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SLV WATER DISTRICT ANNOUNCES \$17,500 IN WATERSHED EDUCATION GRANTS FOR 7 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTS DISTRICT'S HEALTHY WATERSHED FOCUS

BOULDER CREEK, CA – The San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) today announced it has awarded seven grants totaling \$17,500 to local organizations as part of its Education Grant Program. The mission of the Education Grant Program is to provide funding for educational and other projects that enhance the understanding of the San Lorenzo River watershed or improve the watershed's environmental health.

Awardees were selected by the SLVWD's 5-member Education Program Advisory Commission, which was established in 2003. Each year since 2004, the District has budgeted from \$15,000 to \$17,500 to support the grant program. Grants are focused on classroom watershed education for students; outdoor watershed education, such as educational hikes or science camps; or community/public education.

"We're very excited to support these worthy organizations and programs that are dedicated to supporting our local watershed in various important ways," said District Manager Brian Lee. "As we work to confront the short-term and long-term impacts of climate change, now more than ever we have a duty to protect the health of our local watershed."

After careful review and evaluation by the Education Advisory Commission, and approval by the SLVWD Board of Directors, the following organizations and projects were awarded with a grant:

- Boulder Creek Elementary Parents Club: fifth grade science camp
- San Lorenzo Valley Elementary Bobcat Club: water and environmental awareness through science literacy: K-3 science enrichment at San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School
- Coastal Watershed Council: Watershed Rangers afterschool program
- San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School: family science night
- Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History: San Lorenzo River walks
- San Lorenzo Valley Middle School: San Lorenzo Outdoor Preserve for Education (SLOPE)
- Fred and Roberta McPherson: video production "Getting to Know Our Watershed: The Turkey Foot - Where Boulder Creek & Bear Creek Meet the SLR"

ABOUT THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

The San Lorenzo Valley Water District is located in the mountains of northern Santa Cruz County. The district serves more than 7,800 metered connections. Established in 1941, the district supplies water to the communities of Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Ben Lomond, Zayante, Scotts Valley, Mañana Woods, Felton and Lompico. For more information, visit www.slvwd.com or www.facebook.com/slvwaterdistrict.

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