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State Water Board Celebrates the Year of Clean Water

SACRAMENTO –The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will join forces with environmentalists, local watershed groups and others to celebrate The Year of Clean Water.

Governor Gray Davis proclaimed October 2002 as “Clean Water Month.” As a result of the public’s interest in and demand for more effective measures to protect and clean up the nation’s water resources and the varying state responses. In 1972, Congress enacted the Federal Water Pollution Control Amendments (Public Law 92-500) known as the *Clean Water Act*.

October of 2002 marks the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the *Clean Water Act*. This date marks a milestone in the efforts to protect America’s water resources, and also presents an opportunity to enhance the public’s appreciation for the importance of our water resources.

The *Clean Water Act*, one of the first and most successful national environmental laws to be passed by Congress, set the goal of restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation’s waters.

In the three decades since its passage, *Clean Water Act* programs have yielded measurable improvements in water quality throughout the nation. Streams that were once devoid of fish and other aquatic life now support numerous and varied aquatic populations. Lakes that were once choked by pollution are now vastly improved. Point source discharges from municipal and industrial sources are being controlled.

To celebrate this historic month, water-related activities are planned nationwide. For more information see the Year of Clean Water Web site at www.yearofcleanwater.org.

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