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**Recycled water is heading to Valley
Army, DERWA team up to build pump station and pipeline for local
project**

SAN RAMON -- The rainy season may be yet to hit, but more water is on its way to the Valley.

Of course, it's recycled water.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the Dublin San Ramon Services District-East Bay Municipal Utility District Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) signed an agreement Thursday to design a pump station and pipeline for the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program.

The program will deliver recycled water -- highly treated sewer water -- for landscape irrigation in places like parks, golf courses, greenbelts and roadways. The pipeline will stretch from Dublin to Danville and the Dougherty Valley.

The idea is to conserve the supply of drinking water, especially during droughts.

The first phase of the project is scheduled to be complete by 2005, and construction will move northward over the next 15 years.

"By providing recycled water to large irrigation customers, drinking water supplies can be preserved and protected, a critical need during times of drought," said DERWA Chair-man Richard Rose. "We look forward to working with the Corps on this important project."

The project received \$24 million in state money earlier this year, funds from a clean-water bond measure passed in 2000.

For more information about the project, call (925) 945-6850.