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\$25 million on its way for local water recycling

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Water recycling projects in Sonoma, Marin and Napa counties stand to receive \$25 million in federal funding under federal land management legislation signed by President Barack Obama.

In Sonoma County, officials have targeted use of the funds for expanding an existing recycle water project in the Sonoma Valley where the water is used for outdoor irrigation as well as by agriculture.

"These federal funds will allow us to move forward with a variety of projects to expand the use of recycled water for urban irrigation, including parks, schools and golf courses and agricultural irrigation to supplement local water supplies," said Bill Long, chairman of the North Bay Water Reuse Authority.

Under the Omnibus Public Lands Management bill, the federal government provides up to 25 percent of costs, which means the three counties could be spending a total of \$100 million on recycle water projects.

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