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PROPOSITIONS 13, 40 & 50 PROJECT SCHEDULES AND CURRENT STATUS

These propositions provide the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) with authority to issue loans and grants totaling \$1.3 billion and covering 34 programs. As of June 30, 2007, the State Water Board has committed \$1.25 billion (96%) of the funds, covering 889 projects. Current project schedules and status is available via our link (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/grantinfo.html>). The projects are listed under the appropriate proposition funding source. Please note that not all projects are listed.

PROJECT SUMMARIES

Brief project summaries, listed by project name, are provided for each executed Contract/Grant Agreement at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/grantinfo.html>. The Resources Agency also maintains a searchable database of all projects funded by Propositions 40 and 50 on its web site at <http://4050bonds.resources.ca.gov>.

FINANCIAL APPLICATION ASSISTANCE SUBMITTAL TOOL (FAAST)

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>

FAAST is the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance's (DFA) online application submittal tool.

If you need technical assistance submitting your application online, please e-mail FAAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov or call 1-866-434-1083 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Keyword Search Feature!

The keyword search allows users to search by a keyword in the project description. You can search for a proposal that involves a specific type of activity such as "sampling" or a specific constituent, such as "mercury."

If you have suggestions for how to improve the public proposal search tool, please e-mail FAAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov.

2005-06 CONSOLIDATED GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/consolidgrants0506.html>

The recommended funding lists for all programs administered through the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants are approved by the State Water Board. The adopted funding lists are posted on the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants web page.

Comments on the Proposition 50 Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program applications below the funding line were sent out in March 2007 to applicants. All other comments have been e-mailed to applicants not funded. If requested, feedback/comments on projects above the funding lines will be e-mailed to applicants.

A survey for feedback on the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program was sent to applicants on January 8, 2007. Applicants were requested to complete and e-mail the survey back by February 15, 2007. The survey is also available on the DFA webpage: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/docs/applicant_feedback.doc.

SMALL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER GRANT (SCWG)

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/scwg/index.html>

The SCWG Program is amending the Competitive Project List (CPL). The deadline for applicants to submit an application to their Regional Water Board was May 31, 2007. Lists of recommended projects provided by the Regional Water Boards were due to the State Water Board by June 8, 2007. State Water Board staff are reviewing the information provided by the Regional Water Boards to develop the Statewide CPL. It is anticipated the amended CPL will be presented at the September 4, 2007, Board meeting. A total of \$29,942,971 has been encumbered for local assistance. Approximately \$18 million remains available from Propositions 40 and 50 for projects on the approved portion of the CPL on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

The State Water Board adopted amendments to the SCWG Program Guidelines on May 22, 2007. The amendments ensure that projects critical to the protection of water quality and compliance with Basin Plan Objectives of the Regional Water Boards are eligible to compete for the available grant funds. The changes can be viewed at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/agendas/2007/may/0522_10attach.pdf



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SMALL COMMUNITY GROUNDWATER GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/scg-gw.html>

The State Water Board adopted the CPL on November 16, 2005. There are 11 projects totaling \$14.9 million in Rank 1 on the list. As of May 5, 2006, funding commitments have been signed for six projects, exhausting the \$9.5 million that was available.

CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/beaches/index.html>

The State Water Board adopted the Proposition 50 CBI Recommended Project List (RPL) at the April 18, 2007, Board meeting. Applicants on the RPL are invited to submit detailed applications for funding. Placement on the RPL is not a guarantee of funding. The RPL is posted on the State Water Board's website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/beaches/docs/adopted_rpl.pdf).

INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/index.html>

The State Water Board adopted the IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List at the January 18, 2007, Board meeting and awarded \$25 million each to Humboldt County, the Watershed Coalition of Ventura County, and the County of Orange. The State Water Board adopted the Additional Funding Recommendations at the March 20, 2007, Board meeting and awarded \$25 million to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and \$12.5 million each to the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Contra Costa Water District, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Director subsequently approved \$25 million for the Mojave Water Agency, \$12.5 million for the Bay Area Clean Water Agency and Northern California Joint Exercise of Powers, and \$7 million for the County of Plumas. The appropriations for the additional funds are proposed in the Governor's Budget and will be available to grantees upon approval of the Legislature and enactment of the 2007-2008 State Budget. Additional information about the grants and proposal evaluations is available at the State Water Board IRWM website.

