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Subject: ***\$1.48 Million in State Grant to Help Local Disadvantaged Community
Calaveras County Water District Brings Much Needed Resources to
West Point***

SAN ANDREAS, CA – Shortly after the announcement of \$4.4 Million in State grant funding for the Douglas Flat/Vallecito Community, the Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) was again successful in obtaining \$1.48 Million in State grant funding through the Department of Water Resources.

CCWD has been working with several surrounding agencies to apply for State funding to implement water projects for the region. As part of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA), CCWD applied for \$1.48 Million under Prop 84 to replace aging water supply infrastructure in the West Point Community.

“We are thrilled with our recent successes in pursuing State grants,” said Board President Jeff Davidson. “In these economic times, outside resources are critical in ensuring a safe and reliable delivery of our water.”

The construction is scheduled to start Spring of 2012, and a contractor is expected to be selected early next year. The project will bring a large part of the aging water system up to date with current standards and will consist of replacing 8,000 feet of water mains and the Bummerville redwood storage tank.

“It’s great when we get good news like this. A lot of work goes into working with other agencies in the region to identify projects that we can all agree on,” stated Director Bob Dean who represents Division 2 and also serves on the UMRWA board. “We appreciate the hard work of everyone involved.”

CCWD officials expressed their enthusiasm in bringing projects into the county to help infuse the local economy. In addition, without the State funds, the ratepayers would have to pay for replacement and repair of aging infrastructure, a growing challenge facing water agencies throughout California.

UMRWA has taken the lead in developing an update of the existing Mokelumne Amador Calaveras Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). IRWMPs have become the watershed-based resource management plans for managing water supplies, stormwater, flood management, and wastewater throughout the State by DWR. The purpose behind the IRWMP is to encourage regional collaboration in developing projects with multiple benefits. Rather than having individual agencies submit projects for funding consideration, through this process, agencies would work together to develop a set of projects for DWR to fund.

CCWD is currently working with U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to obtain an additional \$1 Million in federal grant to further improve the water distribution system in West Point.

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Calaveras County Water District is a public agency committed to meeting the diverse needs of the historical gold country that spans 1,100 square miles. CCWD is responsible for potable water delivery, wastewater collection, recycled water distribution, groundwater management and hydropower generation facilities in the county. Through responsible management and innovative planning, CCWD strives to protect the region's rich resources and advance its mission to serve the public.