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\$142 MILLION IN WATER QUALITY LOANS**

**SACRAMENTO** - The State Water Resources Control Board today approved the 2001/2002 State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program Priority List. The list, which was compiled by the Division of Clean Water Programs, identifies nearly 650 water quality projects throughout California that are eligible to receive roughly \$142 million in loan funding. Since its inception in 1989, the program has loaned more than \$1.7 billion to 122 local agencies throughout the State for eligible projects.

The SRF Loan Program is a joint Federal and State program that loans money at a low interest rate to local agencies for construction of wastewater treatment and water reclamation facilities, correction of non-point source and storm drainage pollution problems, implementation of estuary enhancement activities, and other water quality projects. The 2001/2002 Priority List will be used to determine which projects can compete for loan assistance during that period of time, and all projects compete on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete listing of eligible projects, please refer to <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/mss.html>.

In addition, the Board also approved more than \$27 million in loans and grants for the following projects:

**LAKE COUNTY**

**Lake County Sanitation District** - A \$3.2 million grant to help the county with construction of the effluent recycling pipeline component of the Clear Lake Basin 2000 project.

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

**San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department** - A \$13.5 million loan to ensure continued compliance with waste discharge requirements by consolidating and upgrading the Department's laboratory facilities. The Board also issued a separate loan to the San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department in the amount of \$11.1 million to increase the volume of reclaimed wastewater processed by the South Bay Water Reclamation Plant. Both loans are payable over a 20-year period.

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>

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