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News Release

Donner Summit Public Utility District to Post Water Sample Results for Yuba River

SODA SPRINGS, Calif. — March 11, 2009 — The Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) has begun taking additional water samples from the Yuba River above and below the point of effluent discharge and is making the results of the analysis of those water samples available to the public at www.dspud.com. The additional sampling is in response to requests from interested citizens who are monitoring the Yuba River and its watershed.

DSPUD has always taken and analyzed water samples from the Yuba River not only as mandated per its operating permit from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region but also to track the wastewater treatment plant's performance. These additional samples will be taken at the following new sites:

1. Above the DSPUD wastewater treatment plant discharge point
2. 500 feet below the DSPUD wastewater treatment plant discharge point
3. At Towle Mountain Bridge, which is roughly one mile below the DSPUD wastewater treatment plant discharge point

In addition, new tests are being performed to measure nitrates, phosphates and total phosphorus in the river, in the influent (wastewater flowing into the wastewater treatment plant) and in the effluent (treated wastewater flowing out of the plant into the Yuba River).

All samples are collected and analyzed by an independent, state-approved laboratory. A spreadsheet summary of the analysis as well as the actual reports can be found at www.dspud.com/documents.php

The sampling and testing will occur twice a week, weather conditions permitting, and it began on January 15, 2009.

About the Donner Summit Public Utility District

The Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) provides water and wastewater treatment for the Donner Summit area (Placer and Nevada counties) in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. The DSPUD strives to serve and treat water to the benefit of our environment including the human, animal and plant life that lives within our watershed and beyond. For more information, visit www.dspud.com.

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