

Media Release

State Water Board to Host Free Funding Fair on Infrastructure Projects in Watsonville

California Financing Coordinating Committee event offers one-stop shopping for local governments

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SACRAMENTO -- The State Water Resources Control Board, along with five partner agencies, will host a free California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) Funding Fair Wednesday, Sept. 2, in Watsonville.

The CFCC Funding Fair is an excellent opportunity for public works and local government representatives to obtain information on funding currently available for California infrastructure projects. Project categories include, but are not limited to: drinking water; wastewater; solid waste; water quality; water supply; water conservation; energy efficiency; flood management; community facilities; streets and highways and emergency response vehicles.

The fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the city of Watsonville's Community Room, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville, CA 95076.

The CFCC was formed in 1998 and is made up of six funding members: The State Water Board; California Department of Water Resources; California Department of Housing and Community Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development; U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation and the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.

CFCC members facilitate and expedite the completion of various types of infrastructure projects by helping customers combine the resources of different agencies. Since 2000, CFCC members have conducted free funding fairs statewide to educate the public about available financial and technical resources.

These funding fairs provide one-stop shopping for those looking for infrastructure funding in California. Each of the listed agencies will provide information on their available infrastructure grant, loan and bond financing programs, including funding available from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1). Additionally, attendees

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have the opportunity to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their community.

The schedule for the funding fair is as follows:

Check-in: 8-8:30 a.m. Agency presentations: 8:30 a.m.-noon. Project discussion with agencies: noon-3 p.m.

The Watsonville funding fair is one of six being held throughout the state in 2015. The schedule and registration is available at <u>http://cfcc.ca.gov/funding_fairs.htm</u>. Additionally, the Sacramento funding fair on Sept. 23 will be webcast live.

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