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**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Treated Water Reservoir Project Named to APWA 2014 Projects of the Year**

**KANSAS CITY, MO.** – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Treated Water Project was recently named a 2014 Public Works Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA). San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, as the managing agency; Shimmick Construction Company, as the primary contractor; and MWH/AGS/LEE Joint Venture (Design) and CH2M HILL (Construction Management), as the primary consultants; will all be presented with the national Project of the Year Award during APWA's 2014 International Public Works Congress & Exposition Awards Ceremony in Toronto, Ontario, Canada during August 17-20, 2014.

The APWA Public Works Projects of the Year awards are presented annually to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects, recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, contractor, consultant and their cooperative achievements. This year, APWA selected projects in five categories: Disaster/Emergency, Environment, Historical Restoration, Structures and Transportation.

As the Project of the Year in the Environment Category at a cost greater than \$75 million, the Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Treated Water Reservoir is one of 81 projects being undertaken by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) as part of the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). The \$4.6 billion Water System Improvement Plan is one of the largest water infrastructure programs in the nation and the largest infrastructure program ever undertaken by the City and County of San Francisco. The WSIP program repairs, replaces, and seismically upgrades the aging Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System.

More than two-thirds of the 81 WSIP projects have completed construction along the landmark regional water system that delivers water to more than 2.6 million people in the San Francisco Bay Area. The program is funded by a bond measure that was approved by voters in November 2002, and will be paid for by both retail customers in San Francisco and 26 wholesale customers that serve Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties.

The WSIP objectives include improving the system to provide high-quality water, reduce vulnerability of the water system from earthquakes, increase system reliability to deliver water by providing redundancy needed to accommodate outages, provide improvements related to water supply/drought protection, and enhance sustainability through improvements that optimize protection of the environment.

The Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant (SWWTP) is located on land owned by the SFPUC located in the Alameda Watershed in the Sunol Valley. The plant treats all water from the two local reservoirs—Calaveras and San Antonio—before it is served to customers. It also filters Hetch Hetchy water on the occasions when the Sierra supply does not meet required drinking water standards. Should the Bay Area be cut off from Hetch Hetchy supplies because of an emergency, the treatment plant must sustainably treat 160 million gallons of water a day to meet minimum customer demands.

The SWWTP Expansion and Treated Water Reservoir (TWR) Project includes a new 40 million gallon per day water treatment train, retrofitting of 12 existing filters, a new 17.5 million gallon treated water reservoir, a new chlorine 3.5 million gallon chlorine contact basin and several chemical storage and feed facilities. The project also includes new connections and facilities that will enable the plant to treat enough water to meet basic customer demands alone, for up to 60 days after a major earthquake. These improvements will help increase delivery, reliability and water quality to the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System.

For more information on the APWA 2014 Projects of the Year, please contact APWA Media Relations/Communications Manager, Laura Bynum, [lbynum@apwa.net](mailto:lbynum@apwa.net), or call 202.218.6736.

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