

PROPOSITION 1: THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

(State agency disbursing funds, if identified in the Act, is indicated in parentheses)

Clean, Safe and Reliable Drinking Water (\$520 Million)

- \$260 Million – Small community wastewater treatment (State Water Board Special Fund)
 - *priority for disadvantaged communities and public health hazards*
- \$260 Million – Safe & affordable drinking water (State Water Board)
 - *priority for disadvantaged communities*
 - \$25 million for technical assistance program
 - \$2.5 million for disadvantaged community matching funds
- Other specific provisions to aid disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities
 - *cost sharing requirement (generally 50%) may be reduced or waived*
 - *minimum 10% for severely disadvantaged communities*
 - *15% of funding allowed for technical assistance*
 - *technical assistance proportion may exceed 15% of grant*

Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Coastal Waters and Watersheds (\$1.495 Billion)

- \$327.5 Million – Multibenefit watershed projects (State Conservancies)
- \$200 Million – Projects to enhance stream flows (Wildlife Conservation Board)
- \$100 Million – Urban creek restoration, including the Los Angeles River
- \$20 Million – Multibenefit watershed projects (Natural Resources Agency)
- \$475 Million – State obligations in water-related settlements (Natural Resources Agency)
- \$285 Million – Statewide watershed restoration projects (Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)
- \$87.5 Million – Delta water quality & ecosystem restoration (Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)

Regional Water Security, Climate, and Drought Preparedness (\$810 Million)

- \$510 Million – By California Water Plan hydrologic regions (Dept. of Water Resources)
- \$100 Million – Urban and agricultural water conservation
- \$200 Million – Stormwater management

Statewide Water Storage (\$2.7 Billion) (California Water Commission)

- *Continuous Appropriation*
- *Funds public benefits of surface water reservoirs and groundwater aquifers*
- *Requires 50% non-State cost-share*
- *Requires ecosystem improvements for Delta or Delta tributaries*

Water Recycling (\$725 Million)

- *Broad range of potential projects – including desalination and water quality*
- *Requires 50% non-State cost-share (less for disadvantaged communities)*

Groundwater Sustainability & Cleanup (\$900 Million)

- \$100 Million – Groundwater sustainability planning & projects
- \$80 Million – Groundwater cleanup for drinking water sources
- Requires 50% non-State cost-share (less for disadvantaged communities)

Statewide Flood Management (\$395 Million) (Dept. of Water Resources/Central Valley Flood Protection Board)

- \$295 Million – Delta levee maintenance and improvements
- \$100 Million – Multibenefit projects to achieve public safety and enhance fish/wildlife

BENEFITS OF THE 2014 WATER BOND

\$7.545 Billion for Next-Generation Water Infrastructure

Invests in the Next Generation of Water Infrastructure

- Promotes New Technology – priority for “new or innovative technology”
- Funds Projects for the Future – water conservation, recycling, desalination
- Addresses Emerging Water Challenges – stormwater, groundwater cleanup
- Increases Regional Self-Reliance for Water Supply
- Encourages Cross-Agency Collaboration to Set Top Investment Priorities

Improves Drinking Water Quality Statewide

- Commits More than \$1 BILLION to Improving Water Quality
- Restores Source Water Quality in Upstream Watersheds
- Allows Water Quality Projects in Several Categories
 - Safe Drinking Water
 - Recycled Water
 - Regional Water Security
 - Protecting Rivers
 - Groundwater
 - Sustainability

Protects California’s Water Environment

- Restores Watersheds That Provide California’s Water Supply
- Allocates \$1.495 Billion to Protect Rivers, Coast and Watersheds
- Funds Ecosystem Restoration Projects – The Delta, Watersheds, The Coast

Eliminates “Pork” Projects from Bond Funding – Reduces Bond \$3.5+ Billion

- Deleted Project-Specific Allocations from Previous Water Bond
- Limits Allocations to Specific Agencies with Defined Water Purposes
- Prohibits Legislature from Appropriating Money to Pet Projects
- Reduced Water Bond By 1/3 – \$11.14 billion to \$7.545 billion

Protects Disadvantaged Communities Most at Risk

- Allows Smaller Local Contributions for Water Quality Projects
- Creates Technical Assistance Program for Disadvantaged Communities
- Prioritizes State Funding on Needs of Disadvantaged Communities

Ensures Accountability of State Expenditures

- Requires Audits and Public Reporting of Water Bond Expenditures
- Establishes Competitive Grant Programs – with public guidelines
- Requires Formal and Public Process for Water Transfers