

The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure **Improvement Act of 2014**

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

- \$260 Million – Small Community Wastewater Treatment
 - priority for disadvantaged communities and public health hazards
- \$260 Million – Safe & Affordable Drinking Water
 - priority for disadvantaged communities
 - \$25 million for technical assistance program
 - \$2.5 million for disadvantaged community matching funds
- Benefits for 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 by State Conservancies
- \$200 Million – Enhanced Stream Flows by Wildlife Conservation Board
- \$100 Million – Urban Creek Restoration (Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers)
- \$20 Million – Multibenefit Urban Watershed Projects by Competitive Grant
- \$475 Million – Fulfilling State Obligations in Water Settlements
- \$285 Million – Watershed Restoration Projects by Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- \$87.5 Million – Delta Water Quality & Ecosystem Restoration

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

- \$510 Million – Allocation to Each Hydrologic Region
- \$100 Million – Urban and Agricultural Water Conservation
- \$200 Million – Stormwater Management

Statewide Water Storage (\$2.7 Billion)

- Continuous Appropriation to California Water Commission
- Public Benefits of Surface Water Reservoirs and Groundwater Aquifers
- Required 50% Non-State Cost-Share
- Required Ecosystem Improvement for Delta or Delta Tributaries

Water Recycling (\$725 Million)

- Broad Range of Potential Projects – including desalination and water quality
- Required 50% Non-State Cost-Share (reduced/waived for disadvantaged communities)

Groundwater Sustainability & Cleanup (\$900 Million)

- \$100 Million – Groundwater Sustainability Planning & Projects
- \$80 Million – Groundwater Cleanup for Drinking Water Source
- Required 50% Non-State Cost-Share (reduced/waived for disadvantaged communities)

Statewide Flood Management (\$395 Million)

- \$295 Million – Delta Levee Maintenance and Improvements
- \$100 Million – Multibenefit Projects to Achieve Public Safety and Enhance Fish/Wildlife

ELEMENTS 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 for Water Quality Projects in Several Funding Categories
 - Safe Drinking Water
 - Recycled Water
 - Regional Water Security
 - Protecting Rivers/Coast
 - 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 Earmarks for Specific Projects – 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 Specific 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/Loan Programs – with public guidelines
- Requires Formal and Public Process for Water Transfers