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## SWRCB APPROVES \$53 MILLION FOR WATER PROJECTS *14 California Communities to Benefit From Grants and Loans*

SACRAMENTO - The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) today announced 14 California communities will receive grants and loans totaling \$53 million, as part of the state's commitment to the environment.

The SWRCB administers the financial assistance through Governor Gray Davis' Clean Beaches Initiative Program, the Seawater Intrusion Control Loan Program, the Water Recycling Facilities Planning program and the State Revolving Fund Loan Program.

"These loans and grants will fund projects that help restore, protect and enhance the environment by ensuring public health, water quality and economic vitality," said SWRCB Chairman Art Baggett, Jr.

At its meeting today, the Board approved the grants and loans to communities in the following counties: Los Angeles, Monterey, Napa, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz.

All but one of these projects are funded by Proposition 13 (the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act of 2000), a \$1.97 billion bond program passed by voters to fund projects to protect the state's waterways.

The project awards are listed below, along with a brief description.

### Clean Beaches Initiative Projects:

- **County of San Mateo, \$175,000 grant** - *The first phase, conducted on the Pillarcitos watershed, tracks bacterial sources through water quality sampling.*
- **City of Santa Barbara, \$125,000 grant** - *The first phase is a watershed-based feasibility study to select and prioritize water treatment, diversion and best management practices for reducing bacterial pollution.*
- **City of Dana Point, \$380,500 grant** - *Divert urban runoff to the sanitary sewer system and remove contaminants and debris from the Del Obispo storm drain.*
- **City of San Diego (Mission Bay), \$650,000 grant** - *The first phase is a survey to determine sources of bacterial contamination in the bay.*
- **City of San Diego (Rose and Tecolote Creeks), \$170,000 grant** - *The goal is to reduce fecal bacterial contamination in Mission Bay. The first phase is to identify and permit structural best management practices.*
- **City of San Diego (Ocean Beach), \$500,000 grant** - *The first phase involves identifying sources of bacterial contamination contributing to poor water quality in the San Diego River.*
- **City of Malibu, \$250,000 grant** - *The first phase is the design of a treatment system which will ultimately be used to capture and treat runoff from three storm drains.*

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- **County of Los Angeles (Manhattan Beach), \$200,000 grant** – *Construction of a dry weather diversion of the storm drain flow into the sanitary sewer.*
- **City of Capitola, \$100,000 grant** – *Construction of storm drain diversions.*

**Seawater Intrusion Control Loan Program Projects:**

- **Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, \$6.42 million loan** – *To divert surface water into a recharge basin and provide a substitute water supply (Integrated Coastal Distribution System).*
- **Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, \$6.65 million loan increase** – *To construct the Watsonville/Harkins Slough Project.*
- **Orange County Water District, \$14.83 million loan** – *To construct the District's groundwater replenishment project.*

**Water Recycling Facilities Planning Program Projects:**

- **Marina Coast Water District, \$75,000 grant** – *Investigate the feasibility of using recycled water for landscape irrigation at the Fort Ord Army Installation.*
- **City of American Canyon, \$75,000 grant** – *To investigate the feasibility of adding distribution lines to supply recycled water for vineyard irrigation and other uses.*

**State Revolving Fund Loan Program Project:**

- **County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles, \$22.5 million loan** – *To construct Los Angeles County Nitrification/De-Nitrification Facilities Project to protect water quality. Components of the project are: Pomona Water Reclamation Plant, \$4 million; Los Coyotes, \$5.4 million; Long Beach, \$3 million; Whittier Narrows, \$3.2 million; and San Jose Creek, \$6.9 million.*

To obtain more specific information on each of the projects, visit the “Water News” section of the SWRCB web site ([www.swrcb.ca.gov/grants/index.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/grants/index.html)).