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Stockton water storage project wins award

The Farmington Groundwater Storage Pilot Project has been named the Water/Environment Project of the year for 2003 by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Provided by the society's Sacramento section, the award recognizes completion of a 60-acre recharge plant at the Stockton East Water District headquarters and the program on which it is based -- the Farmington Groundwater Recharge Program.

The \$2.4 million plant includes a 19-acre pond and three recharge basins totaling 35 acres. Annual recharge capabilities at the site are estimated at 7,000 acre-feet.

The program is a \$33.5 million effort lead by SEWD in partnership with the Sacramento District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help restore the eastern San Joaquin groundwater basin and to repel saline water intrusion.

In addition to the recharge facility at Stockton East, the Farmington program is evaluating a dozen candidate parcels ranging from 20 to 120 acres. If fully enrolled in the program on short and long-term agreements, landowners of these parcels will be paid during seasonal use of the land for recharge.

The program goal is to spread an average of 35,000 acre-feet of water annually on 800 to 1,200 acres of land generally bound by Jack Tone Road on the east, Highway 99 to the west, the Mokelumne River in the north and Temple Creek in the south.

For more information, visit www.FarmingtonProgram.org or call 948-0333