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California lands $517M in stimulus funds for EPA projects

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California has received more than $517 million in stimulus funds through **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** projects, the agency announced Thursday.

So far, the stimulus has funded the following programs:

• $2.8 million for the **California State Water Resources Control Board** for water quality management planning. The board's clean water revolving fund will receive $280 million total for water quality protection projects.

• $159 million to provide low-interest loans for drinking water systems through the **California Department of Public Health**

• $8.5 million to seven California Indian tribes for improved access to water services, including upgrades to wastewater treatment and sewer connections.

• $1.73 million to the **California Air Resources Board** for clean diesel projects. Eligible projects include engine idling reduction, engine and vehicle replacement, and clean diesel emerging technologies.

• $15.5 million for a cooperative agreement with the California State Water Resources Control Board for assessment and cleanup of underground storage tank petroleum leaks.

• More than $25.4 million in clean diesel recovery funds to replace, repower and retrofit engines in buses, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, agricultural vehicles, construction vehicles, and cargo handling equipment in Southern California and the Bay Area.

• $3.3 million to clean up brownfields sites contaminated by hazardous chemicals or pollutants.

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