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DWR Pumps \$14-Million into Drought-Proofing Sacramento Area

RWA and Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Awarded Drought Relief Grants

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced nearly \$14-million to fund projects throughout the Sacramento region that will help provide immediate drought relief and prepare for future droughts. Grants totaling \$200 million were made to agencies for projects statewide through an expedited funding process directed earlier this year by Governor Brown.

Drought Relief Grants totaling \$9,765,000 for 17 projects were awarded to Sacramento's Regional Water Authority (RWA). Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFCWCD) will receive \$4 million for two projects.

Earlier this year, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency and signed legislation to assist drought-affected communities and provide funding to better use local water supplies. The Governor and Legislature directed DWR to expedite the solicitation and awards statewide to support projects and programs that:

- provide immediate regional drought relief
- increase local water supply reliability and delivery of safe drinking water
- prepare for extended drought impacts
- assist water suppliers and regions to implement conservation programs and measures that are not locally cost-effective, but either reduce water quality conflicts or ecosystem conflicts created by the drought.

"The grants we are announcing today to alleviate drought conditions in the Sacramento area and throughout the state are outstanding examples of Governor Brown's commitment to addressing the water challenges facing California by having communities and regions work together on solutions," said DWR Deputy Director Gary Bardini. "Integrated water management as outlined in the Governor's California Water Action Plan and DWR's just-released California Water Plan Update is the collaborative, proven formula whose success is demonstrated here today and that will guide us in using, managing and developing our water resources to the advantage of the environment and all our people. This scenic spot – a pumping station that supplies water to one of our major cities but sits astride a life-giving river that sustains much of California's diverse wildlife is a perfect illustration of how we can meet the needs of our people and protect our ecosystems."

The funding provided to the Sacramento region will help reduce the area's reliance on Folsom reservoir during extremely dry periods.

"The projects throughout the Sacramento region are designed to greatly enhance the ability to not only maximize available water supplies, but move water from those areas with available water to those areas in need," said RWA Executive Director John Woodling. "Local agencies have been actively storing groundwater in our underlying basin for nearly two decades, which makes the basin our greatest insurance against future water shortages," said Woodling.

The two Yolo County projects receiving State funding are designed to provide drought relief to the rural areas surrounding the cities of Woodland, Davis and Winters.

“These two grants will allow our region, in both the agricultural and urban sectors, to move forward in managing our precious water resources in a more efficient manner,” said Tim O’Halloran, YCFCWCD General Manager.” We appreciate the State and DWR expediting this grant process in response to the severe drought that we are experiencing.”

The funded projects throughout the Sacramento region are:

Regional Water Authority	
Project 1: Lower American River Pipeline	Carmichael Water District
Project 2: Hazel/50 Intertie Improvements	City of Folsom
Project 3: Well #2 Reactivation	City of Lincoln
Project 4: Nelson Well Improvements	City of Lincoln
Project 5: PFE and Zone 4 Transfer Pump Stations	City of Roseville
Project 6: Phase 2B Well Rehabilitations	City of Sacramento
Project 7: Sacramento River Pump Station Modifications	City of Sacramento
Project 8: Lower American River Pump Station Modifications	City of Sacramento
Project 9: Main Ditch Piping	El Dorado Irrigation District
Project 10: Madison Well Construction	Fair Oaks Water District
Project 11: American River Pump Station Improvements	Placer County Water Agency
Project 12: Agricultural and Rural Residential Drought Response Incentives Program	Placer County Water Agency
Project 13: Regional Water Efficiency Drought Measures	Regional Water Authority
Project 14: Striker Well Upgrades	Sacramento County Water Agency
Project 15: Antelope Booster Pump Station Phase 2	Sacramento Suburban Water District
Project 16: Enterprise Intertie Improvements	Sacramento Suburban Water District
Project 17: Barton Road Intertie	San Juan Water District

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	
Woodland Recycled Water Project	City of Woodland
YCFCWCD-Regional Drought Preparedness Canal Modernization Project	Yolo County FC&WCD

For additional information on the grants awarded to the Sacramento region, as well as DWR drought grants awarded statewide, visit <http://water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/implementation.cfm>

