

## Additional Water Board Actions in Response to the Drought

February 2014

## WATER RECYCLING

- Statewide Waste Discharge Requirement for Recycled Water to help streamline and expedite issuance of permits for recycled water projects.
- **CDPH Drinking Water Program Transfer to the State Water Board** to consolidate and centralize recycled water permitting to improve efficiency and quality.
- \$400 million in Water Recycling funding awarded since 2011 for water recycling planning grants and loans for construction of water recycling treatment facilities and distribution systems statewide.<sup>1</sup>
- Drought Webpage now links directly to available planning grants and low interest loans for water recycling projects.<sup>2</sup>
- Loan Application Online at <u>FAAST (https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov)</u> for projects seeking funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, including water recycling.
- Reduced Paperwork for Recycled Water Projects that rely on an assessment district adequate to repay loan.
- Incentives for Water Recycling Projects to be proposed by staff based on survey and input from water recycling projects ready for construction in the near-term.<sup>2</sup>
- Water Recycling Funding Finder targeted for late March 2014 release to quickly pair eligible applicants with available water recycling funding using an online search engine.<sup>2</sup>

## **GRANT PROGRAM COORDINATION**

- Assist Department of Water Resources to Accelerate IRWM Funding by working collaboratively to efficiently review, rank and select proposals for funding.<sup>3</sup>
- Augment Proposition 84 Stormwater Funding by repurposing remaining bond funds to enable additional proposals selected under the Proposition 84 process to receive funding. Staff anticipates the awards will be announced in early May 2014.<sup>3</sup>
- Accelerate and Augment Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) Funding by repurposing remaining bond funds for a Summer 2014 solicitation for projects that reduce discharges to ASBS and capture and reuse or infiltrate stormwater.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Division of Financial Assistance's water recycling program has been providing funding since 1977.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Activity reported to Office of Emergency Services through the Governor's Drought Task Force.

Working collaboratively with DWR and repurposing funds directly addresses Item 6 of the Drought Order.