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State Loan to Upgrade Banning Wastewater Treatment Plant

The State Water Resources Control Board has approved a \$6.1 million loan from the State Revolving Fund for upgrades to the City of Banning's wastewater treatment plant.

The plant, owned and operated by the City of Banning serves the City's 27,000 residents. The current waste flow into the plant is 2.2 million gallons per day (mgd). Part of the facility is rated at a capacity of 3.6 mgd. However, other parts of the plant have a lower rating, resulting in an overall rating of 2 mgd. The loan will upgrade the plant's overall capacity to 3.6 mgd, enough to provide the city with reserve capacity for the next 10 years.

The City has indicated to the Board that it has its own potable water supply with more than enough resources to last over the life of the proposed upgrade project. In accordance with SRF policy requirements for water conversation, the City has submitted an approved water conservation plan.

The State Water Resources Control Board is a member of the California Environmental Protection Agency.