

Press Release for California Rural Water Association

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The El Dorado Irrigation District wins California Rural Water Association's Environmental Protection Award!

Sacramento, CA – May 7, 2009 – The El Dorado Irrigation District received an Environmental Protection Award at the California Rural Water Associations Annual (CRWA) Conference held on April 28-30, 2009.

CRWA represents rural water agencies throughout California providing on-site technical assistance and specialized training for rural water and wastewater systems. Each year CRWA hosts an annual conference addressing current water and wastewater issues and recognizing agencies and people in the industry.

The District received the “Environmental Award” for their work improving the environment in and around Jenkinson Lake with the Hazel Meadow Restoration Project. The project at Hazel Meadows involves removal of non-native vegetation and spoil piles, restoration of natural topography and streams, redesign of recreational areas, and revegetation with native species. The project also opens the door for greater recreation and educational experiences, helping to provide long-term success to a vital part of the Sly Park Recreation Area.

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The Solano Irrigation District wins California Rural Water Association's Environmental Protection Award!

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The District received the "Environmental Award" for their development of an innovative solution for reducing disinfection byproduct concentrations. Aerating the treated water resulted in an decrease concentration of total trihalomethanes. In addition to saving money and conserving raw materials, this method helps protect two of California's most precious natural resources, water and land. Water is conserved by eliminating the need to flush large volumes of water to waste in an effort to reduce water age and unused land at treatment plants is made available for other use.

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