



The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.

WATERSHED CONNECT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY

BORROWER: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

LOCATION: San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California

WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: \$70 million

TOTAL WIFIA PROJECT COSTS: \$167 million

POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 713,000 people

NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED: 535 jobs



San Bernardino Valley, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority's Watershed Connect program is a regional solution created by five Southern California water agencies that will diversify the region's water supply portfolio, recharge the groundwater basins, restore critical habitat, and secure a sustainable water future in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California. This WIFIA loan to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District will help augment water supply and improve water supply reliability in a drought-prone region. With this project, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District will expand the existing groundwater basins to capture and recharge local stormwater. Additionally, a new regional recycled water pipeline will be constructed to convey the treated water for groundwater replenishment. This is the first loan under a master agreement that will commit \$93 million in WIFIA financing to accelerate the implementation of the \$302 million San Bernardino Valley Master Program.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Increases water supply and provides resilience to drought impacts.
- Provides long-term funding to accelerate investment in critical water infrastructure upgrades.
- Saves the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District approximately \$23 million by financing with a WIFIA loan.