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## California American Water Teams up with State Senator Jim Nielsen for "Operation Gobble"

*100 Free Thanksgiving Turkeys to be Delivered to Local Non-profits*

SACRAMENTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- California American Water:

**What:** Operation Gobble

**When:** 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017

**Where:** Senator Jim Nielsen District Office  
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California State Senator Jim Nielsen and California American Water will provide 100 turkeys to local non-profits as part of the 27th annual "Operation Gobble" program. The turkeys will be distributed at his district office on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017. This year, Save Mart Supermarkets is providing the turkeys at their cost to help reach even more families.

"Operation Gobble" is a charitable joint-venture between California water companies and local State legislators and is set to deliver thousands of turkeys to underprivileged families throughout the state this Thanksgiving holiday. The unique program, which began in 1990, pairs the local knowledge of state legislators with the resources of the private sector to benefit those in need.

"For years, families in need have enjoyed the great tradition of having these turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinners thanks to the generosity of California American Water and its employees," said Senator Nielsen. "This is such a worthy service and I am proud to be a part of it."

During the program, participating investor-owned water companies like California American Water provide turkeys and transportation in partnership with local elected officials who offer local expertise in directing the donations to community food banks, churches and other non-profit organizations.

"California American Water has more than 70 employees who live and work here in Sacramento," said California American Water External Affairs Manager Evan Jacobs. "This program is an opportunity for us to give back to our customers, our neighbors and our families."

Millions of Californians lack sufficient resources to feed themselves on a regular basis. Many of these residents are low-income families that will not be able to afford a Thanksgiving meal.

Thanks to the efforts of California American Water, State Senator Nielsen and our non-profit partners, many Sacramento families will now have a Thanksgiving meal this holiday season.

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