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Natural Resources Agency Announces Awards for the California Urban Rivers Grant Program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Natural Resources Agency announced \$18.6 million in funding for 22 California Urban Rivers Grant Program projects statewide. In 2004, California voters passed Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act. The California Urban Rivers Grant Program provides grants to public agencies, California nonprofit organizations, public utilities, federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation list and mutual water companies. The program grants funds for green infrastructure that conserves water, buffers climate change impacts, improves water quality, water supply, public health, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and energy demand, restores, and protects rivers, creeks and streams including the acquisition of resource lands.

The Natural Resources Agency evaluated 52 applications, totaling over \$68 million in requests and recommended funding for 22 projects identified below.

Grant awardees include:

- Alameda County Water District: \$3,006,165 Rubber Dam #3 Fish Ladder Project
- Town of Apple Valley: \$480,000 Water Reuse and Urban Green Space Preservation Project
- City of Claremont: \$751,960 Foothill Boulevard Storm Water Infiltration Project
- City of Corona: \$144,278 Corona Reclaimed Water Conversion Project
- City of Davis: \$300,238 Russell Boulevard Green Street Demonstration Project
- City of Dixon: \$525,404 Pond C Biofiltration and Habitat Project
- East Bay Regional Park District: \$750,000 McCosker Stream Restoration and Public Access
- City of Fullerton: \$1,000,000 West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition Project
- County of Humboldt: \$685,000 McKay Community Forest Phase II Acquisition Project
- City of Indio: \$486,625.00 Shadow Hills Water Management Project
- **Kern River Corridor Endowment and Holding Company, Inc.:** \$1,169,355 Riparian Habitat Restoration at Panorama Vista Preserve Project
- **Life Frames:** \$633,300 OMI/Excelsior Living Library & Think Park Seneca Avenue Streetscape Transformation
- City of Pico Rivera: \$1,801,615 Mines Avenue Flood Control Through Storm Water Management and Urban Greening Pilot Project
- Port of Stockton: \$310,400 Port of Stockton Eastern Southditch Wetland Enhancement Project
- City of Redding: \$563,982 Redding Riffle Restoration Project
- Resource Conservation Partners: \$932,583

 Arroyo Simi Restoration Project
- City of Roseville: \$400,000 Dry Creek Stream Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project

- City of San Pablo: \$689,222 Wildcat Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail Project
- Trust for Public Land: \$726,065 Bradley Green Alley Project
- Tuolumne River Trust: \$368,183 Dennett Dam Removal Project
- City of Ukiah: \$1,113,700 Riverside Floodplain Regeneration Project
- City of Visalia: \$1,568,708 East Side Regional Park

The California Urban Rivers Grant Program encourages projects that implement the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan which are 1) more reliable water supplies, 2) the Restoration of important species and habitat, and 3) a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.