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Golden Mussel Prevention Measures for Woodward Reservoir

MANTECA, CA – The invasive golden mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) has been detected for the first time in North America at the Port of Stockton in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) has requested Stanislaus County, which is the responsible agency for operating recreation at Woodward Reservoir, take urgent action to limit the spread of the mollusk to the reservoir. This includes immediately suspending boat launches at Woodward Reservoir until additional prevention measures have been implemented.

Golden mussels are highly invasive and pose a substantial threat to the local ecosystem and infrastructure, potentially harming existing marine and freshwater life, damaging expensive water infrastructure, and compromising water quality in the reservoir.

SSJID is coordinating with the Stanislaus County team to discuss targeted efforts to address this issue as quickly as possible.

For more information, please contact SSJID's Public and Government Relations Manager Katie Patterson at (209) 249-4624.

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About the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID)

South San Joaquin Irrigation District was established in 1909 and is headquartered in Manteca, CA. SSJID provides agricultural irrigation water to over 50,000 acres surrounding Escalon, Ripon and Manteca, and wholesale drinking water to over 215,000 residents in Manteca, Lathrop, Tracy, and in the future, Escalon. SSJID, along with Oakdale Irrigation District, owns and operates the Tri-Dam Project, a series of storage reservoirs and electric generation facilities that produce zero-carbon hydropower in the Stanislaus River watershed.

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