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## **Priority List For Water Quality Improvement Grants Approved by State Water Board**

SACRAMENTO -- The State Water Resources Control Board has approved a resolution to accept a federal Clean Water Act (CWA) grant and approved a priority list of projects eligible to receive grant monies. The grant comes from section 319 (h) of the CWA. While the exact amount of the grant is not yet known, SWRCB believe it will be about \$7.5 million.

The project funding comes from grants specifically designated for Nonpoint Source Pollution. The \$7.5 million grant from the federal government is significantly more than has been provided in the past. Last year, Congress substantially increased CWA grant funding in support of President Clinton's Clean Water Action Plan (CWAP).

In March of this year a Request for Proposal was issued with a deadline of June 11, 1999. After that date, State and Regional Board staff reviewed and ranked the proposals. The proposals were then reviewed by other state agencies and a priority list was compiled. The projects address water quality problems that are both specific to a particular region or deal with a statewide issue.

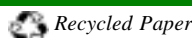
The projects presented in the attachment are listed in recommended priority order and at a proposed funding level.

Watershed Management Initiative Committee  
Final Recommendations  
1999 Section 319 Proposals  
September 1999

**A. SET-ASIDE (NON-COMPETITIVE) PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING**

#.#	Project Title	Cost	CWAP <sup>1</sup>	Non-CWAP
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2.1	Walker Creek Watershed Enhancement Program	\$130,000	\$130,000	
3.1	Management Practices for Livestock Owners	\$121,140	\$251,140	
4.1	Los Angeles Volunteer Monitoring & Education	\$95,000		\$95,000
5.1	Conservation Easements for Agricultural Lands	\$130,000	\$381,140	
7.1	Salton Sea Education Program	\$82,029		\$177,029
8.2	Orange County Landscape Performance Program	\$100,000	\$481,140	
9.1	Citizen Watershed Monitoring Program	\$31,425		\$208,454
			\$481,140	\$208,454

B. CWAP ELIGIBLE COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

<u>##</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>CWAP</u>
CWAP Projects Total from List A			\$481,140
1.	2.2 Sediment Reduction in Sonoma Creek	\$309,500	\$790,640
2.	4.2 Clean Marina & In-Water Hull Cleaner Program	\$ 87,382	\$878,022
3.	5.3 Panoche Creek Revitalization Project	\$350,000	\$1,228,022
4.	3.2 Moro Cojo Slough: NPS implementation project	\$340,000	\$1,568,022
5.	9.2 Nontoxic Recreational Boat Hull Paint Demo	\$129,283	\$1,697,305
6.	8.3 Ag. BMP Implementation; San Diego Creek	\$349,794	\$2,047,099
7.	6.1 <sup>a</sup> Restoration of Riparian Habitat of Crowley Lake	\$244,941	\$2,292,040
<u>##</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>CWAP</u>
8.	1.1 <sup>a</sup> Sediment Reduction in Gualala River Watershed	\$342,250	\$2,634,290
9.	5.6 Protecting the San Joaquin River through Outreach	\$154,339	\$2,788,629
10.	3.7 Instream & Riparian Habitat Enhancement	\$ 48,339	\$2,836,968
11.	7.2 Imperial Valley Fiber Mat Technology BMP \$2,961,968	\$125,000	
12.	3.6 Erosion & Nutrient Mgt. in Salinas & Pajaro \$3,272,968	\$311,000	

13. 5.8 Management Practices to Reduce Pesticide Use	\$349,484	\$3,622,452
14. 3.3 Public Outreach & Education in Salinas Valley	\$288,000	\$3,910,452
15. 2.3 Alhambra Creek Erosion & Sediment Reduction	\$170,143	\$4,080,595
16. 1.3 <sup>a</sup> Monitoring of Sediment Parameters: Garcia River	\$154,820	\$4,235,415
17. 2.6 Rangeland Stewardship in So. Alameda Creek	\$350,000	\$4,585,415
18. 2.5 Manure Mgmt at Equestrian Facilities	\$350,000	\$4,935,415
19. 2.7 Petaluma Watershed Sediment Retention	\$269,700	\$5,205,115
20. 2.4 Sediment Reduction & Habitat Enhancement \$5,555,115	\$350,000	
21. 7.3 Erosion Reduction in the Salton Sea Watershed	\$113,605	\$5,668,720
22. 3.5 Morro Bay Volunteer Monitoring Program	\$240,000	\$5,908,720
23. 3.8 Kings Creek Sediment Control Project \$5,980,940	\$ 72,220	
24. 7.4 Irrigation Management Reduces Tailwater	\$264,902	\$6,245,842
25. 3.9 Demo Farm & Multicultural Outreach Program	\$345,600	\$6,591,442

C. NON-CWAP ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

<u>##</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Non-CWAP</u>
	Non-CWAP Projects Total from List A		\$208,454
1.	6.2 Trout Creek Restoration Project	\$125,500	\$333,954
2.	0.1 Rangeland Water Quality Management	\$236,910	\$570,864
3.	1.2 Five County Effort: Sediment Reduction Phase II	\$348,000	\$918,864

<u>##</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Non-CWAP</u>
4.	5.2 Public Education in Reducing Aquatic Toxicity	\$349,992	\$1,268,856
5.	3.4 Farm Water Quality Planning	\$166,729	\$1,435,585
6.	0.3 Boating Clean & Green, Phase 2	\$313,524	\$1,749,109

7.	6.3	Bridgeport Reservoir Vegetative Filter Strips	\$ 60,720	\$1,809,829
8.	6.4	Tahoe Citizen Environmental Action Program	\$227,020	\$2,036,849
1		Clean Water Action Plan (CWAP)		
a		Conditionally eligible		

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