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Budget Act of 2021 – Wastewater Infrastructure Appropriation

Overview

The Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 129 and Senate Bill 170) appropriated \$1.55 billion to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in item 3940-106-0001 (the Infrastructure Appropriation). The budget bill specifies that \$650 million (M) is for wastewater projects, with priority given to septic-to-sewer conversions.

Key Provisions:

- Up to 5% for SWRCB administrative costs (leaves \$617.5 M for wastewater grants).
- Up to 10% may be utilized for technical assistance (TA) and capacity building in DACs.
- Must be encumbered by June 30, 2024.
- Must be liquidated by June 30, 2026.

Wastewater Grant Eligibility

SWRCB Resolution No. 2021-0030, dated August 18, 2021

- Authorized the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to encumber up to \$100 M of the wastewater allocation from the Infrastructure Appropriation.
- This grant funding is awarded consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes set forth in the - State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-22 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP).
- Any programmatic or project-specific funding cap set forth in the CWSRF IUP can be waived for the purposes of awarding the Infrastructure Appropriation Funds, as are several CWSRF cross-cutting compliance obligations.

Implementation Plan for remaining \$517.5 M available:

- DFA intends to rely on existing funding processes outlined in the CWSRF IUP as the basis for administering the wastewater infrastructure funds. Targeted amendments to the SFY 2021-22 CWSRF IUP are proposed, to streamline funding processes and maximize opportunities for eligible projects. Key next steps in the process include:
 - **NEW** Draft Implementation Plan posted for public comment – **January 6, 2022**
 - [Public Notice](#)
 - [Draft 2021-22 CWSRF IUP Amendments \(Track Changes\)](#)
 - [Draft 2021-22 CWSRF IUP Amendments \(Clean Version\)](#)
 - Board Workshop on Draft Implementation Plan – **January 20, 2022**
 - SWRCB consideration of Implementation Plan – **March 15, 2022**

Summary of Past Stakeholder Meetings

- Wastewater Stakeholder Meeting - **October 20, 2021**
 - [Presentation](#)
 - [Recorded Meeting](#)



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