



## North Bay Water Reuse Authority

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### **NBWRA Receives \$2 Million Grant Bringing Jobs and Improved Water Reliability to Region**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) this week awarded the North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) a \$2 million grant to help advance water recycling in North San Francisco Bay.

“Recycled water benefits the entire region by bringing jobs and an environmentally sound, cost-effective and a drought-proof water supply for irrigating agriculture and large landscapes, so potable supplies can be conserved,” said NBWRA Chair, Bill Long, noting that over the next five years, the Authority plans to construct over \$100 million in public works projects generating an estimated 4,550 local jobs. “Many people worked very hard and we are grateful to have gotten to this point.”

The \$2 million grant is part of more than \$30 million in grant funding awarded to the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies, a joint powers authority made up of public wastewater agencies in nine Bay Area counties that surround the San Francisco Bay. The funding also adds to the \$8.6 million in federal construction grants previously secured from the US Bureau of Reclamation.

The \$2 million will be divided equally among four NBWRA projects in Marin, Sonoma and Napa counties and include; the Novato South Project, Novato North Project, Sonoma Valley Recycled Water, and the Napa State Hospital Pipeline. The projects are sponsored by Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, North Marin Water District, Novato Sanitary District, Napa Sanitation District and Napa County.

The funding is part of Proposition 84 Chapter 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program, administered by DWR, which provides funding for projects that assist local public agencies meet long-term water needs of the state including the delivery of safe drinking water and the protection of water quality and the environment.

NBWRA is a regional group consisting of seven public agencies in Napa, Marin and Sonoma Counties, with a goal of expanding use of recycled water to meet urban, environmental and agricultural needs in the North Bay.

More information on the North Bay Water Reuse Program can be found by visiting [www.nbwra.org](http://www.nbwra.org), e-mailing [info@nbwra.org](mailto:info@nbwra.org), or calling 707-547-1923.