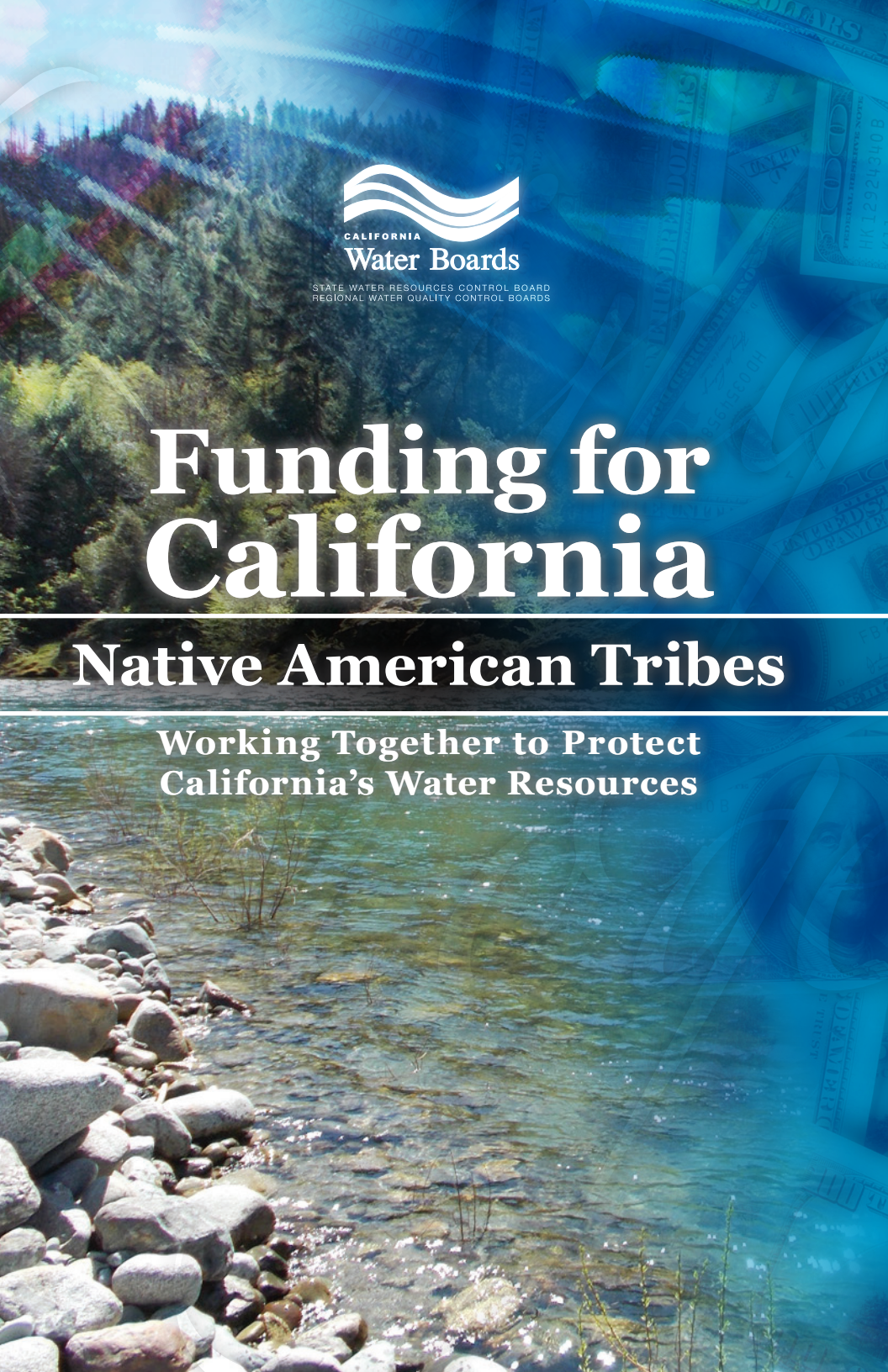

CALIFORNIA
Water Boards
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS
Funding for California
Native American Tribes
Working Together to Protect California's Water Resources

About the California Water Boards...

The State Water Board was created by the State Legislature in 1967. Together, the State Water Board and nine Regional Water Boards are referred to as the California Water Boards. The Water Boards protect the water quality of the state's waters, allocate the rights to the use of the state's waters, and protect and regulate the drinking water supplies of the state's residents. The Water Boards are authorized to implement the federal Clean Water Act in California. The California Water Boards work to ensure the protection of water quality across a diverse range of topics such as storm water, wastewater treatment, water quality monitoring, wetlands protection, ocean protection, contaminated sites cleanup, low-impact development, and enforcement.

Additional information can be found at www.waterboards.ca.gov.

Our Vision

The State Water Board's vision is abundant clean water for human uses and environmental protection to sustain California's future.

Our Mission

The State Water Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

The California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is pleased to offer several financial programs to assist state and federally-recognized* California Native American Tribes to help protect and improve California's waters.

Loans and grants are available for constructing municipal sewage and water recycling facilities, improving public water systems, remediation of groundwater contamination from underground storage tank releases and other sources, storm water management and for non-point source pollution control projects. Funding for the loans and grants programs primarily comes from bonds passed by voters and monies provided by the federal government. Each program listed below has its own guidelines, application process and funding cycle.

Let's work together to keep California's water clean!

