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State Water Board Awards Loans to City of San Diego

SACRAMENTO -- The State Water Resources Control Board has awarded two low-cost loans totaling \$18.65 million to the City of San Diego for capital improvements to the city's Metropolitan Sewerage System. The funds are from the State Revolving Fund, which provides funding for wastewater treatment plant updates and upgrades.

A \$1.15 million loan will allow the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant maintenance building to expand by 4,300 square feet. The building, constructed in 1964, will be expanded to centralize maintenance shop activities, shop records and reports. The expansion will also provide additional staff space.

The State Water Board also awarded the city a \$17.5 million loan for the construction of the South Bay Reclamation Sewer and Pump Station. This project consists of construction of a pump station at Grove Avenue and Oro Vista Road in the southern metropolitan area and a pressure main influent pipeline to the South Bay Water Reclamation Plant (SBWRP). The Board has previously approved a loan for construction of the SBWRP. The new pump station and the plant will allow the city to relieve the flow of sewage through the South Metro Interceptor to the Point Loma plant, which is approaching design capacity.

In accordance with State Revolving Fund policy requirements for water conservation, the city is a signatory to the State Water Coalition's Memorandum of Understanding regarding urban water conservation in California.

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