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## MPWD COMMEMORATES SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK

BELMONT, CA (September, 2019) –Special Districts Week, September 22-28, was established by the California State Legislature earlier this year with bi-partisan approval of Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 89. The Mid-Peninsula Water District (MPWD) encourages residents and business/industry owners in Belmont, San Carlos, and San Mateo County to support Special Districts Week and continue their long-standing civic engagement with their local government.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of special districts to our communities. Local governance was the founding principle behind the establishment of special districts in the state of California more than 100 years ago. It’s just as important and vital today as it was back then,” states Tammy Rudock, MPWD’s General Manager. Louis Vella, MPWD Board President, added, “We not only encourage the involvement of customers within the oversight and functioning of MPWD as a special district itself, but also within their own city, county, and state through direct engagement and volunteerism.”

ACR 89 was sponsored by The California Special Districts Association (CSDA), which is a statewide association representing more than 1,000 special districts and affiliate organizations throughout the state. Special districts are local government entities created by a community’s residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure.

MPWD was formed in 1929 as a special district with the mission to provide quality water and service to Belmont, San Carlos, and San Mateo County. Celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, MPWD continues its commitment to that mission through ongoing capital improvement projects, sound financial planning, attention to customer service, and community outreach.

“Special districts are formed by residents to provide essential services that they want and need at the local level. They provide an opportunity to have local control while enhancing services that make communities thrive and survive,” said CSDA’s CEO Neil McCormick. He continued, “We appreciate the Legislature’s support in raising awareness and increasing understanding about the special districts that serve our State’s communities.”



**ABOUT THE MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT:** The MPWD has been functioning as a public utility since 1929, proudly providing service to the communities of Belmont and portions of San Carlos, Redwood City, and unincorporated San Mateo County. The District supplies water to 28,000 consumers within approximately five square miles. It is managed by a five-member elected Board of Directors and 17 full-time employees. For more details, go to the District’s website at [MidPeninsulaWater.org](http://MidPeninsulaWater.org)