

The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

San Bernardino Countywide Vision
Water Element Group
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Proposition 1: The 2014 Water Bond

- \$7.5 billion general obligation bond measure set for Nov. 4, 2014, ballot
- Approved by Legislature and signed by Governor Brown on Aug. 13
 - Near unanimous, bipartisan vote
- Replaces twice-delayed \$11.14 billion bond previously set for ballot

WATER BOND 2014 PROPOSITION 1



How did we get here?

Public concern at an all-time high

 More than 82% of voters say drought / water shortages are most pressing issue facing the state

Majority support investments in our water system

(FM3 poll – June 2014)

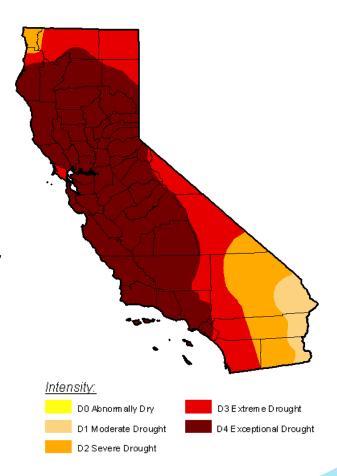
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California Water Today

- 95% of state in "severe drought;"
 58% in "exceptional drought"
- Key reservoirs at 1/3 capacity
- Groundwater basins overdrafted, ecosystems stressed
- Drinking water shortages, mandatory rationing in some areas
- \$2.2 billion impact on economy this year
- 420,000 acres idled; 17,000 jobs lost (UC Davis study)

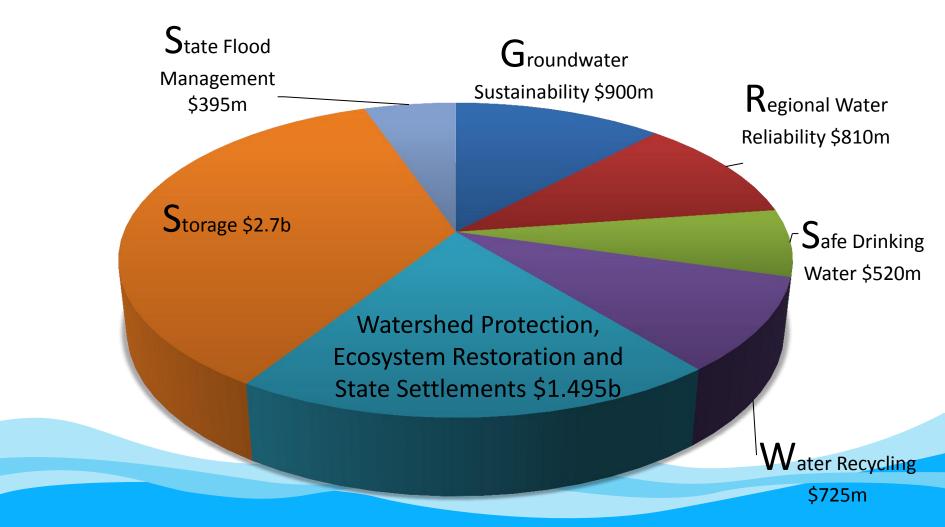


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Key Features

- Funds projects / programs as part of a statewide, comprehensive water plan for California
- Competitive process within regions Best available science
- Requires at least 50% local matching funds for most programs
- Eligible applicants include: public agencies, nonprofits, public utilities, tribes and <u>mutuals</u>
- Eliminates earmarks (pork)
- BDCP "Tunnel" Neutral

Total Expenditures = \$7.545 billion



What's In Proposition 1

Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

REGIONAL WATER RELIABILITY: \$810 MILLION

Water conservation, stormwater capture and other programs that increase local and regional water supplies.



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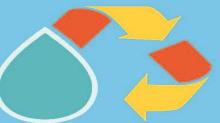
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SAFE DRINKING

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY WATER RECYCLING: \$725 MILLION

Water recycling and saltremoval projects to reuse water and maximize supplies.





