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State Water Board Funding Helps Open the Doors of New Woodland-Davis Water Treatment Plant

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SACRAMENTO – Today the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency celebrated the grand opening of its \$279-million surface water treatment plant, funded in large part by the State Water Resources Control Board’s Drinking and Clean Water state revolving funds. The new plant is designed to reduce Woodland, Davis and UC Davis reliance on groundwater, improve drinking water supplies and provide as much as 30 million gallons of treated water a day to the two communities.

“The State Water Board is happy to be a part of this joint effort that brought together two cities, and a university, to improve and bolster their water supplies,” State Water Board Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber said. “This project highlights the teamwork between our two funding arms -- the Clean Water and Drinking Water funds -- to help make this surface water treatment plant a reality. Projects such as these go a long way toward preserving and enhancing our water supplies in the face of drought, and the ever-changing conditions brought on by climate change.”

Of the total cost of the project, which will draw water from the Sacramento River, the State Water Board supplied \$206 million, with \$111 million going to Woodland’s share of the project from the [Drinking Water Fund](#), and \$95.5 million coming from the [Clean Water Fund](#) for Davis’ costs. The \$111 million is provided through a 20-year loan with an interest rate of 1.7875 percent, and Davis’ \$95 million is a 30-year loan with an interest rate of 1.7 percent. By going through the State Water Board’s funding programs, Woodland and Davis will save approximately \$112,500,000 on the project.

The entire project includes a new Sacramento River intake to be shared by both communities; raw water pipelines and processing facilities; a 30-million-gallon-per-day (MGD) water treatment facility; and treated water pipelines to Woodland, Davis and UC Davis distribution systems. Up to 18 MGD can be delivered to Woodland, and 12 MGD to Davis.

With the completion of this project, which began in 2009 with the formation of a Joint Powers Authority between Woodland and Davis, these two cities will bring surface water to the region, thus reducing the need to pump groundwater and protect those important resources; improve drinking water quality; meet waste discharge requirements; and meet current and future drinking water needs.

For more information on the project, visit the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency’s [webpage](#).

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