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State Water Resources Control Board Approves \$3.7 Million
To Upgrade Manteca for Wastewater Treatment Plant

SACRAMENTO — The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) today approved a \$3.7 million grant to the City of Manteca, to upgrade the Manteca Wastewater Quality Control Facility.

The money, part of Proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Bond Act the 2000 Water Bond Act, will allow the City to provide adequate wastewater treatment services, as its population grows.

“Inadequate infrastructure and burgeoning population growth contribute to incidents which threaten water quality, like sewage spills,” explained SWRCB Chairman Art Baggett. “Grants like these, help us to protect our water resources.”

The Water Bond Act, approved by California voters in 2000, authorizes the SWRCB to appropriate a total of \$35.5 million for the construction of wastewater treatment works in Manteca, Stockton, Tracy, and Orange Cove.

The Manteca plant is a regional plant serving the cities of Manteca and Lathrop in southern San Joaquin County. The treatment system uses a combined biotower-activated sludge plant, and its effluent – or treated waste – is either used for agricultural irrigation or discharged into the San Joaquin River.

The facility has undergone two major renovations in the last 15 years with the most recent expansion project completed in 1992.

Although operating below its current design capacity, all remaining capacity has been committed for development within the existing service area. Based on current service levels, the facility is anticipated to reach capacity within two to three years.

With this grant, the City will expand the facility’s treatment capacity from 6.95 million gallons per day to 9.87 million gallons per day. The expansion is expected to be completed within a couple of years.