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# BREAKING NEWS: North Bay Water Recycling Program gets \$25M

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NORTH BAY, March 30, 2009 -- President Obama today signed a bill authorizing \$25 million to fund \$100 million in projects that would expand the availability of highly treated wastewater, called reclaimed or recycled water, in Sonoma, Marin and Napa counties.

The president signed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act, which includes a provision for a 25 percent match for several projects in phase 1 the North Bay Water Recycling Program. Phase 1 includes expanding use of recycled water in Sonoma Valley for irrigating parks, schools and golf courses as well as vineyards, accelerating salinity reduction as part of the Napa Salt Marsh Restoration Project and undertaking projects on the drawing board in Marin and Napa counties.

Previous engineering and environmental studies had been funded by \$1.25 million in federal matching funds.

Involved in the program, overseen by the North Bay Water Reuse Authority, are the Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, Napa Sanitation District, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitation District and Novato Sanitary District. Chipping in funding and technical help are the North Marin Water District and the county of Napa.

An environmental-impact document on the program is set for release in May.

For more information on the program, call 707-547-1923 or visit [www.nbwra.org](http://www.nbwra.org).