The State Water Board and DWR released the Step 1 Application Form for Round 2 of the IRWM implementation Grant Program. All applications for Step 1, Round 2 must be submitted by August 1, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. The IRWM Application, FAAST User Manual, and Frequently Asked Questions are available at: <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>.

Additional information is available at the State Water Board IRWM web site. For questions about the IRWM program, please contact Scott Couch at [s-couch@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:scouch@waterboards.ca.gov) or Shahla Farahnak at sfarahnak@waterboards.ca.gov.

WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/recycling/index.html>

Water Recycling Funding Program staff have completed review of Proposition 50 construction grant applications, totaling approximately \$59.5 million, from a ranked list that was adopted by the State Water Board in April 2005. Total available funding was \$42,175,000. The State Water Board approved funding for 18 projects, totaling \$42,159,375.

Staff is currently reviewing applications for the Proposition 13 Facilities Planning Grants. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis pending available funding. Funding covers 50% of eligible project costs up to \$75,000 per facilities planning study. There are no new funding commitments pending. Staff has begun review of applications for water recycling construction projects and processing funding commitments based on available funds.

Approximately \$10 million Proposition 13 funds are available for water recycling planning grants, research & development, and loans, and \$8 million Proposition 13 and 50 funds are available for construction grants for Fiscal Year 2006-07.



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PROPOSITION 84 GRANT PROGRAMS

Proposition 84 was passed in November 2006 giving the State Water Board grant funds in the following three water quality areas: agriculture, beaches, and storm water. Interested parties can sign-up for the following e-mail lists on the State Water Board's webpage based upon their area(s) of interest: Agriculture Water Quality Funding Programs, Beaches Water Quality Grants, and the Storm Water Grant Program. The webpage address is: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/swrcb_subscribe.html

STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN PROGRAM

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/srf.html>

The State Water Board adopted Resolution 2007-0044 on July 17, 2007, amending the Policy for Implementing the State Revolving Fund for Construction of Wastewater Treatment Facilities. The amendments modify penalty provisions related to Performance Certification Reports and makes minor editorial changes to the Policy. DFA staff solicited public comments on the proposed amendments, reviewed comments and submitted analysis and recommendations for Board consideration. After hearing comments from several stakeholders at the meeting and follow-up discussion, the Board made some changes to the staff recommendations and adopted a resolution amending the Policy.

DAIRY WATER QUALITY GRANTS

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/dairy.html>

In January 2006 the State Water Board recommended funding for five dairy grant proposals, two in Region 1 and three in Region 5. All agreements are executed. For more information about dairy grants, contact Ken Coulter via e-mail at: kcoulter@waterboards.ca.gov.

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION (SMBRC) GRANTS

Proposition 50 provided \$20 million specifically for projects that implement the priority actions specified in the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan.

The State Water Board adopted the SMBRC's CPL in June 2005. To date, funding commitments have been signed for all of the projects on the CPL for a total of \$17.8 million.

CALIFORNIA FINANCING COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CFCC)

<http://www.cfcc.ca.gov>

The CFCC consists of six state and federal agencies that work together to offer coordinated and streamlined access to infrastructure financing for California's communities. The CFCC holds several Funding Fairs throughout California to provide local entities access to multiple infrastructure funding sources in one location and the opportunity to speak with a variety of funding agencies at one time. The final Funding Fair this year was held May 23, 2007, in Santa Rosa. Please see the CFCC website for details and information regarding Funding Fairs.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION PLAN (PAEP) TRAINING

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/paep.html>

The PAEP training course is designed to provide grantees and grant managers with necessary tools to:

- Develop effective performance plans, which produce site-specific and cumulative project outcomes
- Utilize performance plans during project implementation and reporting
- Identify the most up-to-date data formatting and exchange

Training was held in San Luis Obispo on July 10th and Riverside on July 12th. Attendee's received a padfolio complete with all training materials the day of training. The training materials can also be viewed at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/paep.html>.



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