



# Water Bond Working Group

## 2013 Water Bond Framework

- I. Title: Clean Drinking Water & Climate Change Response Act of 2014
- II. Findings & Declarations: Need for Water Infrastructure
- III. Definitions: Retain Definitions
- IV. General Provisions
  - A. Retain Existing Accountability Provisions
    - 1. Retain Caps on Planning & Administration
    - 2. Public Process for Developing Competitive Grant Programs
    - 3. State Auditor Programmatic Review
    - 4. Intent Statement – Public Benefits
  - B. Retain Assurances
    - 1. Water Rights/Area of Origin
    - 2. Prohibition on Delta Conveyance Funding
    - 3. Protection of Wild & Scenic Rivers
    - 4. Beneficiaries Pay for Benefits
    - 5. Prohibition on Funding Environmental Mitigation, Except as Project Part
  - C. Terminate Authorization For Water Bond Funds Not Yet Appropriated
  - D. Leverage State/Local Funding – Priority for Local Funding Commitment
  - E. Make All State Agencies Eligible for Appropriation
  - F. Priority for Projects that Produce Greatest Public Benefit
  - G. Savings Clause: Contractual Commitments in the Delta
  - H. Priority for Shovel-Ready Projects
- V. Water Quality: Clean and Safe Drinking Water (\$1B)
  - A. Purpose: Address Drinking Water Contamination and Water Quality
  - B. Funding:
    - 1. Benefit Disadvantaged Communities
      - a) Minimal Cost-sharing Requirements
      - b) Require Ability to Continue Operating Treatment Facility
      - c) Operations & Maintenance
    - 2. Focus on Groundwater Cleanup
    - 3. Wastewater Treatment Facilities
    - 4. Stormwater Management
  - C. Leverage Bond Funding with Other Sources (federal, state, local)
  - D. Identify Contaminants – Nitrates, Perchlorate, MTBE, Arsenic, Salinity, Chrome6, mercury
- VI. Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams and Watersheds (\$1B)
  - A. Purpose: Economic Benefits of Watersheds, Fishery & Instream Flow
  - B. Funding
    - 1. Broad Range of Activities – watersheds, wetlands, water quality
    - 2. Remove Barriers to Fish Passage
    - 3. Collaboration with Federal Gov't on Anadromous Fish Protection/Salmon

VII. Climate Change Preparedness & Regional Self-Reliance for Water (\$1B)

- A. Purpose: Adapt to Climate Change, Improve Regional Self-Reliance
- B. Funding
  - 1. Integrated Regional Water Management (Grants and Loans)
  - 2. Broad Range of Activities – Infrastructure, Stormwater Capture
  - 3. Specific Program Allocations Within Integrated Regional Water Management
    - a) Water Conservation
    - b) Water Recycling
    - c) Desalination with Renewable Energy Generation & Reduced Delta Exports
- C. Policy
  - 1. Retain Current Regional Allocations
  - 2. Require Regional Prioritization of Water Infrastructure Projects
  - 3. Requirements: Regional Plan, Urban or Agricultural Water Management Plan

VIII. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Sustainability (\$1B)

- A. Purpose: Ecosystem Restoration and Delta Sustainability
- B. Describe Programs Broadly

IX. Storage for Climate Change (\$1B)

- A. Purpose: Expand Surface & Ground Water Storage for Climate Change
- B. Funding
  - 1. Surface and Groundwater
  - 2. Funding for Public Benefits
  - 3. Restoration of Storage Capacity of Existing Dams
- C. Policy
  - 1. Retain Requirement for Delta Improvement From Storage Project
  - 2. Continuous Appropriation
  - 3. Cost-Sharing