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RE: **Federal Economic Stimulus Funds: Clean Water Grants and Loans**

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Included in the federal economic stimulus package is funding for drinking water infrastructure projects. Portions of the funds will be available through the following programs:

**Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

The Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) provides low interest loans/ grants to assist public water systems in achieving or maintaining compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Approximately \$163,000,000 is available for eligible "shovel-ready" projects. The California Department of Public Health is encouraging applicants with SDWSRF eligible projects to complete pre-applications as soon as possible. The funding available will be low interest loans with some forgiveness of principal (grants). Projects will be ranked into health-based categories and each ranking within each category will be based on: median household income, consolidation of systems; and, population served.

All pre-applications for projects must be submitted to CDPH by **February 27, 2009**. The funding application and related information can be accessed at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/funding/Pages/SRF.aspx>

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project Priority List**

The federal economic stimulus Act provides funding for clean water grants and loans through the states existing Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Financial Assistance will be updating the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program Project Priority List (PPL) for FY 2009/2010. The CWSRF Program provides low-interest loans and other financing mechanisms for construction of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water recycling facilities, storm water treatment facilities, and implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) projects.

Your project must appear on the PPL to be eligible to receive financial assistance. If you currently have a project on the PPL it is important to update your information. For applicants with new eligible projects NOT on the PPL it is important to apply as soon as possible in light of anticipated funding for projects contained in the federal economic recovery bill. The following link provides you with links to: the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST); the 2008/2009 CWSRF PPL; the FY 2009/2010 Adoption Schedule; instructions on how to update information on existing projects for applicants who did not use the FAAST System last year; and, Instructions for New Projects. See the link below for more information.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/srf/docs/fy0910\\_pp\\_list.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/docs/fy0910_pp_list.pdf)

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