

Media Release

North Coast Region Receives Nearly \$25 Million in Prop 1 Funding for Wastewater System Upgrades

Disadvantaged Communities Focus of Funding Effort

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SACRAMENTO – The State Water Resources Control Board recently approved more than \$15 million in funding for the consolidation of three wastewater collection and treatment systems in the Trinity County community of Lewiston. The project is being funded by Proposition 1, the \$7.5 billion bond overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2014.

This project is one of nearly a dozen approved by the State Water Board, with assistance from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, to help protect the public health and safety of communities facing economic challenges in the North Coast Region. Altogether, nearly \$25 million in Prop 1 funding has been approved for these water quality improvement projects since 2014.

At the end of November, the State Water Board approved \$15,560,300 in Proposition 1 Small Community Grant Funding to consolidate the wastewater systems of the Lewiston Park Mutual Water Company and the Trinity Dam Mobile Home Park with the Lewiston Community Services District. The project addresses numerous health, safety and environmental violations at these three small, severely disadvantaged communities, including sewer overflow issues that will be addressed by replacing collection systems that are more than 50 years old.

"We have been working on the Lewiston consolidation project for more than 20 years," said North Coast Water Board Executive Officer Matthias St. John. "It has been a long-term goal of the Regional Board to see the consolidation project funded, and we're glad to see this project now has the financial backing to move forward. The consolidation of these wastewater systems will open the door to the consolidation of those communities' struggling drinking water systems."

The Lewiston consolidation is one of three major projects in the North Coast Region that have received Prop 1 funding in 2017. The others are the \$5.3 million Willow Creek Downtown









Wastewater Development and Private Septic Decommissioning projects, which were approved in August. The projects will provide wastewater collection and treatment to the downtown area of Willow Creek, where septic systems are decades old and have started to fail. The town is located on a terrace above the Trinity River, a <u>National Wild and Scenic Rivers System</u> designated tributary of the Klamath River. The projects are being co-funded by the State Water Board and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Along with the Lewiston and Willow Creek projects, an additional \$3,955,900 in Prop 1 financing has been approved for wastewater planning projects dotting the North Coast Region in Siskiyou, Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino counties.

Prop 1 Small Community Grant (SCG) Funding for the North Coast Region

Planning Projects

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Project Number	Party	Project Name	F	Prop 1 SCG Amount	
8117- 110	Anderson Valley Community Services District	Boonville Wastewater System	\$	500,000	
8192- 110	Fort Jones, Town of	Fort Jones Wastewater System Study	\$	455,900	
8178- 110	Fortuna, City of	WWTP Treatment and Disposal System Upgrade	\$	500,000	
8312- 110	Humboldt, County of	Samoa Peninsula Wastewater	\$	500,000	
8138- 110	Klamath Community Services District	Klamath CSD Wastewater System Renovation Planning Project	\$	500,000	
8303- 110	Lake Shastina Community Services District	Lake Shastina Wastewater System Rehabilitation and Upgrade	\$	500,000	
8159- 110	Weed, City of	City of Weed Sewer Replacement Project	\$	500,000	
8231- 110	Yreka, City of	City of Yreka Wastewater Collection System Improvements	\$	500,000	

Planning Projects Total:

\$3,955,900









Construction Projects

Project Number	Party	Project Name	 Prop 1 SCG Amount	
5957- 210	Willow Creek CSD	Downtown Wastewater Development Project	\$ 4,800,000	
5957- 310	Willow Creek CSD	Private Septic Decommissioning and Lateral Installation Project	\$ 500,000	
8048- 210	Lewiston CSD	Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal Project	\$ 15,560,300	

Construction Projects Total: /\$ 20,860,300

Total Proposition 1 SCG Funding for the North Coast Region:

24,816,200

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