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SWRCB APPROVES \$60 MILLION FOR WATER PROJECTS

Eight Communities to benefit from Nine grants

SACRAMENTO - The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) today announced eight California communities will receive grants totaling \$60 million, as part of the state's commitment to the environment.

The SWRCB administers financial assistance through Governor Gray Davis' Clean Beaches Initiative Program and Water Recycling Construction Program and the Southern California Integrated Watershed Program (SCIWP).

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

At its meeting today, the Board approved grants and loans to communities in the following counties: Los Angeles, Monterey, Riverside, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Santa Clara.

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.

Clean Beaches Initiative Projects:

- **County of Santa Barbara, \$60,000** - *The first phase, conducted on the Jalama Beach, to design and upgrade restroom facilities to help reduce bacterial levels.*
- **County of Santa Barbara, \$200,000** - *The first phase, focused on the Rincon Beach, to design and plan upgrades to restroom facilities to help reduce bacterial levels.*
- **County of Monterey, \$500,000** - *To construct the Lover's Point Urban Runoff Diversion Project.*
- **City of Redondo Beach, \$350,000** - *To start improvements to the Redondo Beach Pier which will include sewer line upgrades, trash enclosure upgrades and the diversion to the sanitary system runoff from the parking area.*

Water Recycling Construction Projects:

- **City of San Jose, \$4.6 million** - *To construct the Silver Creek Pipeline Recycled Water Project.*
- **City of Daly City, \$1.44 million** - *To construct the Wastewater Treatment Plant Recycled Water Facilities Project.*

Southern California Integrated Watershed Program:

- **Chino Basin Desalter Authority, \$48 million** - *For wells, pipelines, distribution and treatment facilities.*
- **City of Riverside, \$5.25 million** - *For the Riverside Canal and Tunnel Reconstruction Project.*
- **Eastern Municipal Water District, \$675,000** - *San Jacinto Water Harvesting Project.*