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## **\$10 Million Loan OK'd for Escondido Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades**

The State Water Resources Control Board has approved a \$10 million loan for the City of Escondido for improvements to the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility.

The facility, jointly owned and operated by Escondido and the City of San Diego, is a secondary wastewater treatment plant with a 17.5 million gallon per day (mgd) capacity. The average daily flow into the plant is 14 mgd and originates in the City of Escondido and the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego. Treated effluent is discharged into the Pacific Ocean through a 16-mile land and ocean outfall.

The loan will help fund reliability improvements and expand the facility's capacity to 18 MGD. This capacity will meet wastewater flow requirements for the next 20 years. Originally constructed in 1959, the Hale Avenue facility has been upgraded or expanded four times, the last in 1989. The proposed project will consist primarily of replacement of non-operational equipment, structural repairs, installation of automated control systems, and construction of one additional anaerobic digester.

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