

**Infrastructure Bond Guide  
Proposition 84  
\$5.38 Billion Resource and Water Bond**

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**What is Proposition 84?**

Prop. 84 is the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

**How much money is contained in Prop. 84?**

Prop. 84 contains \$5.38 billion spread over eight broad project areas.

**What are the different accounts?**

Water Quality (§ 75020)	\$1.525 billion
Flood Control, Flood Subventions (§ 75030)	\$800 million
Statewide Water Planning and Design (§ 75041)	\$65 million
Protection of Rivers, Lakes and Streams (§ 75050)	\$928 million
Forest and Wildlife Conservation (§ 75055)	\$450 million
Protections of Beaches, Bays, Coastal Waters (§ 75060)	\$540 million
State Parks and Natural Education Facilities (§ 75063)	\$500 million
Sustainable Communities/Climate Change (§ 75065)	\$580 million

(Those accounts bolded represent new programs according to the Legislative Analyst's Office.)

**What is the timing, process, and eligibility for accessing each account?**

**Water Quality:** \$1.525 billion will be disbursed for integrated regional water management, safe drinking water, and Delta and agricultural water quality projects.

**Timing:** Water quality funding will be disbursed by DWR, DHS and SWRCB upon annual appropriation by the Legislature.

**Process:** DWR will administer much of the bond funds, and is expected to develop project guidelines in the coming months. DHS and SWRCB have a total of \$395 million for drinking water and pollution prevention.

**Eligibility:** DWR is expected to develop eligibility guidelines in the coming months. It is unclear as to when DHS and SWRCB are expected to develop their guidelines.

**Protection of Rivers, Lakes and Streams:** \$928 million will be disbursed for regional conservancies, Delta and coastal fisheries restoration, restoration projects along the San Joaquin and Colorado Rivers, stormwater pollution prevention, and other projects such as public access, river parkways and urban stream restoration.

**Timing:** Funds to protect rivers, lakes and streams will be disbursed by DWR, DFG and SWRCB upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**Process:** DWR will administer a portion of these bond funds, and is expected to develop project guidelines in the coming months.

**Eligibility:** DWR is expected to develop eligibility guidelines.

**Flood Control/Flood Subventions:** \$800 million will be disbursed for state flood control projects, local flood control subventions outside of the Central Valley Flood Control System, and floodplain mapping and assistance for local land use planning.

**Timing:** Funds in the account shall be made available to DWR, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Bill by the Legislature. The Department is expected to access Proposition 84 funds for flood control subventions to counties in the first two years, and then Proposition 1E funds thereafter.

**Process:** The Governor will submit an annual Bond Expenditure Disaster Preparedness and Flood Protection Plan for approval and appropriation by the Legislature, except \$305 million for flood control and floodplain mapping, which will be disbursed as a continuous appropriation. Once approved, DWR will administer the funds per Water Code Sections 12570 and 12850.

**Eligibility:** DWR is expected to develop eligibility guidelines in the coming months.

**Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reduction:** \$580 million in total will be available: \$400 million for local and regional parks, \$90 million for urban water and energy conservation projects, and \$90 million for sustainable communities including incentives for conservation in local planning including incentives to encourage the development of regional and local land use plans that are designed to promote water conservation, reduce automobile use and fuel consumption, encourage greater infill and compact development, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize urban and community centers.

**Timing:** Funds to create sustainable communities and initiate climate change reduction will be disbursed by DWR and other divisions within the Resources Agency upon appropriation by the Legislature. These funds are also subject to enactment of legislation to implement.

**Process:** The Department of Parks and Recreation will administer the bulk of these funds. Departments within the Resources Agency will administer the remainder. Departments are expected to develop project guidelines in the coming months.

**Eligibility:** Departments within the Resources Agency are expected to develop project eligibility guidelines in the coming months, but again, these funds are subject to legislative implementation as well.

**Protection of Beaches, Bays, Coastal Waters:** \$540 million will be available for the protection of various coastal areas and watersheds, the Clean Beaches Program, and the California Ocean Protection Trust Fund.

**Timing:** Funds to protect beaches, bays, and coastal waters will be disbursed by SWRCB, and to State Coastal Conservancy and other regional conservancies, upon appropriation by the Legislature.

**Process:** The Resources Agency will administer nearly all of the beach, bay and coastal water protection funds, and is expected to develop project guidelines for the protection of various coastal areas and watersheds in the coming months. The Clean Beaches Program was created in 2001 and is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board. The California Ocean Protection Trust Fund is administered through the California Resources Agency.

**Eligibility:** Apart from existing programs and guidelines, the Resources Agency is expected to develop eligibility guidelines in the coming months.

**Parks and Natural Education Facilities:** \$500 million for the state park system, including acquisition, development, and restoration, as well as nature education and research facilities.

**Timing:** Parks and Natural Education Facilities funding will be appropriated upon approval by the Legislature as part of the annual Budget Act.

**Process:** Funds to acquire land, develop, and restore the state park system will be administered by the State Parks division within the Resources Agency. The Resources Agency

is expected to develop project guidelines for nature education and research facilities funding in the coming months.

**Eligibility:** The Resources Agency is expected to develop eligibility requirements for nature education and research facilities funding in the coming months.

**Forest and Wildlife Conservation:** \$450 million available for wildlife habitat protection, forest conservation, and the protection of ranches, farms, and oak woodlands.

**Timing:** Some of the funding for forest and wildlife conservation will be appropriated upon approval by the Legislature as part of the annual budget act, while the majority of funding will be continuously appropriated.

**Process:** Forest and wildlife conservation funds available through the Resources Agency upon appropriation by the Legislature, except the \$315 million earmarked for forest conservation and habitat restoration, which will be disbursed as a continuous appropriation.

**Eligibility:** The Resources Agency is expected to develop eligibility requirements for the forest and wildlife conservation funding in the coming months.

**Statewide Water Planning:** \$65 million available for planning for future water needs, water conveyance systems, and flood control projects.

**Timing:** DWR has begun work on developing a Statewide Water Plan.

**Process:** Local government may be asked to participate in the development of a Statewide Water Plan in the coming months.

**Eligibility:** These funds are earmarked for DWR and are not expected to be made available to local governments.

### **Do counties have direct access to any of the accounts?**

The \$800 million contained in the Flood Control/Flood Subventions Account is available to specified counties as direct subventions. Counties are eligible for parts of the remaining Prop. 84 in the form of grants and loans.