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WHO BUILDS WORLD-CLASS WASTEWATER SOLUTIONS? AGC, THAT'S WHO! PRESENTING THE 2001 AON/BUILD AMERICA AWARD WINNER FOR MUNICIPAL & UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION



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Filtered-reclaimed-water pump station pumps water out to users. This facility treats 5 million gallons of effluent per day in accordance with stringent environmental standards.



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From left, Ken Walters, president of K.G. Walters Construction; Sean McMillin, resident engineer for Sacramento County; and Dave Backman, vice president and project manager for K.G. Walters.

The Sacramento Regional County Water Reclamation Project in Elk Grove, Calif., demonstrates the miracles that are possible when good design and construction are combined with a firm commitment to partnering by the stakeholders. The project earned K.G. Walters Construction and Argonaut Constructors (both based in Santa Rosa, Calif.) a 2001 Aon Build America Award from AGC. But more importantly, the work produced a world-class water reclamation plant that allows Sacramento County to

- sell five million gallons per day of treated effluent at 95 percent of the typical rates for potable water;
- help local developments and agriculture;
- reduce the draw on the ground water basin;
- lessen the discharge load on the Sacramento River; and
- demonstrate the feasibility of using reclaimed water to provide a foundation for future expansion and to help gain public acceptance and support.

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The partnership worked flawlessly. "All parties involved focused on what was truly of paramount importance: the project itself, and not protection of egos and tradition," says Sean McMillin, resident engineer for Sacramento County.

The County had spent years in litigation on previous major projects and was anxious to avoid spending any more time and money in court. With a firm commitment to project partnering goals by the county and Walters/Argonaut, the project was completed seven

months ahead of schedule, under the bid price, and with a minimum of disruptions and no claims.

The partnership also managed to accommodate the project's sensitive environmental concerns. Constructed in the middle of the Bufferlands, a 2,500 acre wildlife sanctuary, the project was daily scrutinized by four resident naturalists. The naturalists monitored and protected the year-round population of 217 species of mammals, birds, and fish that reside permanently in the sanctuary and the many more migratory species that use the location as a winter vacation spot.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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