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Bill would create federal-municipal partnership for Bay Area water recycling projects

Water recycling efforts received a boost for Pittsburg and five other Bay Area communities moved another step forward April 10 as the U.S. Senate approved Congressman George Miller's (D – Martinez) legislation to provide federal assistance for these innovative local projects.

Miller's bill, the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Act, was one of several approved by the Senate in a package of bills. His bill would provide federal assistance to municipal efforts to increase the use of recycled water and decrease the amount of water taken from the San Francisco Bay Delta and other fresh water sources. The House approved Miller's bill last July.

"Water reuse can and should play a growing and significant role in California water resource management," said Miller.

"I hope this model can benefit the other cities in the area," said Supervisor Federal Glover, chair of the Board of Supervisors.

The City of Pittsburg and the Delta Diablo Sanitation District have been leading the local effort, investing time, energy, and local funds in developing water recycling projects to help meet regional water needs.

"We've worked long and hard to secure this assistance and expand our program," said Glover, who was chair of the Delta Diablo board when the recycling program began and lobbied Congressmembers Jerry McNerney and Ellen Tauscher as well as Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein on his annual missions to Washington.

The legislation now returns to the House, where it will need to be approved once more before being sent to the President to be signed into law.

The supervisor is available for interviews at 925-427-8138.