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Natural Resources Agency Announces Awards for the Central Valley Project Improvement Act Grant Program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Natural Resources Agency today announced awards totaling approximately \$89 million to fund four projects under its Proposition 1 Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Grant Program. The projects selected will measurably increase or improve the reliability of water deliveries to wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, thereby helping meet the mandates of Section 3406(d) of the CVPIA.

“These projects build on existing strong partnerships between federal, state, and private entities,” said California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird. “They will increase the reliability of water delivery to wildlife refuges in California, thereby improving critical habitat for migratory and resident wildlife species.”

Grant awardees include:

- **Ducks Unlimited, Inc.:** Up to \$5,972,167
Sutter National Wildlife Refuge Lift Station Project
- **Grassland Water District:** Up to \$4,008,615
North Grasslands Water Conservation and Water Quality Control Project
- **Biggs-West Gridley Water District:** Up to \$52,458,449
Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Water Supply Project
- **Grassland Water District:** Up to \$26,695,480
North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program Refuge Water Acquisition

The Central Valley Project (CVP) is a federal water project which manages water supplies and conveys irrigation and municipal water to California’s Central Valley. It is made up of federal reservoirs, such as Shasta Lake, and federal conveyance infrastructure, such as the Delta Mendota Canal or the Jones Pumping Plant. The CVPIA was enacted in 1992 to revise the CVP’s scope to include the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and associated habitats. CVPIA Section 3406(d) requires delivery of firm water supplies of suitable quality to maintain and improve wetlands on 19 federal, state, and privately owned wildlife habitat areas. The projects selected under the CVPIA Grant Program will assist in meeting this statutory delivery commitment by developing new or improving existing water conveyance facilities, completing current conveyance construction projects, and securing long-term water supplies.

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