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Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) to Honor Special Districts and Individuals

Two Oregon special districts and four individuals will be recognized on Saturday, February 10th at the 2024 SDAO Annual Conference being held at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center in Seaside, 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 2024 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:** Elgin Health District
- **6-25 Employees:** Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation 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:** Michael Fox, Port of Hood River
- **Manager:** Brian Moore, Bay Area Hospital District
- **Employee:** Kris Schaedel, Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District
- **Volunteer:** Ed Horn, Two Rivers North Special Road 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 will be available at www.sdao.com/sdao-awards-program beginning February 12th.

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.

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