

Memorandum

SB 2X 1 – Proposition 84 Summary

Subject: SB 1xx Summary

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Background

On Tuesday, September 30th, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB 2X 1, authored by Senate President pro Tem Don Perata, which will use bond money to fund vital projects improving the state's water storage, reliability and conservation. It will appropriate \$820,973,000 as follows:

Proposition 84 Funding Break-Down

- \$135,000,000 to DWR for the acquisition, design and construction of essential emergency preparedness supplies and projects; with \geq \$35,000,000 going to reinforcing levees most likely to fail.
- \$150,000,000 for grants for stormwater flood management projects that reduce flood damage and provide other benefits. Of this \geq \$100,000,000 to go to projects that address immediate public health and safety needs and strengthen existing flood control facilities to address seismic safety issues; \$20,000,000 available to local agencies to met immediate water quality needs related to combined SSO discharges, and \$20,000,000 for urban stream stormwater flood management projects to reduce frequency and impacts of flooding in watersheds that drain to SF Bay.
- \$50,000,000 to DPH for small community drinking water system infrastructure improvement grants and related actions.
- \$50,400,000 to DPH for grants for projects to prevent or reduce the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water (where threat is imminent).
- \$181,791,000 to DWR for IRWM activities including:
 - \$100,000,000 for implementation grants with \geq \$20,000,000 to go to supporting urban and agricultural water conservation projects necessary to meet the 20x2020 goal.
 - \$39,000,000 for planning grants, Local Groundwater Assistance grants and CALFED scientific research grants
 - \$22,091,000 for projects with interregional or statewide benefits. Of this \geq \$10,000,000 goes to projects for interconnect municipal and industrial water supply aqueducts that cross the Delta and are vulnerable to flood damage and \$2,000,000 of this must go for the development of an integrated water quality and wastewater treatment program plan to address drinking water and wastewater needs in Tulare County.
 - \$20,700,000 for program delivery costs, with \geq 10% to facilitate and support the participation of DACs in the IRWM planning process.
- \$90,000,000 to DWR for the implementation of Delta water quality improvement projects to produce drinking water supplies. Of this, \$50,000,000 goes to drinking water intake facility

improvement projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and \$40,000,000 for projects consistent with subdivision (c) of Section 75029 of the Public Resources Code.

- \$100,000,000 to DWR for the acquisition, preservation, protection and restoration of Delta resources.
- \$37,000,000 for the following:
 - \$12,000,000 to complete planning and feasibility studies associated with new surface storage under the CA Bay-Delta program.
 - \$15,000,000 for planning and feasibility studies to identify potential options for the reoperation of the state’s flood protection and water supply systems that will optimize the use of existing facilities and groundwater storage capacity.
 - \$10,000,000 to update the CA Water Plan
 - Up to \$2,000,000 for the planning and feasibility studies necessary to implement the Delta Vision Strategic Plan
- \$17,300,000 for the protection and restoration of rivers and streams as follows:
 - \$10,000,000 to the State Coastal Conservancy
 - \$7,300,000 to DWR for the San Joaquin River Conservancy for river parkway projects.

IRWMP Requirements

The bill requires that IRWMPs include all of the following:

1. Consideration of all resource management strategies identified in the CA Water Plan
2. Consideration of objectives in appropriate basin plan or plans and strategies to meet applicable water quality standards
3. Description of major water-related objectives and conflicts within a region.
4. Measurable regional objectives and criteria for developing regional project priorities.
5. Integrated, collaborative, multi-benefit approach to selection and design of projects and programs.
6. Identification and consideration of water-related needs of DACs in the area within the boundaries of the plan.
7. Performance measures and monitoring to demonstrate progress towards meeting regional objectives.
8. Plan for implementation and financing of identified projects and programs.
9. Consideration of greenhouse gas emissions of identified programs and projects.
10. Evaluation of the adaptability to climate change of water management systems in the region.
11. Documentation of data and technical analyses used in the plan development.
12. Process to disseminate data and information related to the development and implementation of the plan.
13. Process to coordinate water management projects and activities of participating local agencies and local stakeholders to avoid conflicts and take advantage of efficiencies.
14. Other matters identified by DWR.

Other Information

- Minimum regional definition = contiguous geographic area encompassing the service areas of multiple local agencies and shall be defined to maximize opportunities for integration of water management activities.
- Bill requires DWR to develop process for ‘approving’ composition of a region.
- Requires that IRWMPs be developed through a collaborative process that makes public both the process by which decisions are made in consultation with persons/entities and manner in which a balance of interested persons/entities representing different sectors and interests have been or will be engaged in the process, regardless of their ability to contribute financially to the plan.
- Also requires DWR to develop process for the development, periodic review, updating and amending of IRWMPs.
- Must publish an NOI prior to preparation of an IRWMP and notice of intent to adopt prior to adoption.
- SWRCB is directed to develop pilot projects in the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley that focus on nitrate contamination.
- DWR can spend up to 5% of funds appropriate for administrative costs.