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**Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Awarded \$15 million in Federal Funding
for Infrastructure Improvements**

Willows, CA – This week, the Department of the Interior announced \$15 million for critical upgrades within the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) service area. These investments will support key pumping, conveyance, and efficiency improvements that enhance water delivery reliability and operational flexibility in the Sacramento Valley.

“This funding represents a meaningful federal investment in the reliability and resilience of the Tehama-Colusa Canal system,” said Zachary Dennis, Chairman of the TCCA Board of Directors. “We are grateful for Secretary Burgum’s leadership in advancing these investments, which will strengthen our ability to deliver water to farmers, improve operational efficiency, and support broader regional water-management priorities, including future integration with projects like Sites Reservoir.”

The funding will support a set of construction-ready improvements across TCCA facilities that are designed to deliver more reliable, efficient, and cost-effective water service to agricultural producers across the Sacramento Valley. Collectively, these investments will help ensure farmers have access to the water they need when they need it—particularly during peak demand periods—while reducing the risk of supply disruptions. By restoring and expanding pumping capacity and modernizing critical infrastructure, the projects will improve operational flexibility and system reliability.

The improvements will also lower long-term operations and maintenance costs, increase energy efficiency, and reduce on-farm irrigation challenges by delivering cleaner water that minimizes clogging of filters and equipment. In addition, enhanced system redundancy will provide greater security during high-demand periods and support future water management efforts, including integration with Sites Reservoir.

The TCCA is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of 17 Central Valley Project water contractors. The service area spans Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, and Yolo counties, providing irrigation water to farmers growing a variety of permanent and annual crops. TCCA operates and maintains the 140 mile Tehama-Colusa and Corning canals irrigation water supply system. The service area is approximately 156,000 acres, contributing more than \$1 billion to the regional economy annually.