

# Antioch recycled water project gets \$780,000 in federal stimulus money

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ANTIOCH — A project that reuses water for landscaping at parks and green spaces throughout the city has been tapped for federal stimulus dollars.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation awarded a nearly \$781,000 contract to Delta Diablo Sanitation District as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the agency announced last week. The bureau is part of the Department of the Interior.

The project met federal guidelines for financial assistance through the water reclamation and reuse program, according to a bureau news release.

The Antioch project will include about six miles of underground pipeline, a 1.1-million gallon storage tank, and a distribution pump station. Once completed, it is expected to provide 487 acre-feet of recycled water, or nearly 159 million gallons, per year.

Without the stimulus money, it would take 44 years for the recycled water costs to break even with current water costs, Delta Diablo General Manager Gary Darling said. With the federal dollars, the break-even point would happen in one year, he said.