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.¹

- **Drought Webpage** now links directly to available planning grants and low interest loans for water recycling projects.²

- **Loan Application Online** at [FAAST](https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov) 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.²

- **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.²

**GRANT PROGRAM COORDINATION**

- **Assist Department of Water Resources to Accelerate IRWM Funding** by working collaboratively to efficiently review, rank and select proposals for funding.³

- **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 2014.³

- **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.³

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¹ Division of Financial Assistance’s water recycling program has been providing funding since 1977.

² Activity reported to Office of Emergency Services through the Governor’s Drought Task Force.

³ Working collaboratively with DWR and repurposing funds directly addresses Item 6 of the Drought Order.