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Regional Water Plan Awarded \$16 Million in Funding *Implementation Grant Will Advance Suite of High-Priority Local Projects*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Regional efforts to improve water supply, water quality, and the environment in the Sacramento region are getting a boost with news that the Regional Water Authority (RWA) will receive \$16 million in new grant funding for a suite of local projects.

The American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan will receive an implementation grant from the California Department of Water Resources under Proposition 84 of 2006. Locally, the grant will help fund 15 projects that will enhance public water supply, recycled water supply, water efficiency, flood protection, and watershed habitat.

“This grant is great news to our region and our local water ratepayers,” RWA Executive Director John Woodling said. “With this funding, local water resource managers will be able to move ahead with real improvements to our water supply and enhancements to the environment. This shows once again the value of collaborating and developing regional solutions.”

The American River basin plan, developed and administered by RWA, is aimed at increasing water resources reliability, protecting and improving water quality, enhancing local flood control and protecting the region’s watersheds through coordinated regional action. An update to the plan, funded in part by state and federal grant funds, is currently under development.

RWA is a joint powers authority representing 24 water suppliers and affiliates in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources. For more information, see www.rwah2o.org.

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