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NEWS RELEASE

Fun and Games Raise Water Health Awareness in Auburn

AUBURN, Calif. — June 17, 2009 — When it gets hot outside and the kids start spraying each other and swimming in the pool, it is a good time to teach them about protecting what is arguably our most precious resource: water. In a timely move, the City of Auburn today launched a new FUN and GAMES page for the Healthy Auburn Waters (HAW) website (www.HealthyAuburnWaters.org) where kids can go to find links to games about environmental awareness, recycling and water. Nearly 20 free games are now linked into the site, many of which were developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

“We hope kids will stop by the Healthy Auburn Waters website with their parents, play some games and learn how to be better stewards of our environment,” said Auburn Mayor, Mike Holmes.

Also new to the site is “**I Pledge**”, which is an offshoot of the popular HAW business program that recognizes businesses for being good stewards of the environment. The **I Pledge** form is a fun coloring sheet with a few simple statements about how children and their families will commit to keeping area waterways safe and free of debris and contaminants. Parents can keep the form at home or if they send it back to the city, their child will receive a special certificate and sticker recognizing their participation.

“All of these programs gradually raise awareness with our children,” added Mayor Holmes. “Securing their commitment to a healthy environment at a young age hopefully leads to a lifetime of good decisions about their impact in the world.”



