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## **DERWA Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Receives \$25 million Loan**

Dublin, California – Residents of the San Ramon Valley and the two water agencies that serve them have lots of reasons to celebrate – 25 million to be exact. DERWA (DSRSD • EBMUD Recycled Water Authority) received a \$25 million loan from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for completion of Phase 1 of the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program. The first recycled water deliveries are expected to begin later this summer and will help keep area parks and open spaces green through the fall.

The SWRCB, along with Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), recognize that efficient use, and reuse, of water is vital to California's economy and quality of life. One way to extend available water supplies is to use highly treated recycled water for specific purposes, such as irrigating landscape at parks, schools and golf courses. As is done with paper, plastics, glass and cans, water too can be reused instead of being discarded into local waterways, such as streams, the bay, or the ocean.

DERWA is also celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this successful joint venture between DSRSD and EBMUD. The SWRCB has recognized DERWA as an innovative partnership of great benefit to the local community. 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 drinking water.

The DERWA Board is very appreciative of the SWRCB's support. "It is gratifying to realize that the vision of DSRSD and EBMUD has been validated by the State in the granting of this loan," said DERWA Chair and EBMUD Director, Frank Mellon.

This loan is made available by the SWRCB, under the California Environmental Protection Agency, through Proposition 13 (Water Bond 2000).

Phase 1 of the DERWA project is 90 percent complete and includes a tertiary recycled 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 and their water recycling programs 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, greenbelts 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 late summer 2005.*