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.