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IRRIGATION DISTRICT MOVES FORWARD WITH RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM EXPANSION

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.— On June 17, 2010, the Santa Fe Irrigation District Board of Directors approved an agreement with an environmental engineering consultant, RMC Water and Environment, for design services required for the expansion of the District's recycled water system. Currently the District delivers approximately 500 acre feet of recycled water, primarily in the Solana Beach portion of its service area, for irrigation use on street medians, HOA and CalTrans landscape areas, golf courses, parks and schools. The District's expansion plans will extend recycled water system pipelines into the Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch areas and provide a highly reliable water supply for irrigation use.

The scope of work with RMC focuses on the District's eastern service area recycled water facilities plan and will include the preliminary design of pipelines to extend recycled water service to large irrigation customers, including the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Course. This work will build upon prior studies to clearly define the most viable recycled water distribution system configuration for the District's eastern service area and is expected to take approximately six months to complete.

"This action is a significant step forward in achieving our goals of a diversified water supply and being able to provide recycled water service throughout the District's service area", said William Hunter, SFID Engineering Manager. In addition to the engineering design work that RMC will perform, development of a detailed facilities plan will enable the District to pursue regional, state and federal funding support for the construction of the recycled water distribution system. Total project cost for the eastern service area recycled water distribution system, including pipelines and storage tanks, is estimated to be nearly \$10M. It is anticipated that the initial phase of the project would serve 350-500 acre feet of recycled water annually. Future phases could increase this figure to 700-1000 acre feet annually.

RMC Water and Environment is a California-based environmental engineering company focused exclusively on water. RMC works with public agencies and local communities to develop inventive solutions for managing local water, wastewater and stormwater issues. For the third

year in a row, RMC has been named one of the top 200 Environmental Firms as compiled by Engineering News Record.

For more information about water supply reliability, recycled water use, water conservation programs or general information about SFID, please visit our website at www.sfidwater.org or contact us at 858.756.2424.

About Santa Fe Irrigation District

The Santa Fe Irrigation District provides water and related services to residential, commercial and agricultural customers in the communities of Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach and Fairbanks Ranch. The District serves about 22,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area. The District supplies over 4.5 billion gallons (or 13,500 acre feet) of water per year to its customers, using a blend of local water from Lake Hodges and imported water purchased through the San Diego County Water Authority. The District operates the jointly owned R.E. Badger Filtration Plant, a 40-million-gallon-per-day water-treatment plant. The District owns rights to local water supplies from Lake Hodges and the San Dieguito Reservoir.

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