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LOCAL

Program: On Site Retrofit Pilot Program
Website: <http://www.bewaterwise.com/>
Department: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Type: Grant
Propose: Provides financial incentives directly to public and private owners to convert potable water irrigation or industrial water systems to utilize recycled water. First come first serve basis starting 7/1/14 through 6/30/16 or until funds are exhausted.
Funding Limit: Authorization has increased and distributed at \$195 per acre-feet for **five** years of estimated use, up to actual retrofit costs.

Program: Local Resource Program
Department: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Type: Grant
Propose: Provides financial incentives for the development of water recycling, groundwater recovery, and seawater desalination projects.
Funding Limit: MWD has changed the program to have three incentive payment options: sliding scale incentives up to \$340/AF over 25 years, sliding scale incentives up to \$475/AF over 15 years, or fixed incentive up to \$305/AF over 25 years. In addition, MWD will provide reimbursable services to member agencies to expedite development of ready-to-proceed projects. The Application package for new program will be online in early 2015. MWD will host an information session for its member and retail agencies in December 2014.

Program: So Cal Water\$mart
Website: <http://www.bewaterwise.com/>
Department: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Type: Grant
Propose: Provides businesses generous rebates to help encourage water efficiency and conservation.
Funding Limit: Case by case evaluation.

Program: Water Savings Incentive Program
Website: <http://www.bewaterwise.com/>
Department: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Type: Grant
Propose: Open to all commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional and large landscape customers who implement qualifying projects. Examples include replacement of older, less water-efficient equipment, comprehensive changes to industrial processes that reduce water consumption, improvements to existing irrigation systems and landscaping to improve water use efficiency.
Funding Limit: Payment amount is up to \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons saved per year over the project live, up to a maximum of 10%. Incentives are limited to 50% of eligible project costs.

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STATE

Program: Prop 1 Watershed Restoration & Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Programs
Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans.shtml
Department: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance
Type: Loan/Grants

Propose:

Watershed Restoration Grant Program

1. These funds are available for water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Delta (CWC §79737[d]).
2. Funding shall only be used for projects that will provide fisheries or ecosystem
3. benefits or improvements that are greater than required applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations, except for any water transfers for the benefit of subsection (d) of Section 3406 of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) (Title 34 of Public Law 102-575) (CWC §79737[f]).
4. Funds shall not be expended to pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities (CWC §79737[e]).
5. Funds expended for the acquisition of a permanent dedication of water shall be in accordance with Section 1707 of the CWC, where the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) specifies that the water is in addition to water that is required for regulatory requirements as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 1707 (CWC §79709[a]). The acquisition of long-term transfers of water shall be completed in accordance with Water Code sections 1735, 1736 and 1737.
6. Funds shall not be used to acquire land via eminent domain (CWC §79711[g]).

Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program

1. Funding will be available for projects that will provide fisheries or ecosystem benefits or improvements that are greater than required applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations (CWC §79732[b]).
2. Funds shall not be used to acquire land via eminent domain (CWC §79738[e]).
3. Funds shall not be expended to pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities (CWC §79738[f]).
4. Funds expended for the acquisition of a permanent dedication of water shall be in accordance with Section 1707 of the Water Code, where the SWRCB specifies that the water is in addition to water that is required for regulatory requirements as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 1707 (CWC §79709[a]). The acquisition of long-term transfers of water shall be completed in accordance with Water Code sections 1735, 1736 and 1737 (CWC §79709[b]).

Funding Limit: In Fiscal Year 2015/2016), up to \$31.4 million of Proposition 1 funding is available for award.

Program: Prop 1 Groundwater Quality Funding Program – Pre Application and SB 445 Site Cleanup Program
Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans.shtml
Department: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance
Type: Loan/Grants
Propose: See attached Fact Sheet
Funding Limit: See attached Fact Sheet

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Program: Prop 1 – Recycled Water Funding Program
Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans.shtml
Department: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance
Type: Loan/Grants
Propose: SWRCB is administering the funding for RW with a total of \$625 million. DWR is administering the funding for RW with a total of \$100 million. SWRCB has divided the \$625 million into 50% low interest lows via CWSRF and 50% grants administered through then Water Recycling Funding Program. Planning grants have a maximum of \$75,000 with a proposed state share of 75%. Construction Grants have a proposed max of \$15 million (\$20 million for SDAC's) with a state share of 35% (40% for SDAC's). Loans are proposed 30 year term at half the general obligation bond rate, approximately 1.7% (Lower than 1% available). Local agencies and private utilities are eligible. No Deadline, apply anytime via SWRCB "FAAST" online. Eligible projects are funded in the order applications are completed and approved. (CEQA has a long lead time item and must be completed)

Funding Limit: \$725M for recycled water and desalination projects funding by Proposition 1.

