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DWR Sets Meeting for Prop 13 Funding Awards

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has scheduled an October 14, 2004 meeting to announce funding awards under the Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program, authorized by Chapter 8 of the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act (Proposition 13).

When California voters approved the Act in March 2000, approximately \$60 million were authorized for the grant program.

The program targets the State's economically disadvantaged communities for funding to replace aging and leaky water delivery systems, including pipelines, tanks, pump stations, valves, and flow meters.

Prior to applications being submitted, DWR conducted public workshops for eligible applicants statewide to explain the program, how to apply, and how DWR planned to evaluate the applications.

Of the 22 proposals received for this final round, nine asked for feasibility study grants, and 13 were for construction grants. Requests totaled about \$42 million. Fifteen of the proposals are to be awarded grants, totaling about \$22.8 million, which obligates all the remaining funds in the program.

The October 14 public meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Bonderson Building Auditorium, 901 P Street, Sacramento. For more information, contact Linda Buchanan at (916) 651-9645, lbuchana@water.ca.gov.

A listing of the Infrastructure Rehabilitation projects and studies evaluated in this funding cycle is available at DWR's Division of Planning and Local Assistance Web site at: www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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