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## **DERWA Receives \$5 million Grant Check**

Dublin, CA – Progressive and much needed strategies for managing California’s water supply can be seen in the San Ramon Valley. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) member, Nancy Sutley, recognized DERWA (DSRSD • EBMUD Recycled Water Authority) as an innovative partnership of great benefit to the local community and presented the Authority with a grant check for \$5 million this week.

“There is no question that CA is going to need to rely on these types of recycled water projects. One thing we can’t make more of is water for a growing state and growing economy,” said Sutley. “We’ve been very fortunate to have strong support from the people of California, the voters and local residents supporting water projects such as this one.”

DERWA is a joint project of the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) to provide the San Ramon Valley with an additional source of high quality recycled water for landscape irrigation purposes. Water recycling has become a critical tool for managing and preserving California’s limited water resources. Every gallon of recycled water used for irrigation saves an equivalent amount of potable “drinking” water.

The DERWA Board was very appreciative of the SWRCB’s support and accepted the check from Ms. Sutley at their Board meeting, Monday, October 18. “This \$5 million grant demonstrates a real commitment by the State. It helps protect us against drought and enables us to provide water at a discounted rate to schools and cities, who greatly need the savings,” stated DERWA Chair and DSRSD President Dan Scannell.

EBMUD President and DERWA Vice Chair Frank Mellon recognized the agencies and SWRCB staff for their commitment to completing the project stating, "We're very appreciative of the SWRCB, providing a way for us to move forward on a very needed project, as well as a way of saying "well done" to staff."

These grant funds were made available by the SWRCB, under the California Environmental Protection Agency, through Proposition 13 (Water Bond 2000).

Phase 1 of the DERWA project is 50 percent complete and includes a Tertiary Water Treatment Plant, two reservoir tanks, two pump stations and 16 miles of "backbone" transmission pipeline. The DERWA system will convey highly treated recycled water to EBMUD and DSRSD, who will then distribute water to their individual customers via the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program (SRVRWP).

For more information on the SRVRWP, visit [www.derwa.org](http://www.derwa.org) or call the Community Affairs Representative at 925-875-2231. For more information on the SWRCB, or Nancy Sutley, visit [www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov)

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*The San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program (SRVRWP) is a multi-phase program to supply recycled water to large irrigation customers including parks, golf courses, business parks, schools, greenbelts and roadway medians in portions of Dublin, San Ramon, Blackhawk and Danville. Utilizing recycled water for irrigation purposes helps to conserve critical drinking water supplies and to keep parks, open space and common landscape areas green in times of drought. The SRVRWP is being funded by EBMUD and DSRSD with grant and loan assistance from state and federal agencies, such as the State Water Resources Control Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The first recycled water deliveries are anticipated in summer 2005.*