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Root Creek Water District announces completion of Groundwater In-Lieu Recharge Project

FRESNO, CA: The Root Creek Water District Board of Directors and President are pleased to announce the completion of the District's Groundwater In-Lieu Recharge Project partially funded through a Proposition 84 Grant from the Department of Water Resources.

Construction of the Groundwater In-Lieu Recharge System began in October 2013 and was completed in June 2014. The project consists of 2.7 miles of mainline pipeline from the Madera Canal (Lateral 6.2) into the boundaries of Root Creek Water District which is located just west of Highway 41 in Southeastern Madera County.

The Gateway Village Development, now known as Riverstone, contributed funding to the district, facilitated the construction of the In-Lieu System and funded the water contracts which provide the district's surface water for the In-Lieu Recharge. The project will provide for surface water deliveries through five lateral connections into the district thus reducing the need for groundwater pumping of agricultural wells. The use of surface water instead of pumped groundwater will aid in reducing and reversing the groundwater overdraft in Southeastern Madera County.

The delivery of the surface water facilitated through conveyance and exchange agreements with Madera Irrigation District commenced on Thursday, June 26 and will continue until deliveries are complete.

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Suggested Photo Caption: Root Creek Water District's Groundwater In-Lieu Recharge Project will provide for surface water deliveries through five lateral connections, reducing the need for groundwater pumping of agricultural wells.

