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

Two Oregon special districts and five individuals were recognized on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the 2023 SDAO Annual Conference which was held at Sunriver Resort 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, and the winners were selected using a scoring matrix. The 2023 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 Fewer Employees:** White River Health District
- **26 or More Employees:** Deschutes Public Library

### **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:** John Dunn, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority
- **Manager:** Bev Bridgewater, West Extension Irrigation District
- **Employee:** Rob Cummings, Clackamas River Water
- **Volunteer:** Sunriver Public Safety Building Task Force, Sunriver Service District

### **Congressional Leadership Award**

*This award is presented to an Oregon legislator who has shown outstanding commitment and support to Oregon's special districts.*

- Senator Cedric Hayden

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/sdao-awards-program](http://www.sdao.com/sdao-awards-program).

Special Districts Association of Oregon represents over 920 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](http://www.sdao.com).

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