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ONLINE HELP FOR GRANTS APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE **Workshops to be held around the state**

SACRAMENTO - The State Water Resources Control Board today announced the availability of grant funds for voter-approved Proposition 50 projects. The Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program funds are intended to encourage integrated regional strategies for projects which manage water resources, protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water.

The Integrated Regional Water Management grant program is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources. Information about the grant funds and workshops can be found on the State Water Board Web site at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/index.html>.

Workshops will be held statewide to provide potential grant applicants with assistance on preparing applications. The dates and locations of these workshops are:

- March 22, 2005 (Sacramento)
- March 30, 2005 (San Luis Obispo)
- April 4, 2005 (Riverside)
- April 7, 2005 (Oakland)

All workshops will begin at 10 a.m. and all interested parties are invited to attend.

Applications for the grant program funds should be filled out on-line using the State Water Board's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool. This Web-based tool provides an efficient way to apply for grant funding and part of the Water Board's efforts to improve its grant application and award processes. More information, and the grant application are available on-line at:

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>.

The deadline for submitting planning grant applications is May 12, 2005. Applications for Implementation funding must be received by July 14, 2005.

The grant funds are expected to be released in two funding cycles, with approximately \$160 million allocated in the first funding cycle.

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