

Zero-Based Budget Report - Program Detail

State Water Resources Control Board (3940) Budget Year 2012-2013 Staff and Resource Needs

Program Area		WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM
(Total Positions & Resources)		1.0 Position, \$8,270,000
Legal Authority		Water Code Section 79550(g)
Program Justification	<p>The State Water Resources Control Board administers the Water Recycling Funding Program (WRF). The WRF promotes water recycling by providing technical and financial assistance, grants and loans to local agencies and other stakeholders in support of water recycling projects and research. Funding applications are accepted on a continuous basis for planning, construction and research projects. Proposition 50 water recycling funds promote economically feasible water recycling facilities that result in a statewide benefit. Eligible activities include design and construction. Funded projects provide a beneficial use of the treated wastewater supply to augment fresh water supplies in California. Projects increase water reliability by reducing demands for imported water through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Funds for water recycling are authorized under Chapter 7, which is designated for the implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.</p>	
Position Classification (number)	Funding (\$1000)	Itemized Justification
Water Resources Control Engineer (1)		<p>The position is responsible for reviewing plans and specifications to determine consistency with approved facilities plans and responsible for implementing the funding program's guidelines for administering water recycling grants. Assists and provides guidance to grant recipients and consulting engineers in the development of plans and specifications. Administers eligibility review and reporting of water recycling projects to ensure success of project goals. This position is responsible for ensuring responsible and economically viable use of funding resources, including the evaluation of aquifer storage and recovery of drinking water supplies, and the evaluation of actions to augment local water supplies including requiring the capture and infiltration or storage of storm water and the development of regional and neighborhood infiltration facilities.</p>
Local Assistance	8,197	<p>Provides financial assistance grants for local agencies and other stakeholders in support of water recycling projects per Water Code Section 79550(g). See program justification above.</p>