

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Mid-Pacific Employee's Photo Prominently Displayed in the Commissioner's Hallway in Washington D.C.

New Melones' Park Ranger, Hilary Maxworthy's talents have graced the Commissioner's hallway in the Department of the Interior Building on the 7th floor in Washington D.C.

Hilary's entered the photo "Snow Day at New Melones" in Mid-Pacific Region's 2nd Annual Photo Contest in 2010 and the photo was awarded an Honorable Mention. It has however, received an even larger honor by being exhibited in the Bureau of Reclamation's Office in Washington D.C.



Hilary was just as surprised as anyone else; she said, "I had no idea it would be so prominently displayed. It never would have been there if the photo contest didn't exist so I look forward to more Reclamation employees entering the contest in the future. I hope that they enjoy the image, I'm very fortunate to work at such a beautiful Reclamation location."

Caption displayed with the photo: Located on the Stanislaus River in beautiful Calaveras County, New Melones Lake lies in the lower Sierra Nevada foothills between the historic Gold Rush towns of Sonora and Angels Camp, California. The New Melones Dam was complete in 1979 as part of the Mid-Pacific Region's Central Valley Project, which provides California with water for urban, agricultural, environmental and industrial uses; produces hydroelectric power; and provides flood protection and recreational benefits. New Melones Dam impounds New Melones Lake, the fifth largest in lake in the state and a popular recreation destination.

The photo was taken on December 7th, 2009. The photo shows snow on the Stevenot/49 Bridge linking the Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties and the surrounding snowy landscape.



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