

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
MAY 5, 2015**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM (WRFP) COMPETITIVE PROJECT LIST (CPL) TO INCLUDE PROJECTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE 2000 BOND LAW (PROPOSITION 13) FUNDING.

DISCUSSION

On March 7, 2000, the voters approved Proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act (2000 Bond Law). The 2000 Bond Law allocated \$40 million for the year 2000 Water Recycling Subaccount to provide loans and grants for facilities, planning, design, and construction of water recycling projects, and for water recycling research and demonstration projects. The 2000 Bond Law also directed unallocated funds and loan repayments from Water Recycling Subaccounts of 1988 and 1996 Bond Laws to be transferred and deposited into the 2000 Water Recycling Subaccount (Subaccount).

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the WRFP Guidelines (Guidelines) on October 21, 2004, last amended July 15, 2008, governing the WRFP. A construction grant covers 25 percent of eligible costs, up to a maximum grant of \$4 million, including allowances, per project. Grant disbursements do not take place until a funding agreement is executed.

On January 20, 2005, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2005-0002](#), which approved the WRFP CPL. In accordance with the Guidelines, water recycling projects must be on the adopted CPL, in a fundable category, to receive a WRFP grant and/or loan.

On January 18, 2007, the State Water Board, in [Resolution No. 2007-0004](#), authorized the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (Division) to issue grant/loan agreements for non-controversial projects that are (1) consistent with the policies, regulations, and agreements that the State Water Board has adopted or will adopt governing the internal management of those financial assistance projects managed by the Division, and (2) on a priority funding list adopted by the State Water Board.

Proposition 13 appropriations for State Fiscal Years 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 provide for \$2.58 million in available grant funding until June 2015. The Division has processed applications for the five agencies noted below and recommends that they be added to the CPL. Placement of these projects on the CPL does not constitute an approval or commitment of funding. Only project funding applications that fulfill the requirements and objectives of the Guidelines will receive a grant agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of adding these projects to the CPL.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

Financing for these projects will help the agencies meet water recycling permit requirements established by the Regional Boards.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board amend the WRFP CPL to include the following Projects?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board should amend the WRFP CPL to include the following Projects:

Project No.	Agency	Project Name
3246-030	West County Wastewater District	Recycled Water Reliability Upgrades Project
3847-030	Idyllwild Water District	Idyllwild Recycled Water Project
3527-030	County of Fresno	CSA 44D Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project
3321-110, 3321-030	San Benito County Water District	SBCWD Recycle Water Project
3322-030	City of Pacific Grove	Pacific Grove Local Water Project

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to sustainable local water supplies available for meeting existing and future beneficial uses by 1,725,000 acre-feet per year, in excess of 2002 levels, by 2015, and ensure adequate flows for fish and wildlife habitat.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

AMENDING THE WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM (WRFP) COMPETITIVE PROJECT LIST (CPL) TO INCLUDE PROJECTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE 2000 BOND LAW (PROPOSITION 13) FUNDING

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the “*Water Recycling Funding Program Guidelines*” (Guidelines) on October 21, 2004 and last amended them on July 15, 2008;
2. The Projects are Category I projects according to the Guidelines, but are not included on the WRFP CPL, adopted January 20, 2005;
3. On March 7, 2000, the voters approved the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (2000 Bond Law), and provided authorization for the State Water Board to issue WRFP construction grants;
4. The Projects are routine and non-controversial projects that are consistent with the policies, regulations, and agreements that the State Water Board adopted for implementation of the WRFP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board amends the WRFP CPL to include the following Projects:

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on May 5, 2015.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board