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STATE WATER BOARD APPROVES SPENDING PLANS FOR DRINKING AND CLEAN WATER FUNDS

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SACRAMENTO – The State Water Resources Control Board approved the intended use plans for the Drinking Water and Clean Water state revolving funds for fiscal year 2016-17. These reports outline the State Water Board’s business plans for the two funds, including revised Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 ([Proposition 1](#)) guidelines.

These two funds are critical in providing financing for projects that supply clean and safe drinking water, as well as create better water quality and sustainable and reusable water resources. The [Drinking Water fund](#), established in 1996 as part of the [Safe Drinking Water Act](#), offers financial assistance to public water systems for drinking water infrastructure improvements. The [Clean Water fund](#), established in 1989 under the [Clean Water Act](#), funds projects such as wastewater treatment and water recycling facilities; wastewater collection systems; and non-point source or estuary projects.

The intended use plans explain what types of projects the State Water Board anticipates funding this year and identifies the appropriate financing terms. These use plans are required under federal regulations and are submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to receive grant funding.

Some changes for the 2016-17 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund plan include: broadening certain extended 30-year financing eligibilities; proposing 30-year financing for eligible public water systems serving non-disadvantaged communities; up to \$74 million in Prop 1 technical assistance funding for small, disadvantaged community drinking water and wastewater systems; increased access to principal forgiveness and grant funding for small water systems serving disadvantage communities; and more.

For the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, some key provisions for the 2016-17 plan include: Prop 1 funding for the Small Community Grant Fund to help promote water quality improvements for disadvantaged communities; a focus on finding the best available funding



sources for clean water projects; and Prop 1 funding for recycled water and storm water projects.

For more information, see the draft [Drinking Water](#) and [Clean Water](#) intended use plans.

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