

**PLEASE NOTE:**

***This information was presented during the February 18, 2009 webcast of the Economic Recovery Workshop. Since then, the information has been updated. Please refer to our Economic Recovery website for the most current information.***

**[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/econ\\_recovery\\_info.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/econ_recovery_info.shtml)**



## State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program

# Economic Recovery: Water Quality Infrastructure February 2009



We've got the **green...**  
to keep California's **water clean.**  
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

# E-mail Questions

- E-mail your questions for today's workshop to:  
[CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov)

# What's All This Talk About Economic Recovery?

- What is the Federal Government doing?
- What is the State Water Board doing?
- What should Applicants be doing?

# Economic Recovery Bill

The bill will:

- **Preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.**
- **Provide grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF).**
- **Will focus on “shovel-ready” projects as the priority.**

# Economic Recovery Bill General Provisions

- Use at least 50% of funds for projects that can be initiated within 120 days of enactment
- None of the economic recovery funds may be used for any casino or gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool
- All iron, steel and manufactured goods used in the project must be produced in United States
- Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Requirement
- Additional reporting requirements for recipients of economic recovery funds
- CWSRF will be reporting to [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)

# Economic Recovery Bill Specific SRF Provisions

**Total allotment of \$4 billion for CWSRF nationwide**

- **Not less than 50% for grants, principal forgiveness, negative interest, or combination**
- **Priority for projects ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment**
- **Not less than 20% for green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environmentally innovative activities**
- **Up to 1.5% of funds may be reserved by EPA for tribal grants**

# CWSRF Policy Amendments/ Administrative Actions

The CWSRF staff is reviewing the current policy and will submit recommendations to the State Water Board on March 17, 2009. Amendments will address the program's processes and level of financial assistance.

- Reducing interest rates
- Planning Loans
- Allowing principal forgiveness/negative interest/grants
  - Requires change in State CWSRF law
- Removing per year Disbursement Limit
- Further Streamlining Environmental Review
  - TIER 2 Across the Board

# **CWSRF Policy Amendments/ Administrative Actions** (cont.)

- **Further realign/streamline application process**
  - **Contract after Preliminary Funding Commitment**
  - **Combine Eligibility / Final Plans and Specifications / Approval to Award**
  - **Change “Approval to Award” to “Approval of Award”**
  - **Value Engineering optional (still eligible)**
- **Combine Facility Plan Approval with Preliminary Funding Commitment**
- **New Application / Instructions**
- **Marketing / Technical Assistance**

# How Do I Get the \$\$\$\$

- **Submit a Financial Application if your project is ready-to-proceed.**
  - Even if your project is not on the Priority List.
  - Applicant assigned a Project Manager to assist in the application process.
- **Get on Project Priority List.**
- **Work closely with your Project Manager to ensure all documents are submitted for funding commitment.**
- **Stay tuned for further news**
  - Sign up for Lyris
  - Watch our website

# Upcoming Workshops/Events

## 2009 CWSRF Public/Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) Priority List Workshops \*

**February 11, 2009** – San Luis Obispo - Central Coast Regional Water Board

**February 18, 2009** – Redding – Central Valley Regional Water Board

**February 19, 2009** – Sacramento – Central Valley Regional Water Board

**February 24, 2009** – Victorville – Lahontan Regional Water Board

**February 25, 2009** – Palm Desert – Colorado River Regional Water Board

**February 26, 2009** – Riverside – Santa Ana Regional Water Board

**March 3, 2009** – Los Angeles – Los Angeles Regional Water Board

**March 4, 2009** – San Diego – San Diego Regional Water Board

**March 11, 2009** – Fresno – Central Valley Regional Water Board

**March 18, 2009** – Santa Rosa – North Coast Regional Water Board

**March 19, 2009** – Oakland – San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board

**April 1, 2009** – South Lake Tahoe – Lahontan Regional Water Board

\* *Dates are subject to change*

For dates and locations, visit the CWSRF website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/index.shtml)

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## 2009 California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) Funding Fairs

**February 3, 2009** – Chino – Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**February 5, 2009** – Bakersfield – UC Merced, Bakersfield Center

**March 10, 2009** – Eureka – City of Eureka Wharfinger Building

**April 2, 2009** – Merced – University of California Cooperative Extension

**May 7, 2009** – Sacramento – California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building

For location information, visit the CFCC website: [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov)

# Contact/Resources Information

- **CWSRF program information:**

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/index.shtml)

- **Email subscription to receive program announcements:**

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/wrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/wrcb_subscribe.shtml)

- **Other funding programs within the State Water Board:**

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/)

# New Economic Recovery Website

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/econ\\_recovery\\_info.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/econ_recovery_info.shtml)

# Questions

**What “Shovel Ready” project(s)  
do you think you could have  
ready in the early Spring though  
Summer?**

**Who needs to fund a compliance project(s)?**

**What types of other project(s) need funding?**

# What is the \$ amount you need to finance your project(s)

- **Less than \$10 million?**
- **\$10 – 50 million?**
- **\$50 – 90 million?**
- **Over \$90 million?**

**What financing mechanism  
were you anticipating?**

**What would make SRF  
attractive to you if offered  
through the economic  
recovery?**

**What can we do to help you  
speed projects to “shovel  
ready” status?**