

State Water Resources Control Board

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STATE WATER BOARD FUNDS \$75 MILLION FOR CLEAN WATER PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO—The State Water Resources Control Board today approved \$75 million in grants for a variety of clean water projects statewide.

The funding comes from voter-approved Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, from the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects.

The IRWM Grant Program provides funding by competitive applications for projects to protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water while encouraging water management on a regional level.

Approximately \$386 million is available for IRWM grants split between the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Approximately \$183 million is available from the State Water Board's funding allocation.

The \$75 million in grant funds for the additional IRWM Implementation Grants will be committed to the following:

P I N	Applicant	Funding Amount
9598	Tahoe Resource Conservation District	\$12,500,000
10029	Contra Costa Water District	\$12,500,000
10039	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority	\$25,000,000
10045	Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County	\$12,500,000
10052	Monterey County Water Resources Agency	\$12,500,000

("PIN" is the project's identification number) more specifics are available at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/PublicProposalsSearchByApplicant.asp>

- The Tahoe Resource Conservation District's Tahoe Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management will provide lasting watershed benefits and improve integrated water resource management. The projects listed in this proposal include flood control, Total Maximum Daily Load plans, wetland restoration on several creeks, Best Management Practice retrofit for the Lake Tahoe region, water pipeline

replacement, groundwater aquifer storage and recovery, water conservation, and water quality improvement.

- The Contra Costa Water District's East Contra Costa County Integrated Regional Water Management Proposal includes the Antioch Recycled Water Project, Diablo Water District Well Utilization Project, Pittsburg Recycled Water Project, Contra Costa Water District Alternative Intake Project, Antioch Water Treatment Plant Solids Handling Project, Contra Costa Water District Canal Improvement Project, Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration, and Habitat Conservation Plan and Watershed Restoration. Collectively, these projects will improve water supply reliability and water quality for the region, reduce dependence on imported water, assist in achieving regional objectives, provide multiple benefits, and eliminate or reduce pollution in sensitive habitat areas.
- The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's proposal includes a range of projects distributed throughout the Santa Ana and San Timoteo Creek Watersheds, providing benefits to many areas including several economically disadvantaged areas in the region.
- The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County's Integrated Regional Water Management Proposal will be a joined effort of seven partner agencies in Northern Santa Cruz County. They will carry out 15 high-priority projects that were identified through the 2005-2006 planning process. The agencies will advance the State's goal of promoting a new model for water management by addressing multiple statewide priorities and advancing the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's goals for healthy functioning watersheds.
- The Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Salinas Valley Water Proposal, Water Quality and Fish Habitat Monitoring Program, Well No. 33, Booster Station and Reservoir, and Soledad Recycling/Reclamation Projects. The Salinas Valley Water Proposal and Fish Habitat Monitoring Program include the following: modification of Nacimiento Dam spillway, modification of operations of Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs, increased recharge of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin, diversion of a portion of water released from the two reservoirs, and modification of project operations to include benefits to critical in-stream flows to support steelhead fisheries in the Salinas River Watershed. The Well No. 33 project will relocate a seawater intruded well and incorporate a booster and reservoir(s) to the Ord Community distribution system. The Soledad Recycling project will recycle wastewater and reduce discharge of nutrients to the Salinas River.

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