

*Midway City Sanitary District Awarded \$250,000 in State Cybersecurity Grant*

**Midway City, CA – January 7, 2025** – The Midway City Sanitary District (MCSD) is proud to announce it has been selected to receive a \$250,000 grant from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) under the FY 2024 State & Local Cybersecurity Grants for Local and Tribal Governments Program.

This prestigious award, which will support cybersecurity enhancements for the District, was made possible through the competitive funding process of the State and Local Cybersecurity (SL) Program. The grant will be allocated to MCSD for the performance period from December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, and is part of a statewide initiative to improve the cybersecurity posture of local governments and other public entities.

“We are honored and excited to be 1 of only 110 jurisdictions to receive this funding,” said Sergio Contreras, Board President of the Midway City Sanitary District. “Cybersecurity is a critical concern for public agencies, and this grant will allow us to invest in the necessary technology and resources to safeguard our operations and protect the sensitive data we manage. The award will help ensure that we can continue to provide essential services to our community without disruption or security vulnerabilities.”

The \$250,000 grant will be used to strengthen the District's cyber defenses, improve data protection measures, and enhance overall resilience against potential cyber threats. The funding will also support training and capacity-building for staff members to ensure that all systems are maintained in accordance with the highest standards of cybersecurity best practices.

This award is part of a broader effort by the State of California to assist local governments in addressing growing cybersecurity challenges. As cyberattacks become more frequent and sophisticated, this funding ensures that local entities have the resources needed to protect themselves and their constituents.

The Midway City Sanitary District is committed to leveraging this funding effectively and transparently, ensuring compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local guidelines throughout the duration of the project.

“We are grateful to Cal OES for this support, and we look forward to working diligently on this important project,” Contreras added.