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Local Public Entities Awarded $10 Million State Grant

A $10 million state grant will help boost and protect this region's water supply.

Recently the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency and the City of Salinas were awarded a $10 Million Grant to assist with storm water management projects. The grant money will be applied towards the design and construction of storm water capture projects in and around the City of Salinas. All of the project components will benefit the Pure Water Monterey program, an innovative replacement water supply project.

Pure Water Monterey has three primary goals: provide a sustainable source of water supply through advanced water purification and groundwater injection, provide additional recycled water for agricultural irrigation, and mitigate seawater intrusion. The anticipated results from the implementation of Pure Water Monterey are greater regional self-reliance through the recharging of groundwater for use in drought conditions, and reduced water quality impacts on the Salinas River and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The Grant money was made available as part of the Water Quality, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) approved by California voters in the general election on November 4, 2014. The final list of awardees was announced Dec. 1 by the State Water Resources Control Board. The competitive program saw 84 projects apply for state grant funds which requested over $320 Million for storm water projects. The MRWPCA and City of Salinas application was one of 27 projects awarded grant funds. Only 3 of the 27 approved applications were awarded $10 Million. A full list of all of the selected projects can be seen at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/docs/prop1/prop1_swgp_imp_r1_funding_list_approval.pdf

"This grant enhances the success of the Pure Water Project plus helps meet several of the City's storm water goals and objectives," said Gloria De La Rosa, Salinas City Councilmember for the City of Salinas and Board Chair of the MRWPCA. "It really shows what can happen when people cooperate."

More information on the Pure Water Project is available at http://purewatermonterey.org or by contacting:
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