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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

“This award demonstrates that the Valley Air District is preparing the highest quality reports that are clear and accessible to the public,” said Marcus Pimentel, Finance Director for the City of Santa Cruz. “It represents hours and hours and hours of work from their Finance department and agency. It’s a huge commitment to get there.”

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The award was presented to the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District at their November 13th, 2014 Governing Board meeting.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.