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State Water Resources Control Board Approves \$2.87 Million For San Diego County Recycled Water Construction Project

SACRAMENTO — The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) today approved a loan and grant package totaling \$2.87 million for the Rincon Del Diablo Water District in San Diego County, to construct a water recycling program.

The District, located near the City of Escondido, applied for a loan and a grant to help finance construction of their recycling project. The State Water Board will District will receive a \$2.15 million loan and a \$718,000 grant to assist in construction of the project.

“Water recycling maximizes the best possible uses for our limited water resources,” said SWRCB Chairman Art Baggett. “With projects like this, we’re putting treated wastewater to good use instead of simply disposing of it.”

The completed Rincon project will have about 4.5 miles of recycled water pipelines and two pump stations that will provide 425-acre feet of recycled water.

This recycled water will replace potable – or drinkable – water, currently being used to irrigate a golf course, a park, a school, two churches, and irrigated landscaped areas maintained by various homeowners associations.

The District has a mandatory use ordinance for recycled water and it will assist identified users with costs associated with retrofitting.

Two state bond acts approved by California voters in 1996 and 2000 have provided roughly \$100 million in low-cost loans and grants to various communities for water recycling projects.

The SWRCB is responsible for the administration of the fund. Water recycling projects that help supplement California’s water supply are given funding priority.