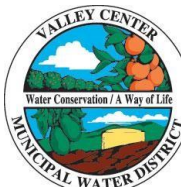
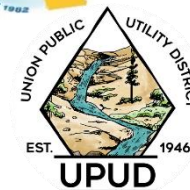
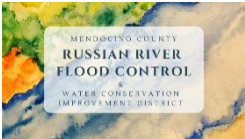
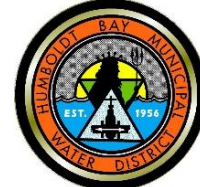
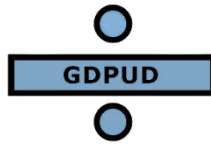




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SUPPORT

TWO-THIRDS OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE BOND FUNDING FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO HELP PREPARE CALIFORNIA FOR DROUGHTS, EXTREME PRECIPITATION EVENTS, AND FLOODS

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The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the undersigned organizations urge the Legislature to support a Climate Resilience Bond that allocates two-thirds of the funding for water infrastructure. Specifically, we urge the inclusion of the following categories and funding amounts **(based on an \$8.5 billion bond)**:

• Dam Safety/Reservoir Operations	\$623 million
• Recycling and Desalination	\$990 billion
• Safe Drinking Water	\$440 million
• Groundwater Management	\$733 million
• Flood Protection	\$733 million
• Regional Water Conveyance	\$586 million
• Regional Watershed Resilience	\$366 million
• Surface Water Storage	\$550 million
• State Water Project	\$366 million
• Water Use Efficiency	\$366 million
Total:	\$5.75 billion

WHY CALIFORNIA NEEDS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING NOW:

- 1. *Climate Adaptation*** – Our water infrastructure was built for a climate that no longer exists. California faces increased risks of drought, floods, extreme precipitation events, and sea level rise that are presenting unique challenges to public water agencies and their ability to reliably provide water to California’s cities, communities, farms, businesses, and the environment. Investments in water infrastructure and fish and wildlife improvements are critically needed.
- 2. *Rising Costs*** – The costs associated with water infrastructure projects are substantial and will continue to rise. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be to invest in infrastructure for swings between droughts of longer duration, extreme precipitation events, and floods.
- 3. *Water Bill Affordability*** – Water infrastructure projects are typically funded in large part by the customers of one or more public water agencies at a local or regional level. State funding assistance is needed to help deliver the projects and help keep water bills affordable for customers.
- 4. *Jobs*** – In addition to supporting climate resilience, bond-funded infrastructure projects will support good jobs and stimulate the economy.

There are many organizations asking for climate resilience funding. ACWA and the organizations listed here urge the Legislature to step back and consider how important being prepared on water is across the State and the level of investment that is needed for that preparation.

ACWA thanks you for your attention to this issue. Please direct any questions to ACWA State Relations Advocate, Soren Nelson, at sorenn@acwa.com or (916) 669-2367.

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