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PROPOSITION ONE ESSENTIALS

WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

KEY FINDINGS

- Every Californian should have access to clean, safe, and reliable drinking water.
- California's water infrastructure continues to age and deteriorate. More than 50 years ago, Californians approved the construction of the State Water Project. In recent decades, however, that infrastructure has proven inadequate to meet California's growing needs.
- Developing and guarding our water resources is critical for California to maintain vibrant communities, globally competitive agriculture, and healthy ecosystems.
- California has been experiencing more frequent and severe droughts and is currently enduring the worst drought in 200 years. These droughts are magnifying the shortcomings of our current water infrastructure.
- This measure provides funding to implement the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan which are more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.

FISCAL RESTRAINTS

- No more than 5 percent of the funds for a grant program may be used to pay administrative costs. No more than 10 percent may be expended for planning and monitoring.
- Priority will be given to projects that leverage private, federal, or local funding or produce the greatest public benefit.
- Decisions by state and local water agencies will use the best available science.
- Special consideration will be given to projects that employ new or innovative technology or practices, or that support the integration of multiple jurisdictions.
- California's working agricultural and forested landscapes will be preserved wherever possible.
- No funds shall be expended to pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities.

Food Grows Where Water Flows

- Nothing in this act will diminish, impair, or otherwise affect in any manner whatsoever any area of origin, watershed of origin, county of origin, or any other water rights protections.
- No funds may be used to acquire land via eminent domain.
- Priority in funding for small and disadvantaged communities.
- 50 Percent local matching funds generally required for qualified project.

AUTHORIZED PURPOSES

I CLEAN, SAFE AND RELIABLE DRINKING WATER -- \$520 MILLION

- \$260 Million for Wastewater Treatment Projects. \$260 Million for Safe Drinking Water
- At least 10 percent to severely Disadvantaged communities
- 50 percent Local Match required for most other projects.

II RIVERS, LAKES, STREAMS, COASTAL WATERS, AND WATERSHEDS – \$1.495 BILLION

- Specific Allocations -- Local
 - (a) Baldwin Hills Conservancy, \$10,000,000.
 - (b) California Tahoe Conservancy, \$15,000,000.
 - (c) Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, \$10,000,000.
 - (d) Ocean Protection Council, \$30,000,000.
 - (e) San Diego River Conservancy, \$17,000,000.
 - (f) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, \$30,000,000.
 - (g) San Joaquin River Conservancy, \$10,000,000.
 - (h) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, \$30,000,000.
 - (i) Sierra Nevada Conservancy, \$25,000,000.
 - (j) State Coastal Conservancy, \$100,500,000.
 - (k) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, \$50,000,000.
- Specific Allocations – State
 - (a) Wildlife Conservation Board, Enhanced Streamflow \$200,000,000. Urban creeks, \$100,000,000. Urban Rivers, \$20,000,000.
 - (b) Natural Resources Agency, \$475,000,000, to comply with state's existing settlement obligations for the San Joaquin River, Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, the Quantification Settlement including Salton Sea restoration, and the state share for Central Valley Improvement Act refuge and habitat areas.
 - (c) Fish and Wildlife, Watershed Restoration, \$285,000,000. Delta Restoration, \$87,500,000.

III REGIONAL WATER SECURITY, CLIMATE, AND DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS-- \$810 MILLION

- \$510 Million for Distribution among Hydrologic Basins
- \$100 Million for Urban Water Conservation and agricultural water use efficiency projects
- \$200 Million for Stormwater management

IV WATER STORAGE PROJECTS (STATEWIDE WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS) -- \$2.7 BILLION

- California Water Commission ranks potential projects based on the expected return for public investment as measured by the magnitude of the public benefits.
- Eligibility limited to surface storage projects identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000, groundwater storage projects, conjunctive use and reservoir reoperation, and local projects that improve water system operations.
- No project may be funded unless it provides measurable improvements to the Delta ecosystem or Delta tributaries.

V Water Recycling -- \$725 Million

- Funds recycling and desalination projects for seawater and groundwater, and end-user retrofit projects to allow increased use of recycled water.
- Encourages projects that improve reliability, decrease reliance on Delta supplies, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve energy efficiency

VI Groundwater Sustainability -- \$900 Million

- Encourages groundwater recharge and conjunctive uses to increase regional self-reliance and adapt to climate change.

VII Flood Management -- \$395 Million

- \$295 Million allocated to Delta levees