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STATE WATER BOARD AWARDS NEARLY \$18 MILLION FOR CLEAN RUNOFF PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO—The State Water Resources Control Board Thursday awarded more than \$18 million in grants for stormwater management and pollution prevention projects. The projects were locally proposed and survived thorough reviews by the California Water Boards and federal officials.

More than \$14 million of the competitively awarded grants are funded by the state through voter-approved Proposition 40. The federal government provides the additional \$4 million.

Of that money, nearly \$7 million is going to the North and Central California coast, to the areas served by the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, and Central Coast Regional Water Boards.

State Water Board Chairwoman Tam M. Doduc said after the Board approved the grants, "How we deal with stormwater runoff affects both water quality and the rest of the environment. People associate flowing water with cleanliness.

Unfortunately, if stormwater is not handled right, the rainy season can be one of California's dirtier seasons. These projects will make a big difference to Californians."

The State Water Board administers a number of grant and loan programs that help protect human health and the environment by guarding water bodies, improving drinking water and wastewater treatment, and cleaning up California's beaches, shores, and ocean.

Several additional projects were given provisional approval for funding if any projects fail to use their funding or if more money is available.

The two programs under which the grants were made are:

- **The Urban Storm Water Grant Program (Prop 40).** The program provides grants to assist local public agencies with the planning for, and the implementation of, needed urban pollution runoff controls. The program provides grants for projects designed to implement stormwater runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs, including diversion of dry

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weather flows to publicly owned facilities for treatment, acquisition, and development of constructed wetlands, and the implementation of approved best management practices, as required by stormwater permits.

- **Federal 319(h) Non-point Source Implementation Program.** This program provides grants for projects to reduce, eliminate, or prevent water pollution from polluted runoff and enhance water quality in impaired waters.
- These grants are for projects that specifically implement provisions of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to correct water quality impairments.

The approved projects in the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, and Central Coast Regional Water Boards are:

PROPOSAL TITLE	APPLICANT	FUNDING AMOUNT
Trinity River Watershed TMDL Implementation Project	Trinity County Resource Conservation District	\$675,000
Little Larabee Watershed Sediment Control project	Eel River Watershed Improvement Group	\$773,776
Shasta Water Association Dam Demobilization and Water Quality Enhancement Project	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District	\$635,000
Demonstrating Road Improvements	Napa County Resource Conservation District	\$344,222
The Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) Project	The Bay Institute	\$283,500
Rural Road Erosion Control Assistance	Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District	\$816,746

PROPOSAL TITLE	APPLICANT	FUNDS REQUESTED
Integrated Stormwater Element of the 12th St Project	City of Oakland	\$577,900
Implementation of Low Impact Development Design Standards in San Luis Obispo County	County of San Luis Obispo	\$600,000
Florence Street LID Pedestrian Improvements	County of San Luis Obispo	\$450,000
Santa Rosa Creek - B Street Outfall Retrofit Project	City of Santa Rosa	\$396,300
Reducing NPS Sediment and Pesticide Pollution in County Road Maintenance Operations	Santa Cruz County	\$629,756
Mountainbrook Community Church Low Impact Development Project - Phase I	Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District	\$623,132

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The complete list, summary and map of funded projects for the Nonpoint Source Implementation (319[h]) Program, and those projects that are approved but unfunded, can be found at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/nps319h.html>

The complete list, summary and map of funded projects for the Urban Stormwater Program, and those projects that are approved but unfunded, can be found at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press/urbansw.html>.

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