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**GDPUD Contractor Secures Tunnel Hill and Buckeye Hydro Contracts for District**

GEORGETOWN, CA – A contractor for the Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District (GDPUD) has secured contracts with Pacific Gas and Electric Company to re-power two hydroelectric plants on GDPUD's water transmission system.

Henwood Associates, Inc. was selected in February 2006 to redevelop the Tunnel Hill and Buckeye Hydroelectric projects, which have a combined total capacity of 1,000 kw and utilize water conveyed by GDPUD. The contracts with PG&E are a major milestone in getting the projects online. The next step is Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approval.

“Our Board has a long standing commitment to utilizing the District's energy resources in a responsible and economic fashion,” said Hank White, General Manager for the District. “We are encouraged by Henwood Associates' progress and are very supportive of the organization's efforts to harness this resource.” The projects will contribute to keeping the district's water rates down and allowing us to better serve our users, he added.

The Tunnel Hill and Buckeye projects were in operation from 1984 to 1998 when their original power contracts expired. Subsequently, regulatory and power market conditions impeded the District's efforts to place the facilities back in service. The contract with Henwood Associates placed the full financial burden of negotiations on Henwood. The next phase, if approved by the PUC, would provide a revenue source to the District, who will receive a portion of the power sold.

“We are very pleased the GDPUD Board had the confidence in our organization to allow us the opportunity to place these clean, renewable energy projects back in operation,” said Mark Henwood, CEO of Henwood Associates.

The re-powered plants will operate primarily in the summer and will have no effect on the water operation of the District. Turbines, generators, and modern switchgear will be installed to reactivate the facilities.

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