



North Bay Water Reuse Authority

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PRESS ADVISORY

Congressman Thompson and Congresswoman Woolsey to be Thanked for Long-term Support

On October 25th, Congressman Mike Thompson and Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey will be at the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's recycled water ponds to put a face on the program they have worked so hard on behalf of in Washington DC. Congressman Thompson and Congresswoman Woolsey were instrumental in creating the program that received a \$7.328 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation last month. The funds are the first increment of a \$25 million federal authorization by Congress in March 2009.

The NBWRA project elements, funded in part by ARRA, will create 1,275 direct and indirect jobs by September 2012, 320 specifically from the ARRA funds.

NBWRA Member Agencies will present the Representatives a Resolution of Appreciation for their long-term support of the Program. The successes of the program would not be possible without the Representatives who by working together, were better able to serve our region, and benefit both of their Congressional Districts in Napa, Sonoma and Marin Counties.

WHEN: 10:45-11:30am, Monday, October 25, 2010

WHERE: Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's Recycled Water Storage Ponds: 26484 Ramal Road, Sonoma. Map Included.

BACKGROUND:

The North Bay Water Reuse Authority is a cooperative program in the North San Pablo Bay region that promotes sustainability and environmental enhancement by expanding the use of recycled water. The member agencies of NBWRA are the Sonoma County Water Agency, Napa Sanitation District, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and Novato Sanitary District. North Marin Water District and Napa County are in the process of becoming the Authority's newest members.

Instead of pursuing individual recycled water projects, NBWRA's regional approach provides economies of scale for planning, engineering and environmental studies. It also maximizes the ability to obtain local, state and federal funding assistance. By collaborating across the region, the NBWRA members are getting the biggest bang for their buck, making the development of vitally needed recycled water projects affordable to local users.

More information on the North Bay Water Recycling Program can be found by visiting www.nbwra.org, e-mailing info@nbwra.org, or calling 707-547-1923.

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