



PRESS RELEASE

San Andreas Sanitary District Starts Construction on One of the First Projects to be Funded by Stimulus Monies

SAN ANDREAS, Calif. June 17, 2009 – Today the San Andreas Sanitary District (SASD) officially broke ground on improvements to the wastewater treatment plant that will enhance water quality in the North Fork of the Calaveras River. As a bonus, the project qualified to receive monies from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) which was in turn funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). SASD is one of the first agencies in the state to receive this funding. These improvements will not only bring the District’s wastewater treatment plant into compliance with state regulations and create an estimated 30 jobs in the community, but will be primarily funded by a federal grant.

The cost for the required improvements is \$10.5 million, which would have been underwritten by the ratepayers. The grant package will provide \$5.8 million in cash and \$4.7 million in a 30-year, one percent interest loan. Rocklin based ECO:LOGIC Engineering planned and designed the improvements and worked with District Manager Steve Schimp to secure the grant package.

“ECO:LOGIC has worked with many utility districts over the years and commends SASD for their leadership and commitment to the community. The Board and manager, Steve Schimp, have done everything right throughout this very complex process and it is fitting that a well-run operation be rewarded with a significant grant,” said David Bennett, CEO of ECO:LOGIC Engineering.

The San Andreas Wastewater Treatment Plant project was eligible to apply for the CWSRF funds because it is a publically owned treatment facility in need of regulatory upgrades. To secure the funds, the District obtained “priority status” through the Financial Assistance

Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) and later submitted a Financial Assistance Application and Project Report, Federal and State Environmental Compliance Documents, Credit/Legal Documents and a Water Conservation Plan.

ECO:LOGIC Engineering was hired to plan and design the improvements, which will include a new influent pump station, aeration basins, blower building, secondary clarifier, RAS pump station, scum pump station, tertiary flocculation, filtration and chemical augmentation facilities and improved disinfection facilities. The project also includes standby power and all the associated site improvements required for a complete facility.

The improvements will be constructed by Auburn Constructors and are expected to be completed by June, 2010.

About ECO:LOGIC Engineering

ECO:LOGIC (www.ecologic-eng.com) is a consulting engineering firm based in Rocklin, California. ECO:LOGIC is known for its creative approach in solving the West's water and wastewater problems. Over 130 professionals provide consulting services in planning, permitting, design, construction management and operations of water and wastewater facilities for cities, districts and water agencies throughout the western United States.

About the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF or SRF) program is a grant and low interest loan funding program to implement water quality projects. It was established by the Clean Water Act (amended 1987) and is funded by Federal grants, State funds, revenue bonds and now American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. The CWSRF was most recently amended in March, 2009 to comply with ARRA funds. The primary purpose of the CWSRF program is to implement the CWA and various State laws by providing financial assistance for wastewater treatment facilities necessary to prevent water pollution and thereby protect and promote health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the State.

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