

Media Release

State Water Board awards \$97.9 million for stormwater projects

Awards fund 24 projects promoting sustainable water management

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SACRAMENTO –The State Water Resources Control Board awarded today \$97.9 million in Proposition 1 funds for 24 stormwater projects to cities, counties, and special districts statewide in an effort to capture stormwater and put it to beneficial use for communities.

The stormwater management awards will improve regional water self-reliance, and adaptation to water supply challenges arising from climate change. And they come at a time when drought concerns are highlighting the need for innovative projects to help water agencies maximize local water resources while reducing dependence on water imports.

Approved by California voters in a general election on November 4, 2014, Proposition 1 authorizes general obligation bonds for water projects, including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection, restoration and drinking water protection. The selected projects will lead to environmental benefits like pollutant removal, groundwater recharge, flood management, habitat protection and creation of greenspace.

The grants, administered by the Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance, advance the agency's Stormwater Strategy, as well as Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio, the state's roadmap to sustainable water management.

The full list of project recipients can be found at <u>the State Water Resources Control</u> Board Stormwater Grant Program Prop 1 page.





