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Golden State Water and California American Water Team up with Senator Ted Gaines for "Operation Gobble"

200 Thanksgiving Turkeys to be Delivered to Local Non-profits

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

What: Operation Gobble

When: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017

Where: Bayside Church
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California State Senator Ted Gaines and two water companies serving his district - California American Water and Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) - will provide 200 fresh turkeys to local non-profits on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017 as part of the 27th annual "Operation Gobble" program. 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 elected officials and is set to deliver thousands of turkeys to underprivileged families throughout the state this Thanksgiving holiday. Introduced in 1990, the unique program pairs the local knowledge of elected officials with the resources of the private sector to benefit those in need.

"Operation Gobble is a community partnership that enables us to bring together local business with some of the most effective non-profits in our districts," Senator Gaines said. "Through this innovative partnership, we are going to deliver a Thanksgiving meal to thousands in the region who may have otherwise gone without."

"I'm so proud to be associated with this annual event that fills such an important need within our community," Gaines said. "By providing local non-profit partners with hundreds of Thanksgiving turkeys, we're helping ensure that our region's families can enjoy a traditional holiday meal together."

During the program, participating investor-owned water companies like California American Water and Golden State 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 External Affairs Manager for California American Water 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.

"Operation Gobble has become an important part of the holiday season for all of our employees, who understand the significant impact a warm Thanksgiving meal can make for our neighbors in need," said Paul Schubert, Northern District

General Manager for Golden State Water. "We appreciate the partnership of our elected officials and community organizations who work closely with us to ensure the turkeys find their way to those who need them most."

"Golden State Water, California American Water, State Senator Gaines and our non-profit partners are proud to be a part of this annual effort, which makes the Thanksgiving holiday a little brighter for our neighbors in need," Jacobs said.

California American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), provides high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to more than 660,000 people.

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly-traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American States Water Company (NYSE: AWR). Golden State Water provides water service to approximately 257,000 customers throughout 10 counties in Northern, Coastal and Southern California, and distributes electricity to approximately 24,000 customers in the Big Bear recreational area of California through its Bear Valley Electric Service division. American States Water Company also owns a contracted services subsidiary, American States Utility Services, Inc. (ASUS). ASUS provides operations, maintenance and construction management services for water and wastewater systems located on military bases throughout the country under 50-year privatization contracts.

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