SAFE DRINKING WATER: \$520 MILLION

Safe drinking water and clean water programs, particularly for disadvantaged communities.



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WATERSHEDS AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY: \$900 MILLION

Protection and cleanup of groundwater basins to help achieve sustainability.

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WATERSHEDS AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT: \$1.89 BILLION

Habitat and watershed programs, enhancement for rivers and creeks, watersheds in designated areas, state commitments to restoration and statewide flood management.



STORAGE: \$2.7 BILLION

New water storage projects to add flexibility to the system and create more places to store water for use later. Dollars would be allocated on a competitive basis to projects ranging from local and regional surface storage to groundwater storage and cleanup to reservoir reoperation. 6



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Local Resources Development - \$2.435 billion

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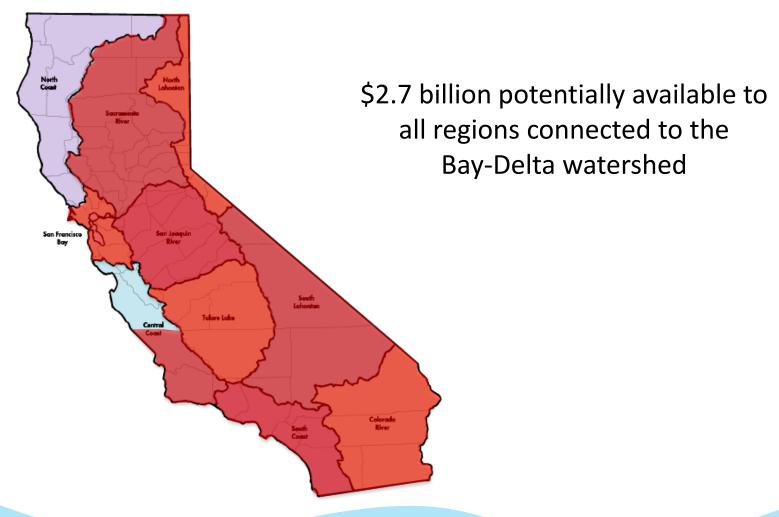
- Recycling / salt removal \$725 million
 - (including desalination)
- Groundwater \$900 million

Water storage - \$2.7 billion

- Funding for 21st century above- and below-ground water storage projects
- Continuously appropriated to California Water Commission
- Projects selected through competitive process

Storage \$2.7 billion

Proposition 1 Storage Funding



Water storage - \$2.7 billion (cont'd)

- Eligible projects: surface storage, groundwater storage and remediation, conjunctive use, reservoir reoperation, local and regional surface storage
- Funding for "public benefits" of projects only; local agencies / users pay for actual water supply
- "Public benefits" include:
 - Restoring habitats
 - Improving water quality
 - Reducing damage from floods
 - Improving recreation
 - Responding to emergencies

Watersheds / flood management – \$1.89 billion

- Habitat / watershed programs
- Watersheds in designated regions
- State commitments to restoration
- Enhancements for rivers / creeks
- Statewide flood management

\$305 million

\$515 million

\$475 million

\$200 million

\$395 million





Safe Drinking Water - \$520 million

- Intended to leverage federal funds for safe drinking water and clean water programs
- Funding for safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities
- Small community wastewater program – \$260 million
- Drinking water public infrastructure \$260 million



Safe Drinking Water \$520 million

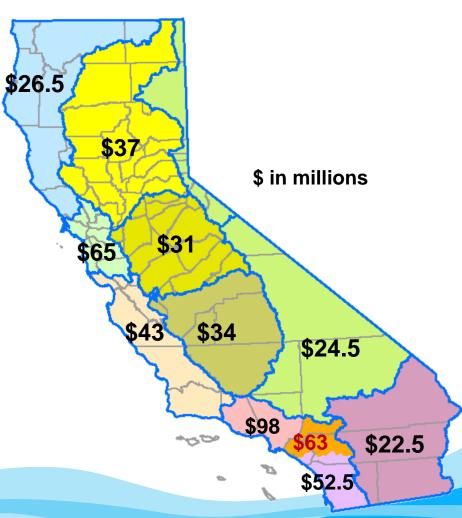
Chapter 7. Regional Water Security, Climate, and Drought Preparedness

