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Major Funds Awarded to Protect Local Groundwater Resources

(Sacramento, CA) -- The California State Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) an AB 303 Local Groundwater Assistance Program Grant totaling \$249,964. DWR received 122 grant applications requesting a total of \$27.6 million; with only \$6.4 million available in the program, the maximum grant amount was limited to \$250,000. SCGA is one of 31 public agencies receiving this honor.

In response to changes in land use, water supply conditions, and potential opportunities for conjunctive use management, detailed testing and monitoring of groundwater conditions are necessary to protect and maintain the Sacramento Central Groundwater Basin (Central Basin) that lies between the American and Cosumnes Rivers. "This grant will be used to update the Data Management System (DMS), which provides SCGA with essential information for managing, protecting and sustaining Central Basin groundwater resources," said Darrell Eck, SCGA Executive Director and Sacramento County Water Agency Senior Civil Engineer, "The DMS is a critical tool for meeting the Basin Management Objectives outlined in SCGA's groundwater management plan and facilitates regional cooperation."

The Local Groundwater Assistance Program Grant is awarded solely to local public agencies with the authority to manage groundwater resources. The funds help agencies conduct groundwater studies and perform groundwater monitoring and management activities. Priority for grant funding is given to those agencies that have adopted a groundwater management plan (GWMP) and demonstrate collaboration with other agencies in the management of the affected groundwater basin.

SCGA is a joint powers authority representing sixteen public and private water purveyors, land use and governmental agencies, and environmental and agricultural interests in the region. SCGA was established in September 2006 with the mission to maintain a sustainable, high-quality groundwater resource for the users of the groundwater basin underlying Central Sacramento County.

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