



# North Bay Water Reuse Authority

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## **Federal Funds Approved for Regional Water Recycling Projects**

The North Bay Water Reuse Authority learned today that it has been appropriated \$200,000 to help fund construction of water recycling projects in the North Bay region. The funding is part of the 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill that was signed into law yesterday by President Barack Obama.

The funding represents a legal and legislative milestone because it allows the North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) to enter into an agreement with the federal government to receive the full \$25 million in federal funding that was authorized by Congress in March 2009.

“The North Bay Water Recycling Program was one of only a few new projects approved for funding this year and we are extremely thankful for the efforts of Congressman Mike Thompson, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer in securing funding for these important projects. It could not have been done without their support,” said Bill Long, Chair of the NBWRA.

The federal government has already provided about \$1.5 million in grants for the engineering and environmental phases of this important recycled water program. The \$200,000 provides the first funding toward construction of projects by NBWRA that will expand recycled water use in the region. Recycled water is an important part of the solution toward developing sustainable water supplies for the North Bay.

The water recycling projects are part of a regional cooperative program that includes Sonoma County Water Agency, Napa Sanitation District, Sonoma Valley

County Sanitation District, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and Novato Sanitary District. In addition, North Marin Water District and Napa County are providing financial and technical support for the regional program.

Total cost of the first phase of the projects is estimated at \$100 million. Under the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act, the Federal government will provide 25 percent of the estimated \$100 million cost to plan, design and build several recycled water projects in the North Bay.

Highly treated recycled water is safely being used for irrigation of crops, parks, lawns, golf courses and industrial applications. Among the projects proposed in Phase I of the North Bay Water Recycling Program are:

- Sonoma County – Expanding the existing use of recycled water into the City of Sonoma and Sonoma Valley, to support urban and agriculture usage. In addition, recycled water would be used to restore the Napa Salt Marsh Restoration area.
- Marin County – Providing recycled water to large landscapes, golf courses, schools and parks, the Fireman's Fund Companies, Valley Memorial Park Cemetery, commercial users west of U.S. 101, and landscaping at Hamilton Field, including the Coast Guard housing area.
- Napa County -- Napa County and Napa Sanitation District are proposing a pipeline to bring recycled water to users who have requested it in the Milliken-Sarco-Tulocay Creek (MST) area. The pipeline might be upsized to accommodate potential future expansion of recycled water use.

More information on the North Bay Water Recycling 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.

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