th at the 2019 SDAO Awards Banquet in Sunriver, Oregon. Each year, the SDAO Awards Program honors member districts for accomplishments which allow them to provide better service to the public and gives recognition to individuals who have greatly contributed to the success of their special district.

Nominations were collected throughout the year and reviewed by the SDAO Awards Committee. The winners were selected using a scoring matrix. The 2019 award categories and recipients include:

Outstanding Special District Program Award

Special districts are recognized for innovative projects and programs, outstanding safety, public information, public involvement in a district decision-making process, and outstanding achievement.

- **5 or Less Employees:** Banks Fire District
- **6-25 Employees:** Seal Rock Water District
- **26 or More Employees:** Deschutes County 911 Service District

Outstanding Special District Service Award

This category recognizes an individual board member, manager, staff member, or volunteer who has contributed substantially to the improvement and successful operation of his or her district.

- **Board Member:** Larry Lindsay, Port of Morrow
- **Manager:** Gary Neal, Port of Morrow
- **Employee:** Lanelle Comstock, Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
- **Volunteer:** Fred Meyer, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

The spring issue of the *SDAO News and Risk Management Review* will cover each award recipient and their achievements in greater detail. Videos of each award recipient are available at www.sdao.com/S4/Programs/Awards.aspx

Special Districts Association of Oregon represents over 900 special districts in the state of Oregon assisting them in providing cost-effective and efficient public services to the people of Oregon. For more information, please visit www.sdao.com.

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