

# S.J. Water Project Receives Awards

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A San Joaquin County effort to percolate water into the area's parched groundwater aquifer recently received two awards.

The American Society of Civil Engineers named the project the Water/Environment Project of the year. The project also was nominated by U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Tracy, for the Judges Award to be given at an award dinner hosted by the San Joaquin County of Governments in Lodi.

The Stockton East Water District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designed the Farmington Groundwater Recharge Program. So far, the program includes a 60-acre recharge site at the SEWD headquarters. The \$2.4 million facility includes water-filled ponds that encourage water to percolate into the aquifer.

Eventually, the water agencies hope to expand the recharge program into a \$33.5 million project.

SEWD President Tom McGurk received the award during the Society's Feb. 20 banquet in Sacramento.