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New Water Supply Meets Needs for Decades to Come

Groundbreaking ceremony for the Water Agency's first ever surface water treatment plant

(Sacramento, CA) The Sacramento County Water Agency is preparing to meet new water supply demands for decades to come with its first ever surface water treatment plant. Named after its historical region, the Vineyard Surface Water Treatment Plant will treat water from the Sacramento River that will be pumped from the Freeport intake facility, where it will be treated to the highest drinking water standards. The plant will ultimately treat up to 100 million gallons of surface water per day for delivery to over 100,000 thousand homes and businesses in its service area.

Who: Sacramento County Water Agency

What: Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Vineyard Surface Water Treatment Plant

When: Wednesday, May 21 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: 10151 Florin Rd, between Bradshaw and Excelsior Roads

Media is encouraged to attend at 10 a.m. for interview and photo opportunities with Sacramento County Board of Supervisors as well as Sacramento County Water Agency staff.

Totaling \$207 million, the Vineyard Surface Water Treatment Plant is the largest construction project ever undertaken by the Sacramento County Water Agency. Located on 78 acres of land situated off Florin Road in the Vineyard Community of unincorporated Sacramento County, the plant will be more than a treatment facility; it will be the center of the operations and communications for the Water Agency.

With our new surface water treatment plant, we will have the flexibility to maximize water use and minimize impacts on both surface and groundwater. During wet years, we will increase surface water use to meet the majority of our needs giving the underground aquifers time to replenish. During dry years there would be a greater reliance on groundwater because of the reduced availability of surface water. Groundwater is an essential resource that must be managed wisely to ensure its long-term sustainability and until now, nearly all of the water delivered to Water Agency customers has been groundwater pumped from underground aquifers.

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