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DWR Announces Local Groundwater Grants

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources announces the award of grants totaling \$6,200,000 under the Local Groundwater Assistance Fund.

Twenty-eight public agencies from throughout the State will receive grants to perform groundwater studies, and conduct groundwater monitoring and management activities. This marks the fourth year in which grants have been awarded under the program. Local agencies with \$15 million in funding from the program have completed 44 projects and have 26 ongoing projects.

A listing of the agencies and projects receiving grants may be obtained through the Division of Planning and Local Assistance Web site at:

<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/assistance.cfm>

The goal of the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (Assembly Bill 303) is to help local agencies better understand how to manage groundwater resources effectively to ensure the safe production, quality, and storage of groundwater in the State. Intense interest in the groundwater management programs by local agencies is reflected in the receipt this fiscal year of 72 proposals requesting nearly \$17 million.

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