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Public Meeting About Lake Wildwood Wastewater Treatment Plant to Be Held on September 14

NEVADA CITY, Calif. – August 24, 2005 - The Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1 today announced that it will hold a public meeting on September 14, 2005 at the Williams Ranch School Gymnasium to discuss improvements to the Lake Wildwood Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), the Yuba River Study, recent developments and effects on future wastewater treatment charges to property owners. A public comment period will follow the presentation.

The meeting will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Williams Ranch School Gymnasium at 14804 Pleasant Valley Road in Penn Valley.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the details of the Yuba River Study and the potential effects of relocating effluent discharge from Deer Creek to the Yuba River. Project engineers will also explain the two primary phases of improvements -- phase one must be completed in 2007 and phase two must be completed by 2010. Construction for the first phase is scheduled to begin in Spring 2006.

Information about the project, background materials, reports and the process for comments can be found at www.mynevadacounty.com/lwwtreatmentplant. Citizens with questions about the project or the meeting may contact the project manager, Steven Stiles at 530-265-1411 or lwwtreatmentplant@co.nevada.ca.us.

The first meeting to introduce the public to needed improvements was held on September 16, 2003 where engineers and county officials discussed how changes in the state's water quality requirements would influence the operation of the Lake Wildwood WWTP. The plant improvements are necessitated by more stringent water quality and wastewater discharge regulations by the State of California, which issues WWTP operation permits.

About the Lake Wildwood Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project

The Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1 maintains and operates the Lake Wildwood Wastewater Treatment Plant. All wastewater treatment plants that discharge to surface waters (rivers, lakes, drains, etc.) are issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that sets specific discharge requirements to ensure protection of public and environmental health. These permits are renewed every 5 years by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region and at each renewal the permits may incorporate new treatment objectives and discharge regulations that require upgrades or modifications to the facility. The new permit for the Lake Wildwood Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was adopted June of 2002, contains a number of new water quality objectives and studies that must be implemented by 2007 and second phase that must be completed by 2010 to maintain compliance with the permit.

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