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State Water Board Approves Amended Guidelines to Water Recycling Funding Program *New Guidelines Incorporate Distribution of Proposition 1 Funding*

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SACRAMENTO – Today the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved amended guidelines to the Water Recycling Funding Program, allowing for the distribution of Proposition 1 monies related to water recycling.

The approval of the amended guidelines allows the Division of Financial Assistance to distribute \$625 million in Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) funding through its Water Recycling Funding Program (WRF). Proposition 1 monies will be combined with existing bond funds, and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, to provide the best possible funding packages for the maximum number of water recycling projects, a goal of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s Water Action Plan. By funding more recycled water projects, sustainability of local and state water resources will be greatly increased, making the state more drought resilient in the future.

With the amended guidelines, the Division of Financial Assistance will be able to better fund additional recycled water projects, which will benefit other local public agencies and eligible applicants. The guidelines also conform with the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards' Waste Discharge Requirements.

The WRF guidelines were last amended on July 15, 2008. The Division of Financial Assistance updated the guidelines to incorporate the Proposition 1 requirements, improve certain processes and make sure the guidelines were in line with other water recycling funding sources. The amended WRF guidelines were posted on March 12, 30 days prior to four public meetings related to the guidelines. Public comments on the amended guidelines were due April 24, 2015.

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