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NEWS RELEASE:

**Alameda County Water District Receives Award for Fishway Project Construction
from American Public Works Association's Northern California Chapter
*Prized in environmental projects category***

Fremont, Calif. – The Alameda County Water District was honored by the American Public Works Association's Northern California chapter with an award for ACWD's construction of its Rubber Dam No.3 Fishway project in the "Projects \$5 million but less than \$25 million" category of environmental projects. The annual APWA awards recognize public works projects that demonstrate industry excellence and meet numerous judging criteria.

The award-winning project was completed in May 2019 and featured the construction of a new fishway, or fish ladder, around an existing inflatable rubber dam in Alameda Creek to re-establish safe passage for federally listed Central California Coast Steelhead trout in the Alameda Creek watershed. The project also included improvements to the existing dam foundation and replacement of the aging dam fabric. The project is one of two major fish ladders to be constructed by ACWD as part of a comprehensive program to restore this historic migratory corridor which has been obstructed since the 1950s.

ACWD was one of 18 agencies who nominated 20 projects for awards in multiple categories. As an award winner, the project will be considered for national recognition with winners announced in September. APWA's membership includes more than 30,000 public works professionals nationwide, and includes private and public sector members.

"ACWD appreciates recognition from APWA for this important project. It is a testament that careful planning and meaningful partnerships can result in real advancements for the environment while protecting our area's water supplies for years to come," said ACWD Board President Judy Huang. "Our partners at the federal, state and local levels are critical to make this, and all our fish passage projects, so successful," she added.

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The Rubber Dam No. 3 Fishway project is one of seven fish passage projects ACWD has constructed along Alameda Creek since 2009. Additional projects include the removal of one rubber dam, installation of several fish screens and redirection pipelines, two rubber dam replacements, and a second fish ladder currently under construction.

The projects total a \$78 million investment, with \$18 million in grant funding, to ensure long-term water supply reliability for the region and enhance fish passage and environmental protection.

To learn more about ACWD's fish passage projects, visit www.acwd.org/fishway.

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For more than 100 years, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the more than 357,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, please visit www.acwd.org.