

# State Water Resources Control Board

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## **STATE WATER BOARD CELEBRATES MILESTONES FOR TWO CALIFORNIA WATER RECYCLING PROJECTS**

**ONTARIO** – State Water Resources Control Board member Arthur G Baggett, Jr., presented a check today for \$17.3 million for phase two of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency Regional Recycled Water Distribution System. The phase two project is expected to begin construction in August 2006. When finished, the project will deliver an additional 9,184 acre-feet per year of recycled water that would otherwise literally wash down the drain.

“This is an excellent example of taxpayer-approved funds being used to promote the use of recycled water throughout the state,” said Baggett. “The objective of the State Water Board’s Water Recycling Funding Program is to replace potable water supplies, where possible, with recycled water for purposes such as industrial use, landscape irrigation and recharging groundwater.”

The \$17.3 million dollar check delivered by Baggett represents \$4 million from a Proposition 50 Water Recycling Program grant along with a \$13.3 million loan from the State Revolving Funding program. Phase one of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency Recycled Water Distribution System received a \$5 million grant and \$15.2 million loan from the State Water Board and is already delivering more than 10,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water. Customers include the Etiwanda Avenue Electrical Generating Facility, Empire Lakes Golf Course and Kaiser Permanente.

**PLEASANTON** – State Water Board representatives also joined in the kickoff celebration today for the Dublin-San Ramon East Bay Municipal Utility District Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) San Ramon Valley Water Recycled Program. The event was held at the newly completed state-of-the-art treatment plant, which will produce recycled water for large irrigation customers in the San Ramon Valley.

Using recycled water to keep the communities green will save fresh water for purposes such as drinking, fulfilling a need that will be increasingly important during times of drought and as water demand grows.

The State Water Board provided a \$5 million Proposition 13 Water Recycling Program grant and a \$24 million Water Recycling Construction loan from Proposition 13 and 1984 Bonds for the San Ramon Valley Water Recycled Program project.

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