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RUN THROUGH DATE: JANUARY 18, 2012,

FROM: **McKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**
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SUBJECT: TOURS OF Colusa and Willows Wastewater Treatment Plants Planned

McKinleyville, CA – The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) has scheduled tours of the Colusa and Willows Wastewater Treatment Plant on Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

Norman Shopay, General Manager stated: *"To keep pace with future regulatory requirements and projected growth MCSD is considering significant upgrades to our waste water management facility that will cost the District and ultimately ratepayers a very large amount of money. This will be a major decision for our Board and I wanted to provide each Board member an opportunity to visit a similar type facility. Not only will they have an opportunity to see the facility, first hand, they will also be able to determine if any odor or noise issues are a concern, and directly talk to the operators of the facility. You cannot get this information by simply looking at a piece of paper or a computer screen."*

Both facilities are similar to the recommended alternative being considered in the MCSD 20-year facility plan. The Colusa and Willows Plant are both Title 22 designed water treatment plants, and meet current regulatory requirements. Colusa is a Parkson Spiral screen, Biolac aeration system, circular clarifiers, disc filters and Trojan UV. Design flow rate is 0.75 MGD. Startup was in 2009. Willows is a Parkson AquaGuard, Biolac, Parkson DynaSand filters and chlorine disinfection. This plant's design flow rate is 3 MGD. Startup was in 2005.

Members of the public are also encouraged to participate in the tour.

The Colusa facility tour will start at 10:00 AM and members of the public can meet at the following location at 9:30 AM. We will then drive to the Colusa Facility Tour:

Granzella's Restaurant
451 6th Street
Williams California
Meet here at 9:30 AM

The Willows facility tour will start at 1:00 PM and members of the public can meet at the following location at 12:30 PM. We will then drive to the Willows Facility Tour:

Black Bear Diner
246 Humboldt Avenue
Willows, California
Meet here at 12:30 PM