

# Summary of SB 42

## The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality & Flood Protection Act of 2014

### Total Funding: \$6.475 billion

#### Safe Drinking Water- \$2 billion

- \$500 million for emergency and urgent actions to ensure access to clean drinking water.
- \$1 Billion for Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (including recycling, groundwater clean-up, etc.).
  - Eligible projects must comply with policy to reduce reliance on the Delta.
  - Funding to be directed to direct reduction in demand from the Delta where feasible, also funding provisions to incentivize direct reductions in exported Delta water.

#### Water Quality and Watershed Protection Projects- \$2.1 billion

- \$400 million for wastewater treatment projects.
- \$1.1 billion for water quality protection and watershed protection projects of statewide significance:
  - \$600 million for Delta ecosystem restoration and community sustainability projects.
    - Appropriated to the Delta Conservancy.
    - Delta Conservancy must coordinate and collaborate with the city or county where the project is taking place.
    - Funding cannot be used for eminent domain.
    - Grantee must identify how the economic impacts (including ag impacts) will be assessed and mitigated.
    - No matching funds required.
  - \$500 million for water quality and watershed protection projects of statewide significance outside the Delta.
- \$600 million for regional watersheds (local conservancies).
  - Natural Resources Agency shall develop a statewide resources protection plan to identify priorities for watershed funding. The plan will direct the competitive granting of the \$300 million for statewide and \$500 million for regional conservancies.

## **Flood Control and Stormwater Management- \$1.375 billion**

- \$500 million for implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.
- \$75 million for flood control and wetlands management in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- \$375 million for stormwater management.
  - Includes priority for projects reducing amount of imported water.
- \$25 million for agricultural runoff management programs.
- \$400 million for Delta levees.
  - Eligible projects include subventions program, special projects program and levee upgrades/improvements to help levees withstand seismic events and sea level rise.

## **Water System Operation Improvements- \$1 billion**

- Eligible projects include:
  - Calfed Reservoirs (except Shasta).
  - Groundwater storage and groundwater clean-up projects.
  - Conjunctive use and reoperation projects.
  - Projects that restore the capacity of existing dams (sediment removal).
  - Projects that reduce demand on the Delta and result in a permanent transfer of water rights to CA Water Code 1707.
  - Recycled water storage projects.
- Provisions similar to existing bond, with a provision for specific benefits for the Delta.
- No continuous appropriation.
- Funding for mitigation prohibited.
- **General Provisions**
  - Includes a savings clause for water rights, and for the Delta Reform Act.
  - Prohibits funding for construction, mitigation or operation of new conveyance.
  - Prohibits funding for mitigation or compliance obligations of any party.