Integrated Regional Water Management

IRWM Funding Areas - \$510 million:

- North Coast hydrologic region
- San Francisco Bay hydrologic region
- Central Coast hydrologic region
- Los Angeles sub-region
- Santa Ana sub-region
- San Diego sub-region
- Sacramento River hydrologic region
- San Joaquin River hydrologic region
- Tulare/Kern hydrologic region
- North/South Lahontan hydrologic region
- Colorado River Basin hydrologic region
- Mountain Counties Overlay
- Stormwater capture: \$200 million.
- Water conservation: \$100 million.

Total: \$810 million



Proposition 1 Regional Benefits

Flood Management \$100 million

Groundwater Sustainability \$900 million

> Water Recycling \$725 million

Regional Water Reliability \$300 million

> Watershed Protection \$505 million

Clean Water and Drinking Water \$520 million





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About General Obligation Bonds

- GO bonds are used to fund infrastructure projects that benefit taxpayers.
- Once authorized by voters, bonds are sold to investors and the proceeds are used to fund projects.
- State makes annual payments from the General Fund until bonds are repaid with interest.
- Each year, General Fund revenues must be set aside for debt-service payments on bonds.
- Portion of revenues required to be set aside is known as debt-service ratio.

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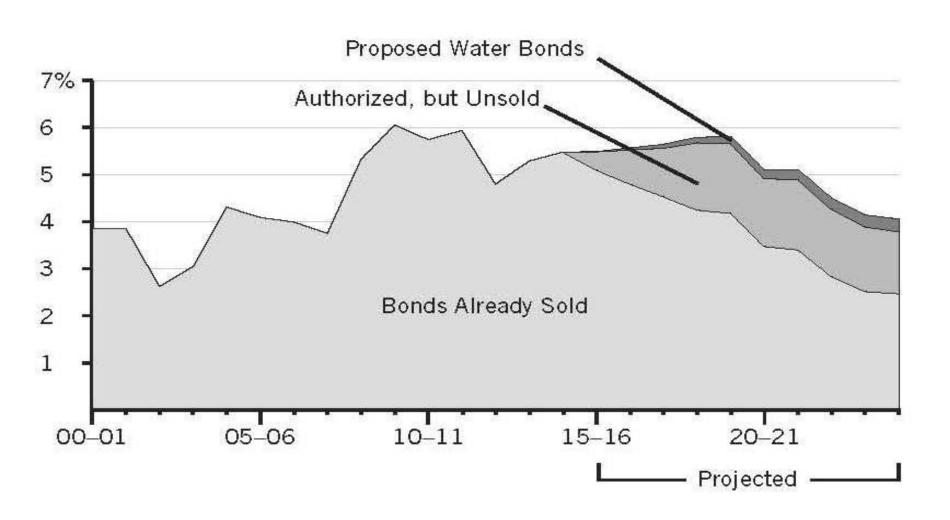
Effects of Proposition 1 on Debt

- Proposition 1 would cost the state \$360 million annually over 40 years.
- State's current debt-service ratio is 5% of general fund revenues. It is expected to peak at just under 6% in 2018-19.
- If Proposition 1 is approved by voters, debt-service ratio would increase by less than 0.3%

Figure 1

General Fund Debt-Service Ratio

Percent of General Fund Revenues Spent on Debt Service



What Supporters Say about Prop. 1...

