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STATE WATER BOARD AWARDS \$18 MILLION FOR CLEAN RUNOFF PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO—The State Water Resources Control Board Thursday awarded more than \$18 million in grants for a variety of stormwater management and pollution prevention projects. The projects were locally proposed and survived a rigorous process involving reviews by the California Water Boards and federal officials.

More than \$14 million of the competitively awarded grants are funded by the state through bonds approved by voters in Proposition 40. The additional \$4 million is provided by the federal government.

Of that money, a little more than 7.5 million dollars is flowing to the Los Angeles and South Lake Tahoe areas (served by the Los Angeles and Lahontan Regional Water Boards.)

State Water Board Chair Tam Doduc said after the board approved the grants, "How we deal with stormwater runoff affects both water quality and the rest of the environment. People associate flowing water with cleanliness. Unfortunately, if stormwater is not handled right, the rainy season can be one of California's dirtier seasons. These projects will make a big difference to Californians."

The State Water Board administers a number of grant and loan programs that help protect human health and the environment by guarding water bodies, improving drinking water and wastewater treatment and cleaning up California's beaches, shores and ocean.

Several additional projects were given provisional approval for funding if any projects fail to use their funding or if more money is available.

The two programs under which the grants were made are:

The Urban Storm Water Grant Program (Prop 40). The program provides grants to assist local public agencies with the planning for, and the implementation of, needed urban pollution runoff controls. The program provides grants for projects designed to implement stormwater runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs, including diversion of dry weather flows to publicly owned facilities for treatment, acquisition, and development of constructed wetlands and the implementation of approved best management practices, as required by stormwater permits.

And:

Federal 319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Program. This program provides

grants for projects to reduce, eliminate, or prevent water pollution from polluted runoff and enhance water quality in impaired waters. These grants are for projects that specifically implement provisions of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to correct water quality impairments.

The approved projects in the areas of the Los Angeles and Lahontan Regional Water Boards are:

8910	Polaris Creek/Wetland/SEZ Restoration for Tahoe TMDL, BMP Efficiency, Habitat Enhancement & Outreach – Placer County	\$852,958
9324	Strathern Pit Multiuse – City of Los Angeles	\$1,000,000
9026	Ojai Wetland Restoration, Stormwater Capture and Groundwater Recharge Project – Ventura County	\$985,000
9322	Compton Creek Trash Capture – City of Los Angeles	\$600,000
9524	Garvanza Park BMP – City of Los Angeles	\$1,000,000
9528	Alameda Gateway Stormwater Treatment Improvements - City of Compton	\$284,750
8991	LA River Trash Nets - City of Long Beach	\$566,000
8909	LA River VSS Unit - SD12 - City of Long Beach	\$605,000
9466	School Urban Runoff BMP Retrofit Project - City of Santa Monica	\$472,500
9172	Low Impact Development Guidance and Training for Southern California – multiple counties	\$600,000
8911	Indian Creek Reservoir TMDL Mitigation – Alpine County	\$609,166

The complete list and map of funded projects for the Nonpoint Source Implementation (319[h]) Program, and those projects that are approved but unfunded, can be found at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/nps319h.html>

The complete list and map of funded projects for the Urban Stormwater Program, and those projects that are approved but unfunded, can be found at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/urbansw.html>.

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