

Funding for Climate & Watershed Resiliency

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What's Left From Prior Bonds

- Prop 84 (2006) Remaining Balances
 - NRA - River Parkway Program - \$500,000
 - DWR - USRP - \$37,000
 - SWRCB - Stormwater Mgmt - \$11,500
 - SGC - Urban Greening - \$0

- Prop 1E (2006)
 - \$1.1 b of \$4.1 b remains, must be appropriated by 7/1/16
 - Lots of problems in getting projects approved
 - Gov proposes to give all to DWR for 10 yrs vs 3 yrs
 - Most will go to Central Valley Flood Protection

Continuing Fund Sources

- AB 32 – Cap & Trade – 1990 emission levels by 2020
- Subsequent Legislative acts
 - Created GHG Reduction Fund for Cap & Trade \$
 - Finance Dept prepares Investment Plan (3 yrs) identifying feasible and cost effective investments
 - Require 25% of Reduction Funds to benefit DACs & 10% to be spent in DACs
 - 2014 Legislature adopted expenditure blueprint – 20% for SGC Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities

- Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities
 - 2014/15 Budget - \$130 m
 - Future – 20% of Cap & Trade Revenue (\$200 m Gov Budget, LAO est \$400 m plus)
 - Guidelines approved 1/20/15 – first awards in June ‘15
 - Purpose – reduce GHG & implement Sustainable Communities Strategies (SB 375) by promoting infill and compact development
 - Must be transit & housing related; promote bicycling & walking (less VMT)
 - http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_ahscprogram.php

- Additional Cap & Trade in Gov 2015/16 Budget
 - DFW – Wetlands & Watersheds - \$25 m
 - CDF – Fire Prevention & Urban Forestry - \$42 m
 - Gov proposes total Cap & Trade of \$1 b
 - LAO estimates there could be \$2.3 b

- More Potential for Urban Watersheds?
 - Updated CARB Scoping Plan 2014
 - References value in wetlands restoration, urban forests & urban greening
 - Recommends expanding urban forests & green infrastructure programs



- Emergency Drought Funds

- 2014 drought appropriation - \$839 total
- \$41 m to DFW to protect fish & wildlife
- Gov Budget proposes add'l \$115 m (\$14.6 m to DFW)
- Gov & Legislative leaders announce today a new emergency drought measure - \$1 b
- Can we make a case for urban watersheds?

Prop 1 Water Bond

Purpose	Total Prop 1	Gov Budget 15/16
Water Storage	\$2,700 m	\$3 m
Watersheds	\$1,495 m	\$178 m
Groundwater	\$900 m	\$22 m
Regional Water Mgmt	\$810 m	\$57 m
Water Recycling/Desal	\$725 m	\$137 m
Drinking Water	\$520 m	\$136 m
Flood Protection	\$395 m	\$0
TOTAL	\$7,545 m	\$533 m

Watershed Protection/Restoration

Purpose	Total Prop 1	Gov Budget Proposal
Legal Obligations/Agrmts	\$475 m	\$0
Watershed Projects (DFW)	\$373 m	\$37 m
Conservancies	\$328 m	\$84 m
Enhance Stream Flows (WCB)	\$200 m	\$39 m
LA River & tribs (Urban Creek)	\$100 m	\$19 m
Urban Watersheds (NRA)	\$20 m	<\$1 m
Total Watershed Programs	\$1,495 m	\$178 m

Purposes of Watershed Chapt 6

- Includes:
 - Watershed climate adaptation
 - Increase economic benefits of healthy watersheds
 - Fund projects via the River Parkway and Urban Streams Restoration programs
 - Remove fish barriers
 - Protect & restore rural and urban watersheds
 - Among others
- No allocation to either River Parkway or Urban Streams programs

Urban Creek \$100 m (Sec 79735(a))

- This urban creek is the LA River & its tributaries
- Administered via the San Gabriel & Santa Monica Mtns conservancies
- Unknown at this time how and to what projects the conservancies will direct the funds

Urban Watersheds \$20 m (Sec 79735(b))

- Allocated to Natural Resources Agency
- For multi-benefit watershed & urban rivers projects
- Program designed and implemented by
 - Conservancies
 - WCB
 - SWRCB
 - Plus other agencies
- None will go to USRP or River Parkways

Misc other Prop 1 Provisions

- Multi-benefit storm water management - \$200 m (\$1 m in 2015/16)
- Statewide flood protection - \$100 m (\$0 in 2015/16)
- All agencies required to adopt grant guidelines with public participation
- Draft guidelines are posted on Resource Agency website:

bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov/Guidelines.aspx?PropositionPK=48

Future Funding for Watersheds

- SB 317 (De Leon) Bond Framework for Parks & Open Space
- Current Proposed funding pots:
 - Parks
 - Rivers, Lakes & Streams
 - Coast & Ocean Protection
 - Climate Resilience