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**DWR Awards \$10 Million in Grants to Study, Restore, and Value Watersheds**

SACRAMENTO -- The California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, has awarded more than \$10 million in CALFED grants to 27 watershed projects throughout the state. Originally, 95 watershed organizations asking for a total of \$37.4 million applied for Proposition 50 watershed grants.

The money comes from the sale of \$3.4 billion in bonds approved by voters as Proposition 50 in November 2002. The projects range from assessing the condition of watersheds to restoring local creeks and rivers to placing an economic value on the watershed approach.

A watershed is a region draining into a creek, river, river system or other body of water. In California, there are about 1,500 watersheds. Some are as big as the Sacramento River watershed that drains much of Northern California; others are as small as Laguna Creek watershed, which drains several miles in Sacramento County.

The list of 27 grant recipients is on-line at:

<http://www.watershedrestoration.water.ca.gov/watersheds>.

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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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