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To: Community Water Systems and Non-Profit Noncommunity Water Systems

Re: FEDERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

This is to inform all community water systems and non-profit noncommunity water systems in California that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is soliciting pre-applications for projects to be funded by the anticipated Federal Economic Recovery (“Stimulus”) program. Please read this letter and the attachments carefully to determine whether you have a project eligible for this funding and the procedures to submit a pre-application.

CDPH will be disbursing the available funds through its existing Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF). We will create a special subset of the SDWSRF Project Priority List (PPL) for eligible pre-applications submitted in response to this notice. Normal rules for SDWSRF funding will apply to this program and to any funded projects. The funding available will be low interest loans with some forgiveness of principal (grants) as allowed by federal and state statute and regulations.

**The funding under this program is limited to projects that are “ready to proceed” and is intended for projects that can begin construction by the end of this calendar year.**

In order to be considered for this funding, a pre-application must be submitted for each project, using our web based universal pre-application. Please note the following:

- All pre-applications must be submitted to CDPH by February 27, 2009.
- A pre-application should be submitted for each potential project.
- Only pre-applications submitted via the process outlined in this letter will be considered for this funding. We will not consider pre-applications submitted prior to the date of this letter.

The web based universal pre-application will be available at the following web site on February 2, 2009:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/UniversalPreapplication.aspx>

CDPH will provide additional guidance and information via our internet site:  
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/DWPfunding.aspx>.

We encourage you to submit pre-applications for projects that you believe may be eligible for this funding. If you have questions, please contact us via email at [sdwsrf@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:sdwsrf@cdph.ca.gov) or contact your local CDPH District Office.

We thank you for your cooperation and interest in this funding opportunity.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

- Information for CDPH Economic Recovery Funds
- Pre-application Instructions
- Federal Cross-Cutting Authorities
- List of SDWSRF Categories