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### **SLV Water District to Offer \$7.6 Million for Felton Water System**

Last night at a special meeting the San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to authorize an offer of just compensation in the sum of \$7.6 million to California-American Water Company for the Felton water system. The offer represents the appraised fair market value of Cal-Am's real property and business interests in Felton, including watershed property.

A team of three firms retained by SLVWD completed the appraisal. Staub Forestry and Environmental Consulting, a Felton firm, appraised the timber value of the watershed property. Carneghi-Blum & Partners, Inc., a San Jose firm, appraised the real estate. Kreiger & Stewart, Inc., an engineering consulting firm from Riverside, appraised the business interests. Details of the appraisal remain confidential.

The community of Felton approved Measure W in July 2005 with a 75% majority, authorizing Santa Cruz County to issue up to \$11 million in bonds for SLVWD to purchase the Felton water system from Cal-Am.

Last August, LAFCO approved SLVWD's application to enlarge their sphere of influence and annex the Felton service water system.

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