



How much of the \$ 11.14 billion water bond would be available to Southern California?

If the voters approve the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 this November, Southern California communities would be eligible to compete for a total of **\$6.565 billion** in grant funds. The \$6.565 billion in competitive funding could be leveraged with local dollars to invest in system improvements that might not otherwise be possible. Another **\$936 million** in grants would be allocated to specific Southern California communities and projects. In addition, the **\$1.5 billion** targeted for Delta ecosystem restoration provides indirect benefits to Southern California water users. Listed below are the statewide funding categories for which Southern California can compete and the additional funding amounts allocated specifically to Southern California from each section of the water bond:

Delta Sustainability - \$2.25 billion

To help reduce conflicts between the state's water delivery system and the Delta environment, the bond provides **\$1.5 billion** for funding projects to assist in maintaining and restoring the Delta as an important ecosystem. Another **\$750 million** in grants would be available for counties and cities within the Delta region to support Delta sustainability options, such as reducing seismic risk and protecting water quality.

Water Recycling & Conservation – \$ 1.25 billion available statewide

\$1 billion in either grants or loans is identified for water recycling, advanced treatment projects, desalination, groundwater cleanup and recharge. **\$50 million** is identified to specifically restore water supply reliability in areas of widespread groundwater contamination. **\$250 million** in either grants or loans would be available for urban and agricultural water conservation and water use efficiency investments. These funds would help urban water users contribute to the state's goal of reducing urban per capita water use 20 percent by 2020.

Groundwater Protection – \$ 1 billion available statewide

\$1 billion in either grants or loans would be allocated for projects to prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water. Not less than **\$100 million** shall be available for projects in areas designated as a priority clean-up site. In addition, **\$100 million** in grants is identified to fund emergency actions necessary to deliver safe water to disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

Water Supply Reliability – \$ 1.4 billion

\$ 350 million would be available statewide for local and regional conveyance projects that support regional and interregional connectivity and water management. Another **\$413 million** would be directed to Southern California for a wide range of projects under the Integrated

Regional Water Management Program. Specified funds for Southern California watersheds are itemized as follows:

- \$ 198 million for the Los Angeles and Ventura County watersheds
- \$ 128 million for the Santa Ana River and southern Orange County watersheds
- \$ 87 million for the San Diego County watershed

Storage Projects – \$ 3 billion available statewide

\$3 billion is identified for grants for water storage projects that improve statewide water system operations and provide measurable public benefits to the Delta ecosystem or its tributaries - - a source of water supply for Southern California. The funds may be used for either below-ground or above-ground storage projects. The public share of storage costs may not exceed 50 percent of the total project costs and could be used for new or existing projects.

Drought Relief – \$ 455 million

\$190 million would be made available for local and regional drought relief projects that reduce impacts from drought conditions and reductions to Delta diversions, including **\$100 million** for local and regional water projects that provide emergency water supplies in San Diego County. **\$90 million** in grants is identified for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas. **\$75 million** would be available for small community wastewater treatment projects. **\$80 million** in grants and loans would be made available to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, including **\$8 million** for the City of Maywood. The drought relief projects funded under this program must be operational within two years of receiving a grant.

Conservation & Watershed Protection – \$ 1.785 billion

\$ 645 million in grants are identified, through a 50-50 cost share program, for funding ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects throughout the state, with an additional **\$ 415 million** specifically directed to Southern California. Specific funding directed to Southern California is as follows:

- Not less than \$40 million for San Diego County, including \$20 million to the San Diego River Conservancy
- Not less than \$40 million for the Santa Ana River Parkway
- Not less than \$20 million for the Bolsa Chica wetlands
- Not less than \$20 million for watershed restoration in Ventura County
- \$ 75 million to the San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountain Conservancy
- \$ 75 million to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- \$ 20 million to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy
- \$ 25 million for the Santa Monica Bay watershed projects
- \$ 100 million for restoration of the Salton Sea

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