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SDA Honors Jim Zimmerman from Prospect Recreation and Park District as a 2017 Board Member of the Year Award Winner

DENVER-Jim Zimmerman, Chair of the Board of Prospect Recreation and Park District, was named one of four winners of the Special District Association of Colorado's 2017 Board Member of the Year Award.

The Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) presents this award annually to a special district board member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and service to their district. This year the remarkable contributions of the nominees resulted in a four-way tie for the Board Member of the Year Award. The awards were presented at the SDA Annual Awards Luncheon as part of the SDA Annual Conference which was held September 13-15 in Keystone, Colorado.

Zimmerman was appointed to the Board of Directors of Prospect Recreation and Park District in July 2007. He became Chair of the Board in 2013, and he has continued to serve as Chair since that time. Zimmerman has been an integral part of numerous capital improvements that have been made at Prospect since he came on to the Board. During his tenure, Prospect has built Crestview Park and Kendrick Cottage, constructed a major addition to Tanglewood Park, and implemented numerous improvements at many of Prospect's other parks. Zimmerman also assisted the District in negotiating an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County Open Space that will allow Prospect and Jeffco Open Space to construct a shared use parking lot on a property owned and managed by the District. Throughout 2015 and 2016, Zimmerman was instrumental in Prospect's acquisition of the Applewood Golf Course from Coors Brewing Co. He led the 2015 ballot initiative that requested voter approval of a \$9 million bond issue to purchase the golf course. Zimmerman then spent hundreds of hours in 2016 meeting with the seller and District constituents, gathering appraisals, negotiating for water to irrigate the property, and raising the remainder of the monies needed to complete the purchase (over \$4 million in grants). The local community had looked to Prospect to take the lead in protecting the golf course from being developed, and under Zimmerman's leadership, this beautiful and important piece of land will now and forever be a protected recreational amenity and open space.

Ann Terry, SDA's Executive Director, was thrilled to recognize the exceptional work of Zimmerman. "Jim is a very deserving winner of this award, and we are pleased for the opportunity to honor him and the extraordinary contributions he has made to his district."

About the Special District Association of Colorado

The Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) is a statewide membership organization created in 1975 to serve the interests of the special district form of local government in Colorado. Special districts fill a vital role in providing many of the basic services and public needs of the people of Colorado, including fire and rescue services; water and wastewater treatment and delivery; parks and recreation amenities; hospitals; libraries; and cemeteries. SDA has 1,720 district members and 260 associate members.

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