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**DERWA (DSRSD•EBMUD Recycled Water Authority) Announces
Construction Bid Awards of \$32 Million**

Dublin, CA – Today the San Ramon Valley moved one step closer to conserving drinking water by providing irrigation users with a drought-resistant supply of recycled water. East Bay Municipal Utility District and Dublin San Ramon Services District, partners in a recycled water project, recently awarded a total of \$32 million in construction contracts to three bay area construction companies. The contracts, covering most of the infrastructure for the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program (SRVRWP), were awarded through a competitive bidding process to the following firms: C.R. Fedrick, Inc., McGuire & Hester and Overaa Construction.

C.R. Fedrick, Inc. of Novato will be constructing two storage tanks. McGuire Hester of Oakland is handling the transmission lines. Overaa Construction of Richmond is constructing the tertiary treatment facility, which includes a pump station.

“Many people have contributed to this project over the past six years and we are pleased to be breaking ground,” says John Coleman, DERWA President and EBMUD Director. “This SRVRWP will help preserve our drinking water supplies and keep our communities green in times of drought.”

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The SRVRWP is a multi-phase project to supply recycled water to large irrigation customers including parks, golf courses, business parks, greenbelts and roadways in portions of Blackhawk, Danville, Dublin and San Ramon. The SRVRWP is being funded by EBMUD and DSRSD with assistance from state and federal agencies, such as the State Water Resources Control Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers via grants and low interest loans.

“By partnering on this project, both agencies are able to save money and minimize construction impacts to the community,” says Daniel Scannell, DERWA board member and DSRSD President.

Construction of the tertiary treatment facility, storage tanks and transmission pipeline is expected to begin in winter/spring 2004 and last approximately one year. The first recycled water deliveries will begin in spring 2005.

For more information on the SRVRWP, visit www.derwa.org or call the Community Affairs Representative at 925-875-2231.

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