

Community Water Center  
supports

Prop 1

Water Bond



## Creating Lasting, Sustainable, and Affordable Solutions for Our Communities

Thousands of communities throughout our state still lack safe, clean, and affordable water. Community Water Center supports Prop 1 because it plays a vital role in our efforts to implement the Human Right to Water in California.

### Fast Facts: Here is How Prop 1 Advances the Human Right to Water

- Proposition 1 provides **\$520 million for safe drinking water and clean water programs** for small, disadvantaged communities. These funds are designed to leverage federal funds and pay for community wastewater programs and drinking water infrastructure.
- Proposition 1 provides **\$900 million for groundwater sustainability projects**. A minimum of 10% of this funding is set aside for severely disadvantaged communities whose median household income is 60% or less of the statewide median household income. **\$80 million** will be used to clean up contaminated groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water.
- At least \$696 million, or **almost 10% of the total bond**, is set aside for disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities.

### ***Additional benefits***

- Prop 1 provides **vital technical assistance resources** to help communities leverage additional funding. Technical assistance funding is available for project pre-planning, planning, and operation and maintenance costs. Prop 1 also creates a **multi-disciplinary technical assistance** program specifically for small and disadvantaged communities.
- Prop 1 prioritizes projects that coordinate **shared, long-term solutions for multiple communities**. These types of shared regional solutions help prevent chronic contamination by connecting small disadvantaged communities to larger water systems.

### **Overview of Proposition 1**

#### ***What is Prop 1?***

- Proposition 1 is a \$7.5 billion bond on the November 4th ballot.
- If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would fund investments in water projects and programs as part of a statewide, comprehensive water plan for California.



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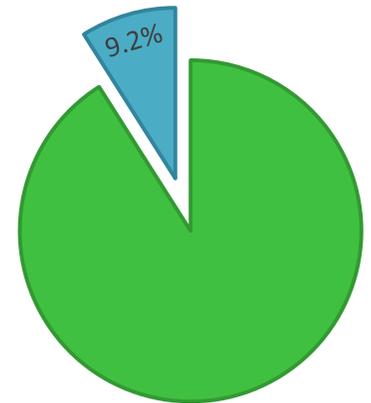


## How will Prop 1 funds be spent?

Uses of Proposition 1 Bond Funds (in millions)	
<b>Improvements to Groundwater and Surface Water Quality</b>	<b>\$1,420</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention and cleanup of groundwater pollution.</li> <li>Drinking water projects for disadvantaged communities.</li> <li>Wastewater treatment in small communities.</li> <li>Local plans and projects to manage groundwater.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$800</li> <li>\$260</li> <li>\$260</li> <li>\$100</li> </ul>
<b>Watershed Protection and Restoration</b>	<b>\$1,495</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watershed restoration and habitat protection in designated areas around the state.</li> <li>Certain state commitments for environmental restorations.</li> <li>Restoration programs available to applicants statewide.</li> <li>Projects to increase water flowing in rivers and streams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$515</li> <li>\$475</li> <li>\$305</li> <li>\$200</li> </ul>
<b>Water Supply</b>	<b>\$4,235</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dams and groundwater storage—cost share associated with public benefits.</li> <li>Regional projects to achieve multiple water-related improvements (includes conservation and capturing rainwater).</li> <li>Water recycling, including desalination.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2,700</li> <li>\$810</li> <li>\$725</li> </ul>
<b>Flood Protection</b>	<b>\$395</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repairs and improvements to levees in the Delta.</li> <li>Flood protection around the state.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$295</li> <li>\$100</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,545</b>

## Why California Needs Prop 1

- **Over 1 million Californians** cannot drink the water out of their tap because of contamination.<sup>1</sup>
- In the Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley, roughly **254,000 people are at risk** of nitrate contamination, and the problem is worsening.<sup>2</sup> Nitrate contamination is the #1 reason for well closure in California, which can affect all Californians.<sup>3</sup>
- **The drought is exacerbating drinking water problems** for vulnerable communities, making the problems only more real and desperate. The water bond will provide lasting solutions so that our communities are more resilient and prepared for future droughts.



*Over 9% of the total bond is set aside for disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities*

**Prop 1 ensures that impacted communities have access to the public resources intended to create safe drinking water systems for all.**

<sup>1</sup> California Department of Public Health. Drinking Water Program. Annual Compliance Report. 2011 (most recently available data). <<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Documents/DWdocuments/2011/2011%20ACR.pdf>>.

<sup>2</sup> Harter, T., J. R. Lund, et al. 2012 Addressing Nitrate in California's Drinking Water with a Focus on Tulare Lake Basin and Salinas Valley Groundwater. Report for the State Water Resources Control Board Report to the Legislature. Center for Watershed Sciences, University of California, Davis. 78 p. <<http://groundwaternitrate.ucdavis.edu>>.

<sup>3</sup> State Water Resources Control Board. Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Communities That Rely on a Contaminated Groundwater Source for Drinking Water. January 2013. <[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/gama/ab2222/docs/ab2222.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gama/ab2222/docs/ab2222.pdf)>.