

PRESS RELEASE

The Mariposa Public Utility District has received grant funding agreements from the California Dept. of Public Health in the amounts of \$3,000,000 from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and \$1,666,667 from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Prop. 50) for construction of a new water treatment facility.

The District applied for funds in 2005 from the SRF program to address turbidity removal requirements and the Prop. 50 program in 2007 to reduce disinfection by-products. The total project cost is \$4,666,667. Construction plans and specifications have been prepared by Provost and Pritchard Engineering of Fresno. New facilities will include a clarifier, membrane filter systems, granular activated carbon reactors, new operations building and mechanical room.

The new facility will be located next to the existing water treatment plant above the high school ball field. The system will increase the treatment capacity from 700,000 to approximately 1,000,000 gallons of water per day. The District expects to advertise for construction bids in April/May and possibly start construction by August.