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Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Awarded 3 grants totaling \$7.24 million

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The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has been **awarded three grants totaling \$7.24 million** for flood control, groundwater recharge, and recreation projects in Fresno and Clovis. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Fansler Foundation are the grantors.

- **DWR's Local Groundwater Assistance Program** – **\$225,000** grant awarded to collect and analyze soil samples at five low-performing groundwater recharge basins, and test the effectiveness of replacing basin soils with more permeable soil in increasing the volume of water returned to the groundwater supply. Work is expected to be complete by spring of 2014. Soils and groundwater recharge data gathered through the Local Groundwater Assistance Program project will be shared with DWR and many local agencies including the City of Clovis, City of Fresno, County of Fresno, the Fresno Irrigation District, and the Kings River Conservation District, among others.
- **DWR's Stormwater Flood Management Program** – **\$6.89 million** grant awarded to improve the structure integrity of the Big Dry Creek Dam, and improve flood control and groundwater recharge at three sites downstream of the dam. This is a 50% match grant toward the total project cost of \$13.78 million. Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. Among the benefits of the Stormwater Flood Management project are the increased flood protection through strengthening of the Big Dry Creek Dam, increased floodwater storage downstream, and the additional 1,990 acre-feet of groundwater recharge that will be gained (4% of the system-wide five-year average of 49,367 acre-feet).
- **Fansler Foundation** – **\$124,400** grant awarded to replace the 17 year-old little kids' play structure and rubberized play-safe matting at Sloan Johnson Oso de Oro Lake Park, on Forkner, north of Barstow Ave. Work is expected to be completed by fall of 2014. The Fansler Foundation funded complete replacement of the big kids' play equipment and play-safe matting in 2010, and was one of the original donors during Oso de Oro Park's construction in 1994.

"The District regularly pursues grants to augment local infrastructure funding. We are grateful to secure \$7.24 million in grant funds to build and improve flood control and groundwater recharge services, and restore a well-used, fully-accessible park," explains Bob Van Wyk, General Manager. All contracted work on the three grant-funded projects will be performed by local companies, which keeps most of the total projected expenditures of \$14.1 million in the community the completed projects will serve.