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Pipeline contracts awarded

- Authority will spend \$32 million to build a recycled-water channel to serve the Tri-Valley

Three Northern California companies were awarded \$32 million in construction contracts to build the infrastructure for a recycled-water pipeline in the Tri-Valley.

The San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program is a joint effort of the East Bay Municipal Utility District and the Dublin San Ramon Services District. The water authority is working to deliver recycled water to athletic fields, homeowners associations, golf courses and municipalities by Spring 2005, said spokeswoman Sue Stephenson.

C.R. Fedrick, Inc. of Novato will build two water storage tanks. McGuire Hester of Oakland will install transmission lines, and Overaa Construction of Richmond will build a pump station and water treatment facility for the recycled water system.

Water authority president John Coleman said the pipeline will "help preserve water supplies and keep our communities green in times of drought."

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