

THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT

WATER RESILIENCE AND DROUGHT RESPONSE

- **The 2022-23 budget provides an additional \$2.8 billion one-time General Fund over multiple years to support drought resilience and response, including \$1.5 billion that will be allocated in the summer after additional discussions with the Legislature. This builds on the historic three-year, \$5.2 billion investment in California water systems enacted in 2021-22.**
- **This budget is tailored to meet immediate drought emergency needs for communities and fish and wildlife while deepening and expanding state investments to climate-proof water systems around the state.**

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- **\$500 million** to advance drinking water and clean water projects that leverage significant federal infrastructure funds, support dam safety, and flood management.
 - \$400 million – State revolving fund for drinking water and wastewater
 - \$100 million – Dam safety and flood management
- **\$431.5 million** to provide grants to urban water districts and smaller community water suppliers for drought-relief projects; support data, research, and public education campaigns; support local technical assistance and emergency drinking water response, including the purchase and pre-positioning of water storage tanks; and enhance water rights enforcement.
 - \$50 million – Water conservation and the Save Our Water campaign
 - \$200 million - Urban community drought relief grants
 - \$100 million – Small community drought relief grants
 - \$50 million - Emergency drinking water
 - \$8 million – Curtailment and water rights enforcement
 - \$21 million – Water storage tanks
 - \$2.1 million – Central Valley Flood Protection Plan
 - \$400,000 – Drought coordination and response

- **\$88.3 million** to address fish and wildlife impacts associated with drought and climate change.
 - \$75 million – Fish and wildlife protection
 - \$3.3 million – Fish passage actions and co-management with Tribes
 - \$10 million – Migratory bird habitat
- **\$280 million** to support agricultural water conservation practices; provide on-farm technical assistance; provide direct relief to small farm operators; and support additional water conservation projects.
 - \$60 million - Agriculture and Delta drought response program
 - \$25 million – Relief for small farm operators
 - \$15 million - On-farm water-use technical assistance
 - \$75 million - to help incentivize replacing lawns and ornamental turf with more climate-appropriate landscaping.
 - \$105 million – small and urban water conservation programs

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

- **\$200 million** for residential wastewater and water arrearages for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program administered by the Department of Community Services and Development.
- **\$75 million** to support the California Small Agricultural Business Drought Relief Grant Program, pending statutory framework to be developed over the Summer.