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Mr. Thomas Fedrizzi  
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Dear Sir:

Mr. Thomas Hitz asked me to provide you with some information about the irrigation water project that SWISSAID is supporting in the community of Sacramento.

SWISSAID has been in contact with the community of Sacramento since four years ago. Our financial and technical support started three years ago. During this time the members of the project have built the tank to collect the water in the springs, dug the ditch for laying the pipe and installed it. The 4.500 meters of pipe for conducting the water have been provided by SWISSAID. It is a 200 and 250 mm diameter PVC (plastic) and steel pipe. It was necessary to use steel pipe since there is a siphon which has more than 200 PSI of pressure. The whole system will conduct 60 liters per second.

The main pipe line system is finished. The water distribution system is missing.

Fifty Indian families are involved in this irrigation water project. They provide the labor needed for the whole construction, organize their work teams and provide with some stone materials like sand and gravel.

Mr. Thomas Hitz supports the project with his technical assistance.

Since it is an expensive project for the SWISSAID budget, we will be glad to see that the community receives an additional financial support for building the distribution system.

Sincerely,

Francisco Gangotena  
SWISSAID CORRINATOR  
IN ECUADOR