- Makes critical investments as part of comprehensive state plan.
- Funds programs Californians strongly support from water conservation to recycling to groundwater cleanup to safe drinking water.
- Invests in 21st century water storage projects to better manage system for the environment and the economy and to store water in wet periods for use in dry years.
- Fiscally responsible: doesn't raise taxes or fund "pork" projects.
- Supported by Republicans, Democrats, local water agencies, farmers, conservation groups, and business organizations.
- Supports economic growth and jobs.

What Opponents Say about Prop. 1...

- Makes the wrong investments and does little to relieve the drought.
- Does not produce new water and fails to reduce strain on the Delta ecosystem.
- Wrongly focuses on building more dams and does nothing to achieve long-term regional water selfsufficiency.
- Adds billions of dollars of taxpayer debt and takes funding away from education and public health.
- Subsidizes private interests who want to build expensive dams that will only increase water supply by 1%.

You can tell a lot about a Proposition by looking at who its friends/enemies are?

Pro Proposition 1 Argument

- Governor Brown
- President of California Farm Bureau
- Director of The Nature Conservancy

Against Proposition 1 Argument

- Chairman, Assembly Natural Resources
- Director, Food & Water Watch
- Director Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

Broad Support For Proposition 1

Partial list as of Oct. 7, 2014

Business Interests

Bay Area Council

Bay Planning Coalition

California Chamber of Commerce

Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

Delta Counties Coalition

East Bay Leadership Council

Fullerton Chamber of Commerce

Los Angeles County Business Federation

Orange County Business Council

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Silicon Valley Leadership Group

Simi Valley Chamber

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Southwest California Legislative Council

Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce

Valley Industry and Commerce Association



Agricultural Interests

California Citrus Mutual

California Farm Bureau Federation

California Rice Commission

Sierra Orchards

Western Growers Association

Statewide Groups

California State Association of Counties

California Democratic Party

California Republican Party

League of California Cities

Rural County Representatives of California

Environmental Organizations

Audubon Society

California League of Conservation Voters

California Trout

Clean Water Action

Community Water Center

Defenders of Wildlife

Ducks Unlimited

Environ International Corporation

Heal the Bay

Natural Resources Defense Council

The Nature Conservancy

Trout Unlimited

Labor

California Alliance for Jobs

California Conference of Carpenters

California Labor Federation

California State Council of Laborers

California-Nevada Conference of Operating

Engineers

California State Building and Construction Trades

Council

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Water Agencies

Association of California Water Agencies

Bella Vista Water District

Calaveras County Water District

California Association of Sanitation Agencies

Calleguas Municipal Water District

Castaic Lake Water District

Coachella Valley Water District

Contra Costa Water District

Cucamonga Valley Water District

Dublin San Ramon Services District

East Bay Municipal Utility District

Eastern Municipal Water District

El Toro Water District

Friant Water Authority

Helix Water District

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Indian Wells Valley Water District

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Irvine Ranch Water District

Kinneloa Irrigation District

La Puente Valley County Water District

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA

Mojave Water District

Monte Vista Water District

Newhall County Water District

North State Water Alliance

Northern California Water Association

Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Orange County Water District

Orland-Artois Water District

Padre Dam Municipal Water District

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Puente Basin Water Agency

Regional Water Authority

Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District

Rio Alto Water District

Rio Linda Elverta Community Water District

San Diego County Water Authority

San Gabriel County Water District

San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

San Juan Water District

Santa Clara Valley Water District

Santa Margarita Water District

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Solano County Water District

Sonoma County Water Agency

South Coast Water District

Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Triunfo Sanitation District

Tulare Irrigation District

Turlock Irrigation District

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Valley Center Municipal Water District

WaterReuse California

West Basin Municipal Water District

Western Municipal Water District

West Valley Water District

Yuba County Water Agency

Zone 7 Water Agency

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Is California Ready?

 "During the dry years, the people forgot about the rich years, and when the wet years returned, they lost all memory of the dry years. It was always that way."

— John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*