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**Alameda County Water District Receives Upgrade from Moody's
Investors Service with Aa1 Rating**
Fiscal management and water supply marked as strengths

Fremont, Calif. — The Alameda County Water District announced an upgraded credit rating from Aa2 to Aa1 on April 9 from Moody's Investors Service, affecting \$80 million in outstanding revenue bonds.

Moody's considered several factors to determine the upgrade, including the District's healthy debt service coverage, robust liquidity, diverse water supply with ample storage, and effective management team as credit strengths.

ACWD's 25-year capital improvement program (CIP) with annual updates, a low debt burden and a financial planning model attribute to prudent fiscal management, additional credit strengths noted by Moody's.

"This bump up in our credit rating affirms our responsible fiscal management and ongoing obligation to act in the best interest of our customers," said ACWD Board President James Gunther.

With the Hayward Fault running through the service area and the threat of seismic events, Moody's decision considered ACWD's long-term CIP planning which includes seismic retrofits and upgrades, and the replacement of aging water mains.

ACWD's water main renewal program identifies and prioritizes the upgrade or replacement of aging pipelines. With nearly 900 miles of water mains in the Tri-Cities, the program slates \$10 million per year toward improvements.

"Over the years, the Board has made tough financial decisions, paying down debt and making significant investments in infrastructure funded by our ratepayers. The Board is pleased Moody's recognizes our actions have been sound toward the advancement of water supply, infrastructure and financial planning," added Gunther.

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The increased credit rating demonstrates the District's creditworthiness and strengthens its ability to issue future bonds.

An Aa1 rating adds ACWD to a short list of California water agencies with the outstanding rating.

To read Moody's press release announcing ACWD's outstanding revenue bonds to Aa1, visit www.moody.com.

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For 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 356,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City.