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Natural Resources Agency Announces Awards for the Urban Greening Grant Program

SACRAMENTO – The California Natural Resources Agency today announced \$24.7 million in funding for 20 infrastructure projects through the state’s Urban Greening program. Funded by Cap-and-Trade revenues, also known as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, the grants support projects that aim to reduce greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon, decreasing energy consumption and reducing vehicle miles traveled. The projects also convert built environments into green spaces that improve air quality and water quality.

“These projects enhance our urban areas by creating and expanding green spaces that are more sustainable,” California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird said. “Urban Greening projects help reduce greenhouse gas emissions to combat the effects of climate change while contributing to healthy and vibrant communities.”

The Natural Resources Agency evaluated 84 applications and recommended funding for 20 projects identified below. Ninety-eight percent of the funding was awarded to projects located within and benefitting priority populations such as disadvantaged and low-income communities as defined by [AB 1550](#) of 2016.

Grant awardees by county include:

Alameda County:

- **The Trust for Public Land, \$1,186,977, *The Model Oakland Green Schoolyard at Cesar E. Chavez Education Center Project.***

Kern County:

- **City of Bakersfield, \$835,504, *Kentucky Street Greening Project.***
- **City of McFarland, \$1,800,000, *McFarland Community Garden and Trail Phase I Project.***
- **City of Tehachapi, \$889,300, *Citywide Tree Planting and Stormwater Capture Project.***

Los Angeles County:

- **City of El Monte, \$2,337,005, *The Gateway Park and Open Space Project.***
- **The Trust for Public Land, \$1,100,000, *Castellanos Elementary Living Schoolyard Project.***

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- **The Trust for Public Land, \$399,000, *El Sereno Arroyo Urban Greening Project.***

Marin County:

- **City of San Rafael, \$1,200,000, *Francisco Boulevard West Multi-Use Pathway-Second Street to Andersen Drive Project.***

Nevada County:

- **Town of Truckee, \$500,000, *West River Parkway Project.***

Riverside County

- **City of Blythe, \$187,500, *Miller Park Planting and Irrigation Project.***
- **City of Coachella, \$3,189,152.72, *Grapefruit Boulevard Urban Greening and Connectivity Project.***
- **City of Lake Elsinore, \$1,194,606, *Downtown Active Transportation Connections and Green Streets Project.***
- **City of Riverside, \$3,000,000, *Northside Heritage Meadows Project.***

San Bernardino County:

- **East Valley Water District, \$1,493,764, *Sterling Natural Resource Center.***

San Francisco County:

- **San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, \$625,108, *Shoreview Park Renovation Project.***

San Diego County:

- **City of National City, \$644,672, *Paradise Creek Educational Park Extension Project.***

San Mateo County:

- **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, \$1,055,328, *Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project.***

Santa Barbara County:

- **County of Santa Barbara, \$716,863, *The New Cuyama Greenway Project.***

Santa Cruz County:

- **City of Watsonville, \$1,350,000, *Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park Project.***

Shasta County:

- **City of Redding, \$995,220.28, *Northeast Crossing Trail (NEXT) Phase One Project.***

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California Climate Investments are programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund using proceeds from the State's cap-and-trade program.