* State tribes are those on the Native American Heritage Commission consult list. Federal recognition refers to acknowledgement by the federal government that a tribal government and tribal members constitute a tribe with a government-to-government relationship with the United States, and eligibility for the programs, services, and other relationships established for the United States for Indians, because of their status as Indians.

$$ Available Funding Sources $$

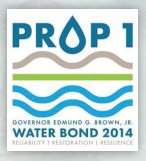
(For eligibility requirements and additional information, please visit the applicable website.)

Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA): The CAA provides grants to clean up or abate a condition of pollution and for interim emergency drinking water projects. State and federally-recognized tribal governments that serve disadvantaged communities are eligible for emergency drinking water projects including, but not limited to, bottled water, well repair, well rehabilitation, vending machines, point of use devices, hauled water, emergency interties and treatment systems.

Apply: Anytime! Applications are accepted continuously.
Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/
Phone: 916-323-0624 (Kim Hanagan)

Proposition 1 (Prop 1): The State Water Board administers Prop 1 funds for five program areas: small community wastewater, water recycling, drinking water, stormwater, and groundwater. State and federally-recognized tribes are eligible. Funding for the small community wastewater program and the water recycling program will be administered consistent with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program, with applications submitted to the CWSRF Program on a continuous basis. Funding for drinking water will be administered consistent with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, with applications submitted to the DWSRF Program on a continuous basis. Solicitations for stormwater and groundwater projects are anticipated to occur during 2018. ***Approximately $2 billion in grants available.***

Apply: The implementation schedule for each program varies. See website below for additional details.
Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1.shtml
Phone/Email: See website above for up-to-date contact information.



Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF): The CWSRF provides below-market rate financing for the construction of wastewater treatment and water recycling facilities, for implementation of nonpoint source and storm drainage pollution control solutions, and for the development and implementation of estuary plans to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of all Californians. The eligible entity must have jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes or other waste.

Apply: Anytime! Applications are accepted continuously.
Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/
Phone: (916) 327-9978
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We've got the **green**... to keep California's **water clean**.
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

Under the CWSRF Program, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) also manages a Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Program. The program is administered in cooperation with the Indian Health Service.

Website: https://www.epa.gov/small-and-rural-wastewater-systems/clean-water-indian-set-aside-program

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF): The DWSRF provides funding to correct public water system deficiencies based upon a prioritized funding approach that addresses the systems' problems that pose public health risks, systems with needs for funding to comply with requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and systems most in need on a per household affordability basis.

Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html
Phone: (916) 327-9978
Email: drinkingwatersrf@waterboards.ca.gov

Under the DWSRF Program, the US EPA also manages a Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants Tribal Set-Aside Program. Community water systems, and non-profit non-community water systems, that serve a tribal population may be eligible.

Website: http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/dwsrf/allotments/tribes.cfm

Clean Water Act (CWA) 319(h) Non-Point Source (NPS) Grant Program: The CWA 319(h) NPS Grant Program provides funds for projects or programs that will help reduce NPS pollution within the state. Projects that qualify for funding must be conducted within the state's NPS priority watersheds. Project proposals that address total maximum daily load implementation and those that address problems in impaired waters are favored in the selection process. There is also a focus on implementing management activities that lead to reduction and/or prevention of pollutants that threaten or impair surface and ground waters.

Apply: Annual solicitation.
Please check the website periodically for the next solicitation period.
Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.shtml
Phone: (916) 341-5306 (Jodi Pontureri)
Email: jodi.pontureri@waterboards.ca.gov

Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP): SCAP is a funding program established by SB 445 (Hill, 2014) which authorizes the State Water Board to issue grants for projects that remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety or the environment caused by existing surface or groundwater contamination. State Water Board staff anticipate up to $19 million will be available annually.

Apply: Anytime! Pre-applications are currently being accepted.
Website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/scap/
Phone: (800) 813-FUND (3863)
Email: gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov

Additional Funding Sources and Outreach Information

US EPA: US EPA, Region 9, also has funding opportunities available for California's federally recognized tribes. For additional information, visit their website at: https://www.epa.gov/tribal/grant-programs-tribes.

U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Development: USDA has grants and loans available to develop and rehabilitate water, wastewater, and storm drainage systems. For additional information, visit their website at: https://www.rd.usda.gov/ca.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR): USBR has grants available for projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently. For additional information, visit their website at: https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/.

California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC): The CFCC was formed in 1998 and is made up of six funding members: four state and two federal. CFCC members facilitate and expedite the completion of various types of infrastructure projects helping customers combine the resources of different agencies. Project information is shared between members so additional resources can be identified. CFCC members conduct free funding fairs statewide each year to educate the public and potential customers about the different member agencies and the financial and technical resources available. For additional information, visit their website at: http://www.cfcc.ca.gov/.

Need Technical Assistance?

The State Water Board has contracts in place with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), California Rural Water Association (CRWA), and Self Help Enterprises (SHE) to provide technical assistance related to drinking water and wastewater. Types of technical assistance available may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Preparation of financial assistance applications
- Compliance audits and troubleshooting to address permit violations or improve operations
- Review of proposed project alternatives to assist in identifying low-cost, sustainable approaches
- Assistance with planning and budgets, including capital improvement planning
- Assistance with community outreach, awareness, and education, especially with regard to rate setting and Proposition 218

For more information, contact:

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Together.....

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