Quick Facts: See Attached "Quick Facts".

Program: Interim Emergency Drinking Water Funding Program
Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/caa/dw_droughtfund/index.shtml
Department: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance
Type: Loan/Grants
Propose: See attached Fact Sheet
Funding Limit: See attached Fact Sheet

Program: Integrated Regional Water Management Grants (Proposition 84, 2015 Applications)
Website: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/implementation.cfm>
Department: Department of Water Resources
Type: Loans/Grants
Propose: Provide low interest loans or grants to assist public water systems in achieving or maintaining compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Eligible grant applicants are local public agencies and non-profit organizations. Federally recognized Tribes can be members of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), per Government Code §6500 et seq. IRWM Grant Program 2014 Drought Guidelines 13 For the IRWM Implementation Grant Program, the grant applicant is the agency submitting an application on behalf of an IRWM region. The grant applicant is also the agency that would enter into an agreement with the State, should the application be successful. Tribes, partner entities, or IRWM stakeholders, as defined in CWC §10541(g), may be part of the proposal as a project proponent and access grant funding through their relationship with the applicant, at DWR's discretion.

Cost Share Req: 25% minimum match and no limit per project.

Funding Limit: \$27.2M (2014 for Round 3, Part 1). Total of \$200M

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Program: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) – Financial Assistance Programs
Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/
Department: State Water Resources Control Board
Type: Loan
Propose: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on March 18, 2014 approved new low-interest financing terms for water recycling projects to help California produce an additional 150,000 acre-feet of recycled water annually, one of several actions Governor Brown called for in his Drought State of Emergency. Beginning immediately, the State Water Board’s Division of Financial Assistance is offering \$800 million in 1 percent loans — approximately half the current interest rate — for water recycling projects that can be completed within three years of the Governor’s January 17 declaration. Applications for funding must be submitted by Dec. 2, 2015.
Funding Limit: Approximately \$25M
Deadline: Program ends on December 2, 2015

Program: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF)
Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/
Department: State Water Resources Control Board
Type: Loans/Grants
Propose: Provide low interest loans or grants to assist public water systems in achieving or maintaining compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Water treatment facilities, replacing aging infrastructure planning studies, consolidation of water systems, source water protection, etc.
Cost Share Req: 25% minimum match.
Funding Limit: \$500,000 per planning study, \$20 million per project and \$30 million per entity per cap grant. Total of \$200M

FEDERAL

Program: WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Project Grants for Fiscal Year 2015
Website: Funding Opportunity No. R15AS00046 at www.grants.gov
Department: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Type: Grants
Propose: Supports a proactive approach to drought by providing assistance to water users to:
(1) Develop and update comprehensive drought contingency plans,
(2) Implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought, and
(3) Implement emergency response actions. This program supports drought resiliency projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought and reduce the need for emergency response actions.
Cost Share Req: 25% minimum match.
Funding Limit: \$300,000 per award, \$3M total available.
Deadline: Closed to new applications



Groundwater Quality Funding

Recent legislative changes created two new groundwater quality funding (GWQF) programs to be implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). These are:

- Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program (Assembly Bill 1471, Chapter 10)
- Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (Senate Bill 445, Hill, 2014).

The table below summarizes both programs. More information on these and other funding programs is available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

WHAT ARE THE FUNDING PROGRAM DETAILS?

	Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program	SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount Program
PROGRAM FUNDING	\$800 Million	Annual appropriations with \$19.5 Million Anticipated FY 2015/2016
FUNDING MECHANISMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants • Loans The split in funding for grants and loans has not yet been established.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Public Agencies, Tribes, Public Utilities, Non-Profits, Mutual Water Companies	Applicants with eligible projects
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent or Clean up Contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediate harm or threat to human health, safety, and the environment from surface or groundwater contamination • Regulatory agency has issued a directive, unless infeasible • Responsible Party lacks financial resources
PRIORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat posed by groundwater contamination to drinking water supply • Potential for groundwater contamination to spread/impair • Potential of project to enhance local water supply reliability • Potential of project to recharge vulnerable, high-use basins • Projects with no viable responsible party(ies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant threat to human health or the environment • Disadvantaged or small community impact • Cost and environmental benefit of project • Lack of availability of alternate funding source(s) • Other State Water Board considerations
CONTAMINANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural contaminants • Human-made contaminants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human-made contaminants

	Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program	SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount Program
SCHEDULE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Guidelines – April 2016 • Public Workshops – May 2016 • State Water Board Consideration – July/August 2016 • Final Guidelines – August 2016 • First Round - Solicitation/Review– Fall/ Winter 2016/17 • First Round Grant Agreements– 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Workshops – May/June 2015 • Final Grant Application – August 2015 • First Round Solicitation/Review – Fall/Winter 2015/16 • State Water Board Consideration of Project List – Winter 2016 • First Round Grant Agreements – 2016

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants seeking funding from either GWQF program will be able to apply using a single pre-application for both funding programs. State Water Board staff will evaluate pre-applications and determine which program, if any, is the most appropriate for each project; and, therefore, applicants do not need to designate a funding program preference. Applicants whose pre-application is successful will be invited to submit a final application, either for Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability or Site Cleanup Subaccount, or may be advised to apply for another potential source of funds.

Groundwater Quality Funding applications will be accepted online through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

HOW ARE PROJECTS RANKED?

Currently there are no ranking criteria other than existing requirements in law. The State Water Board will adopt guidelines with project selection criteria for the Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program. The State Water Board may choose to select certain projects for funding over other projects if there are insufficient funds to fund all projects during the fiscal year or over the life of the programs.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP WITH MY APPLICATION?

Contact information is shown below.

FAAST tutorials will be available online: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/videos/faast.shtml>

If your community has a hardship, technical assistance providers may be available to assist with electronic submittal.

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

Website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

Get Email Alerts:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

“Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance”

HOW CAN I CONTACT THE STATE WATER BOARD?

Email: gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov

Message phone: 1-800-813-Fund (3863)

Notice of Funding Availability for Interim Emergency Drinking Water

INTRODUCTION

On March 27, 2015, Governor Brown approved a \$1 billion emergency drought relief package to take effect immediately. As a result of the Governor's action, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved \$19 million in funding from the Cleanup and Abatement Account to meet interim emergency drinking water needs for those communities with a contaminated water supply or that suffer drought related water outages or threatened emergencies.

In an effort to distribute funds as quickly and efficiently as possible, the State Water Board will coordinate with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW) district offices, the Office of Emergency Services, Department of Water Resources, and other stakeholders (e.g., environmental justice groups, community assistance groups) to identify those communities that are most at risk and require financial assistance.

If you are interested in applying for this funding or need additional information, please contact your DDW District Office*, or Division of Financial Assistance Program staff at DFA-CAA-DW-DroughtFund@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-9066, or visit our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/caa/dw_droughtfund/index.shtml.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- ◆ Public Agencies
 - ◆ Community Water Systems
 - ◆ Not-for-Profit Organizations
 - ◆ Tribal Governments
- } That serve disadvantaged communities

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS (include, but not limited to)

- ◆ Bottled Water
- ◆ Well Repair, Rehabilitation, and Replacement
- ◆ Hauled Water
- ◆ Emergency Interties
- ◆ Treatment Systems

FUNDING GUIDELINES

- ◆ http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/caa/dw_droughtfund/index.shtml

HOW TO APPLY

- ◆ Work with your respective local District Office* which can assist public water systems by generating funding request memos based on request(s) received from eligible entities, or
- ◆ Complete and submit a funding application via Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), which is available online at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>, or
- ◆ Applications may also be submitted by email, fax, CD or hardcopy to:

*State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
Cleanup and Abatement
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814*

Email: DFA-CAA-DW-DroughtFund@waterboards.ca.gov

Fax: (916) 341-5707

Program Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/caa/dw_droughtfund/index.shtml

***District Office Locations:**

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/documents/ddwem/DDWdistrictofficesmap.pdf

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GENERAL INFORMATION LINE: (916) 319-9066





QUICK FACTS

WRFP GUIDELINES	
Eligible Applicants	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Agencies <p>Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Agencies Privately Owned Water Utilities regulated by the Public Utilities Commission Non-profit organizations Federally recognized Indian Tribes State Indian Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List Mutual Water Companies
Planning Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Share: 50% Maximum Grant: \$75,000
Construction Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Share: 35% of eligible¹ construction costs Maximum Grant: \$15,000,000 Allowance: Included within the grant value for construction management, contingencies, and engineering services during construction
Construction Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest at 1/2 General Obligation Bond Rate 30 year term Allowance: Follows the CWSRF Policy
Funding Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% - Counties of LA, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura 40% - Remaining counties 20% - Any county
Eligibility Start Date	<p>Planning Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execution of the grant agreement <p>Construction Grants/Financing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execution of the Initial funding agreement, however, retroactive planning and design costs are eligible for construction financing

Footnotes: ¹ Eligible construction costs include construction management, contingencies, and engineering services during construction.