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LA County Region Receives \$25 Million from State for Local Water Projects

NEWS FACTS

- Lester Snow, director of the [State Department of Water Resources](#), presented a \$25 million mock-check today to County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Chair Yvonne B. Burke and a handful of municipal, non-profit, and water agency officials. The check presentation, held at the Bixby Marshland in Carson, symbolized an award of \$25 million in State Proposition 50 grant funds allocated to the [Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Group](#).
- The \$25 million will help fund [14 water resource-related projects](#) dispersed throughout Los Angeles County. The projects are designed to address multiple aspects of water supply, water conservation, water quality, habitat restoration, and water resource-related public education. Total cost of these projects is estimated at \$174 million.
- Each of the 14 projects is identified within the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), a comprehensive document that outlines possible solutions to the regional water resource issues and their costs and benefits. Developing an IRWMP also allows regions to apply for Proposition 50 and 84 state grant funding. There are approximately 2,000 projects identified within the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP.
- [Proposition 50](#) was passed by voters in November 2002, authorizing \$3.4 billion for a variety of water and wetlands projects and \$380 million specifically for IRWMP-related grants. It is jointly administered by the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board.
- [Proposition 84](#) authorizes \$5.4 billion to fund projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access in natural resources, and conservation efforts.
- The Greater Los Angeles County Region covers an area of 2,058 square miles and encompasses portions of four counties and 92 cities. IRWMP efforts are administered by a Leadership Committee and five Sub-Regional Steering Committees.

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Project Names and Locations:

- Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement Project (Azusa)
- Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant (El Monte)
- Large Landscape Water Conservation, Runoff Reduction and Educational Program (Central Basin Municipal Water District)
- Southeast Water Reliability Project (Central Basin Municipal Water District)
- Large Landscape Water Conservation, Runoff Reduction and Educational Program (West Basin Municipal Water District)
- Pacoima Wash Greenway/8th Street Park (San Fernando)
- Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Project (Calabasas)
- Malibu Creek Watershed Water Conservation Project (Westlake Village)
- Joint Water Pollution Control Plan Marshland Enhancement Project (Carson)
- North Atwater Creek Restoration and Water Quality Enhancement Project (North Atwater)
- Invasive Weed Control Project at Whittier Narrows (San Gabriel River)
- South Los Angeles Wetlands Project (South Los Angeles)
- Solstice Creek Restoration Project (Malibu)
- Wilmington Drain Restoration Multiuse Project (Wilmington)

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