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Natural Resources Agency Announces Awards for Multiple Benefit Green Infrastructure Investments

SACRAMENTO – The California Natural Resources Agency today announced \$18.5 million in funding for 13 projects under its Green Infrastructure grant program funded by Proposition 68.

In 2018, California voters passed the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which directed \$18.5 million to the Natural Resources Agency for competitive grants for multi-benefit green infrastructure investments in or benefiting disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities.

"These awards will support disadvantaged communities in reducing their carbon footprint and enhancing natural spaces throughout the State," Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot said. "It's projects like these that help set California on the path to achieving more sustainable, climate resilient communities."

The Green Infrastructure grant program endeavors to maximize opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through project design and implementation while also providing benefits such as cleaner air and water, urban heat island mitigation, increased adaptability to climate change, wildlife habitat improvement, and improved community health.

Project component examples include: urban tree canopy expansion; groundwater recharge basin installation; park development; greening public schoolyards; and constructing non-motorized trails that provide safe routes of travel.

GRANT AWARDEES BY COUNTY:

Alameda County

• East Bay Regional Park District, \$1,435,000, San Francisco Bay Trail Doolittle Drive Project

Calaveras County

• Feeney Park Foundation, \$190,240, Feeney Park Walking Path and ADA Access Improvement Project

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Inyo County

• City of Bishop, \$426,002, City of Bishop PARKways Project

Los Angeles County

- City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation, \$2,265,000, Boyle Heights Greening Project
- North East Trees, Inc., \$1,088,980, Buchanan Street Elementary School Greening Project
- City of South El Monte, \$3,000,000, Merced Avenue Greenway Project

Mariposa County

Sierra Foothill Conservancy, \$760,900, The Mariposa Creek Parkway Acquisition Project

Sacramento County

• Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, \$1,815,827, Mirasol Park at Twin Rivers Project

San Diego County

• City of Lemon Grove, \$1,470,755, Connect Main Street: Phase 3 Project

Santa Cruz County

• Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, \$3,000,000, Watsonville Trails: Farm, Wetland, and Safe Routes to School Project

Shasta County

Fall River Valley Community Services District, \$383,090, Falls Community Park Phase 2 Project

Tulare County

City of Visalia, \$1,907,244, East Side Regional Park Recharge Basins

Ventura County

• The Nature Conservancy, \$756,962, Hanson Visitor Enhancement Project

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