

YES ON PROPOSITION 3



Community Water Center supports and has endorsed Proposition 3, the California Water Bond on the November, 2018 ballot.

Over one million Californians cannot safely drink the water coming from their taps in their homes, schools and communities - with low income communities and communities of color disproportionately bearing the burden of this crisis. Exposure to unsafe drinking water is dangerous, especially for vulnerable populations like children and the elderly.

Proposition 3 would provide desperately needed funding for safe drinking water projects across the state to help ensure universal access to safe drinking water.

What Is Proposition 3?

Proposition 3, the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018, is a water bond organized through a citizen's initiative for the November, 2018 ballot. It would provide:

- Funding for important water projects across the state such as safe drinking water, groundwater, wastewater, conservation, and watershed restoration.
- A total of \$750 million for safe drinking water and wastewater projects, and \$675 million for groundwater projects.
- A historically large level of funding for safe drinking water needs, with a larger than usual amount of the funding designed to directly benefit low income communities.
- Funding to address some of the specific challenges seen in areas like the Southern San Joaquin Valley such as providing funding to assist private well owners with safe drinking water and/or wastewater improvements.

Community Water Center helped write the language in Proposition 3 for the safe drinking water, wastewater and groundwater sections.

What Are Water Bonds And Why Are They Important?

Water bonds are an important source of capital funding for drinking water infrastructure. Capital funding is used to pay for construction of treatment plants, pipes for drinking water systems, and cover other physical costs associated with providing safe drinking water. California has a long history of using these kinds of water bonds to fund important water projects across the state.

The historic amount of capital funding in Proposition 3, if combined with passage of a future Safe and Affordable Drinking Water fund to provide complimentary funding for ongoing operations and maintenance, will allow California to take a major step forward towards finally securing every Californian's basic human right to water.

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