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**DWR ANNOUNCES PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON
GROUNDWATER LOANS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources announces that the Conjunctive Use Advisory Committee will meet on February 24, 2003, and conduct an educational public workshop.

Monday 2/24/03

Sacramento Convention Center, 13th & J Streets Rooms 103 & 104

Advisory Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Public Workshop 12:30 p.m.

Public Comment Period 2:00 p.m.

Open to the public, the purpose of the Conjunctive Use Advisory Committee meeting is to solicit comments from members of that committee on the proposed fiscal year 2002-2003 Proposition 13 Groundwater Recharge and Storage Programs loan and grant applications.

The educational workshop is intended to provide the public with an opportunity to become informed about the content of the loan and grant applications. Comments on the application may be presented in person at the public comment period beginning at 2 p.m.

Comments may also be sent to Ralph Svetich by e-mail at rsvetich@water.ca.gov or by mail at Post Office Box 942836, Sacramento, California 94236-0001. Comments must be submitted by February 25, 2003.

For fiscal year 2002-2003, loans totaling \$8,720,000 are available for the Groundwater Recharge Construction program, and grants totaling \$76,840,000 are available for the Groundwater Storage Construction program. The funds are provided under the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act of 2000 (Proposition 13).

Applications for the Groundwater Storage Construction grant program are available through the DWR website at:

<http://www.dpla2.water.ca.gov/grants-loans/gwater-grant/app.shtml>

and for the Prop 13 Groundwater Recharge loan program at:

<http://www.dpla2.water.ca.gov/grants-loans/gwater-loan/app.shtml>

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