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DWR Releases 2006 Water Desalination Grant Proposal  
Solicitation Package and Schedules Informational Workshop

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announces release of the 2006 Water Desalination Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and has scheduled a workshop to explain the grant application process.

This grant program implements Chapter 6(a) of Proposition 50, Water Code Section 79545(a), which authorizes DWR to administer a \$50 million desalination program.

The grant program assists local public agencies with development of new local potable water supplies through construction of feasible brackish water and ocean water desalination projects. It also advances water desalination technology and its use by funding feasibility studies, research and development, and pilot and demonstration projects.

This second cycle of the funding program has \$21.5 million in awards for fiscal year 2005/2006. Maximum funding limits for each project are:

Feasibility Studies	\$250,000 per project
Research and Development Projects	\$500,000 per project
Pilot and Demonstration Projects	\$1,500,000 per project
Construction Projects	\$3,000,000 per project

The PSP is available on the DWR website:

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/DesalPSP/DesalPSP.cfm>

California public entities involved with water management activities are invited to apply. Eligible California applicants include cities, counties, joint power authorities, public water districts, Tribes, State agencies, and other political subdivisions of the State including

watershed management groups. Additionally, eligible California and non-California entities include: non-profit organizations, universities and colleges, and Federal agencies.

Interested parties should submit applications by March 24, 2006. A public workshop to explain the grant application process will be held:

Friday, February 10, 2006  
10:00 a.m. – Noon  
Department of Water Resources  
Bonderson Bldg., Hearing Room A  
901 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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