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COUNTY OF VENTURA, ON BEHALF OF THE WATERSHEDS COALITION OF VENTURA COUNTY, AWARDED \$8.4 MILLION FOR SIX PROJECTS ACROSS VENTURA COUNTY

Ventura County, California – The County of Ventura, on behalf of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County, is pleased to announce the receipt of an \$8.4 million Proposition 84, 2014 Drought Funding Implementation Grant from the California Department of Water Resources for the implementation of integrated water management projects focused on helping the region cope with drought.

The Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County, a diverse group of stakeholders representing more than 60 agencies and organizations, was formed in 2006 to address water supply, water quality, environmental and habitat protection, and flood control and stormwater issues through Integrated Regional Water Management Planning in the Calleguas Creek, Santa Clara and Ventura River Watersheds.

The \$8.4 million grant, with a local match of more than \$9 million, will provide funding for the following important water management projects in Ventura County:

- ◆ Ventura County Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Program – Ventura County Watershed Protection District (\$1.71 M)
- ◆ Salinity Management Pipeline, Phase 2D – Calleguas Municipal Water District (\$1.88 M)
- ◆ Pleasant Valley Well – Camrosa Water District (\$.90 M)
- ◆ El Rio Retrofits for Groundwater Recharge – County of Ventura (\$.96 M)
- ◆ Groundwater Recharge and Reuse – City of Oxnard (\$1.13 M)
- ◆ Lake Casitas Aeration – Casitas Municipal Water District (\$.89 M)
- ◆ San Antonio Creek Arundo Removal Project – Ojai Valley Land Conservancy – (\$.90 M)

Information regarding the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County is available on the Coalition's website at www.watershedscoalition.org. A copy of the grant application containing details regarding these seven projects can be found at:

http://www.ventura.org/wcvc/prop84/submitted_implementation_grants.htm

Funding for this project is being provided in full or in part through an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources