



• **Board of Directors**

***Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee***

6/13/2023 Board Meeting

**Revised 8-3**

**Subject**

Express support, if amended, on two legislative bond proposals, Assembly Bill 1567 (Garcia) and Senate Bill 867 (Allen), to provide funding for water projects to address climate change impacts; the General Manager has determined that the action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

**Executive Summary**

Two climate change general obligation bond measures have been introduced in the current legislative session in Sacramento that will provide funding for several resource-related objectives, including water:

- AB 1567 (Garcia, D – Coachella): Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024. (A-5/26/2023) (**Attachment 1**)
- SB 867 (Allen, D – Santa Monica): Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024. (A-5/18/2023) (**Attachment 2**).

The proposed bonds are intended to provide funding that will make California more climate resilient in addressing the severity and frequency of challenges that include wildfire, drought, flood, extreme heat, coastal resilience, clean energy, and workforce development.

Staff recommends the Board adopt a position of support, if amended, to authorize staff to work collaboratively with other statewide associations to seek amendments that would increase funding in the bills for recycled water, dam safety, regional conveyance, drought and conservation projects that will directly assist Southern California's regional sustainability.

**Timing and Urgency**

To effectively influence the funding categories, Metropolitan will need to actively engage on both bills in a timely way. AB 1567 and SB 867 have moved from their house of origin and are in the second house for consideration. Discussions are expected to continue through the legislative summer recess in July. Immediate direction and positions on the bills are important to identify board priorities and ensure the time needed to obtain amendments that are reflective of Metropolitan and regional priorities.

**Details**

**Background**

Climate sustainability is a top priority for Governor Newsom and the Legislature. Over the past two years, the state budget allocated \$54 billion over five years to advance the state's climate agenda. However, in fall 2022, the Legislative Analyst's Office identified a pending revenue shortfall of \$24 billion. In January 2023, Governor Newsom expressed his commitment to prioritize climate sustainability and interest in pursuing a resources bond to address long-standing needs that would strengthen California's ability to adapt to the changing climate.

A water bond is both timely and urgently needed. Metropolitan and its member agencies have invested heavily in projects and programs to advance local water resource projects and regional conservation to ensure water supply reliability and resiliency. Water recycling and water conservation are important cornerstones of Metropolitan, and regional water supply management plans to meet current and future needs. State funding is needed to supplement local investments, modernize aging infrastructure, and build new projects to ensure regional reliability and adapt to the challenges of climate change.

Two climate-resilient bond measures were introduced this session; the current proposed funding in each bill is detailed below:

AB 1567 (as amended on May 26, 2023), if passed, would be on the ballot for the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election. The \$15.995 billion general obligation bond includes the following:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Proposed Funding</b>
Wildfire prevention	\$2.275 billion
Protection of coastal lands, bays, and oceans	\$1.655 billion
Safe drinking water, drought preparation and response, and flood protection	\$5.255 billion
Protection of natural lands and biodiversity and preserving fish and wildlife	\$1.5 billion
Protection of agricultural resources, communities, and open spaces	\$520 million
Extreme heat mitigation	\$1.59 billion
Strengthen regional climate resilience	\$1.2 billion
Clean energy	\$2 billion

SB 867 (as amended May 18, 2023) has an unspecified date for voter approval. The \$15.5 billion general obligation bond includes the following:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Proposed Funding</b>
Drought, flood, and water resilience	\$5.2 billion
Wildfire and forest resilience	\$3 billion
Increase coastal and ocean resilience	\$2 billion
Extreme heat mitigation	\$500 million
Biodiversity protection and nature-based solutions	\$2 billion
Improving climate smart agriculture	\$300 million
Park creation and outdoor access	\$500 million
Clean energy	\$2 billion

Both bond bills would authorize more than \$5 billion for water projects and programs. AB 1567 and SB 867 each allocate \$300 million for recycled water projects. In addition, SB 867 allocates \$100 million for conservation for urban and agriculture, and there is some potential funding for conservation in AB 1567. More funding is needed in these categories to ensure California can meet regional and state objectives with water efficiency and recycled water projects.

Staff respectfully recommends a position of support, if amended, to authorize collaborative work to support the needs of the Southern California region and to increase funding to board priority projects.

## Policy

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Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

By Minute Item 53051, 2023 Metropolitan Legislative Priorities and Principles, Legislative Priority A.2, A.3, and Sections I.A, I.B, I.D, I.B.5, III.B., III.D.1, III.D.5, III.F.1, IV.A.3, VI.A, VII.A.3.

## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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### CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves legislative proposals that do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(1) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

## Board Options

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### Option #1

Express support, if amended, on two legislative bond proposals, Assembly Bill 1567 (Garcia) and Senate Bill 867 (Allen), to provide funding for water projects to address climate change impacts

**Fiscal Impact:** Unknown at this time

**Business Analysis:** A support, if amended, position would authorize Metropolitan staff to work with the author, stakeholders, and statewide associations to obtain desired amendments that will ensure available funding reflects needs, and to increase funding amounts related to conservation and water recycling.

### Option #2

Do not express a support, if amended, position on both AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen)

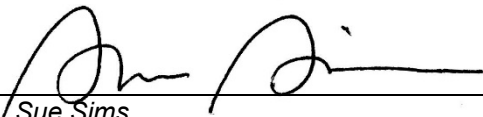
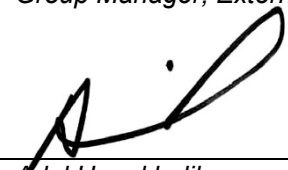
**Fiscal Impact:** Unknown at this time.

**Business Analysis:** Available funding currently authorized in the bills is limited and may not result in desired statewide benefits, including water conservation savings and recycled water that will support Southern California's regional reliability and resiliency.

## Staff Recommendation

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### Option #1

 _____ Sue Sims Group Manager, External Affairs	6/6/2023 _____ Date
 _____ Adel Hagekhalil General Manager	6/6/2023 _____ Date

**Attachment 1 – AB 1567 (Garcia, D – Coachella)**

**Attachment 2 – SB 867 (Allen, D – Santa Monica)**

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 26, 2023

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 7, 2023

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1567**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Garcia, Wendy Carrillo,  
Connolly, Friedman, and Papan Papan, Reyes, and Luz Rivas  
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula, Lee, and  
McCarty)**

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Mike Fong, Haney, Lowenthal,~~  
~~Robert Rivas, and Schiavo~~) *Addis, Bryan, Calderon, Mike Fong,*  
*Haney, Holden, Kalra, Lowenthal, Muratsuchi, Ramos,*  
*Robert Rivas, Schiavo, and Wood*)**

February 17, 2023

An act to add Division 48 (commencing with Section 80500) to the Public Resources Code, relating to safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election of the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1567, as amended, Garcia. Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary election, authorizes

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the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,100,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. Article XVI of the California Constitution requires measures authorizing general obligation bonds to specify the single object or work to be funded by the bonds and further requires a bond act to be approved by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house of the Legislature and a majority of the voters.

This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

This bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The people of California find and declare all of
- 2 the following:
- 3 (a) The climate crisis presents a significant threat to the health,
- 4 safety, and prosperity of the people of California. The changing
- 5 climate increases the risk of extreme weather events, biodiversity
- 6 loss, catastrophic wildfire, drought, rising temperatures and heat,
- 7 and sea level rise, resulting in harm to California's agricultural
- 8 industry, water supply, unique ecosystems, and economy.
- 9 (b) According to the state's Fourth Climate Change Assessment,
- 10 "[e]merging findings for California show that costs associated with
- 11 direct climate impacts by 2050 are dominated by human mortality,
- 12 damages to coastal properties, and the potential for droughts and
- 13 mega-floods," and could lead to economic costs to the economy
- 14 that exceed \$100 billion by midcentury.
- 15 (c) Low-income communities and communities of color are
- 16 already experiencing disproportionate effects of climate change
- 17 and will continue to bear the brunt of climate impacts going
- 18 forward unless the state prioritizes investments in these

1 communities. Investment in these communities can build resiliency,  
2 develop and harness local talent for quality jobs, and promote  
3 community-based leadership to withstand the shocks and stresses  
4 of future anticipated and unforeseen events, resulting in improved  
5 environmental conditions, better health outcomes, social cohesion,  
6 and increased economic opportunity.

7 (d) Improving climate resilience will require investments in  
8 planning and both capital and noncapital costs.

9 (e) Restoration and stewardship of California's ecosystems and  
10 natural infrastructure will increase the state's resilience to the  
11 changing climate and can prevent or reduce many of the forecasted  
12 impacts of climate change. Investment in improving California's  
13 ecosystems and natural infrastructure substantially benefits food  
14 and water systems, community health, and livelihoods.

15 (f) Climate risks and impacts vary by region so state investments  
16 to improve climate resilience must reflect the varying type and  
17 severity of climate impacts across the state.

18 (g) Planning, investment, and action to address current and  
19 future climate change impacts must be guided by the best available  
20 science, including local and traditional knowledge.

21 (h) The investment of public funds pursuant to Division 48  
22 (commencing with Section 80500) of the Public Resources Code  
23 will result in public benefits that will address the most critical  
24 statewide needs and priorities for public funding.

25 (i) It is the intent of the Legislature that agencies administering  
26 funds from Division 48 (commencing with Section 80500) of the  
27 Public Resources Code should not fund programs or projects that  
28 exacerbate, perpetuate, or sustain environmental injustice through  
29 air pollution, water contamination, or other forms of environmental  
30 degradation in already disproportionately affected communities  
31 or that will shift climate and environmental burdens to  
32 disadvantaged or otherwise disproportionately burdened  
33 communities.

34 (j) It is the intent of the Legislature that agencies administering  
35 funds from this act ensure investments create high-wage,  
36 high-quality jobs that comply with all laws, rules, and regulations,  
37 including labor, training, safety, contracting, and environmental  
38 requirements and standards.

39 (k) It is the intent of the Legislature that, in the interest of people  
40 of color, vulnerable communities, and indigenous populations, in

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1 meeting the climate and conservation objectives to contemplate  
2 investments beyond those specific to traditional conservation and  
3 protections, to look towards objectives that are transformative in  
4 nature in California's urban settings through the establishment of  
5 new paradigms for conservation that puts forth proactive and  
6 strategic restoration of degraded lands, especially in communities  
7 where vulnerable populations and environmental burdens are  
8 concentrated by virtue of, among *other* things, the development  
9 of new definitions and programmatic parameters to inform entities,  
10 such as the Wildlife Conservation Board, the State Coastal  
11 Conservancy, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and others,  
12 when allocating funding, and to direct proportionate shares toward  
13 investments in urban landscape and ecosystem restoration.

14 SEC. 2. Division 48 (commencing with Section 80500) is added  
15 to the Public Resources Code, to read:

16  
17 DIVISION 48. SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE  
18 PREVENTION, DROUGHT PREPARATION, FLOOD  
19 PROTECTION, EXTREME HEAT MITIGATION, AND  
20 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT OF 2024

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22 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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24 80500. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the  
25 Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation,  
26 Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce  
27 Development Bond Act of 2024.

28 80501. (a) In expending funds pursuant to this division, an  
29 administering state agency shall give priority to projects that  
30 leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest  
31 public benefit.

32 (b) To the extent practicable, a project funded pursuant to this  
33 division shall include signage informing the public that the project  
34 received funding from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire  
35 Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat  
36 Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.

37 (c) Projects funded pursuant to this division shall include the  
38 planning, monitoring, and reporting necessary to ensure successful  
39 implementation of this division's objectives.



(d) When disbursing funds available pursuant to this division, an administering state agency shall give preference to projects that do any of the following:

(1) Reduce near-term risks of climate change impacts while promoting long-term resilience.

(2) Promote equity, foster community resilience, and protect the most vulnerable by prioritizing projects that meaningfully benefit disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, and vulnerable populations.

(3) Avoid solutions that would likely worsen climate impacts or transfer risks unreasonably from one area, location, or social group, to another.

(4) Advance solutions to prevent displacement of low-income residents and businesses that could occur as an unintended consequence of a project that causes an increase in the cost of owning or renting property.

(5) Incorporate partnerships with community stakeholders, including community-based organizations, to ensure that projects have support from disproportionately affected communities, where applicable, develop and harness local talent for quality jobs, and promote community-based leadership.

(e) To the extent practicable, a project that receives moneys pursuant to this division shall provide workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for vulnerable ~~populations~~ *populations or socially disadvantaged groups*.

80503. For purposes of this division, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Air board” means the State Air Resources Board.

(b) “Climate resilience” means the ability of an entity or system, including an individual, a community, an ecosystem, or a natural system, and its component parts, to absorb, accommodate, or recover from the effects of a climate event in a timely and efficient manner, including through ensuring the preservation, restoration, or improvement of its essential basic structures and functions. In the case of natural and working lands, climate resilience includes the preservation, restoration, or enhancement of the ability to sequester carbon.

(c) “Committee” means the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat



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1 Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Finance Committee  
2 created pursuant to Section 80602.

3 (d) “Critical community infrastructure” means infrastructure  
4 that is necessary to providing vital community and individual  
5 functions, including, but not limited to, drinking and wastewater  
6 infrastructure, emergency shelters, communication and warning  
7 systems, evacuation routes, emergency power and public medical  
8 facilities, schools, town halls, hospitals, health clinics, community  
9 centers, community nonprofit facilities providing essential services,  
10 libraries, homeless shelters, senior and youth centers, childcare  
11 facilities, food banks, grocery stores, and parks and recreation  
12 sites.

13 (e) “Disadvantaged community” means a community with a  
14 median household income that is less than 80 percent of the  
15 statewide average.

16 (f) “Economically distressed area” means a municipality with  
17 a population of 20,000 persons or fewer, a rural county, or a  
18 reasonably isolated and divisible segment of a larger municipality  
19 where the segment of the population is 20,000 persons or fewer,  
20 with an annual median household income that is less than 85  
21 percent of the statewide median household income and with one  
22 or more of the following conditions as determined by an agency  
23 administering funding under this division:

24 (1) Financial hardship.

25 (2) Unemployment rate at least 2 percent higher than the  
26 statewide average.

27 (3) Low population density.

28 (g) “Equity destination project” means a project located in a  
29 highly desired region of the state, including, but not limited to,  
30 coastal and mountainous park and nature settings that have a  
31 demonstrated history or, upon completion of the project, can  
32 demonstrate new or increased use and usership among California’s  
33 more marginalized populations through, among other things, the  
34 establishment of low-cost or subsidized camping or free and  
35 ~~reduced-rate~~ *reduced-rate* entry.

36 (h) “Fund” means the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention,  
37 Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation,  
38 and Workforce Development Fund created pursuant to Section  
39 80518.

1 (i) “Groundwater sustainability agency” has the same meaning  
2 as defined in Section 10721 of the Water Code.

3 (j) “Interpretation” includes, but is not limited to, a  
4 visitor-serving amenity that enhances the ability to understand and  
5 appreciate the significance and value of natural, historical, and  
6 cultural resources and that may use educational materials in  
7 multiple languages, digital information in multiple languages, and  
8 the expertise of a naturalist or other skilled specialist.

9 (k) “Local agency” means a city, county, city and county, special  
10 district, joint powers authority, resource conservation district, or  
11 other political subdivision of the state.

12 (l) “Natural infrastructure” means a network of ecological areas,  
13 man-made systems, or practices that use or mimic natural processes  
14 to benefit people or wildlife. “Natural infrastructure” reduces  
15 vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and includes, but is  
16 not limited to, permeable pavements, bioswales, wetlands,  
17 floodplains, forests, urban forests, beaches, dunes, tidal marshes,  
18 reefs, seagrass, parks, rain gardens, and engineered systems, such  
19 as levees, that are combined with restored natural systems, to  
20 provide a wide array of benefits to people or wildlife.

21 (m) “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation  
22 qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section  
23 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

24 (n) “Preservation” means rehabilitation, stabilization, restoration,  
25 conservation, development, and reconstruction, or any combination  
26 of those activities.

27 (o) “Protection” means those actions necessary to prevent harm  
28 or damage to persons, property, or natural, cultural, and historic  
29 resources, actions to improve access to public open-space areas,  
30 or actions to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property  
31 or natural, cultural, and historic resources. Protection includes site  
32 monitoring, acquisition, development, restoration, preservation,  
33 and interpretation.

34 (p) (1) “Restoration” means the improvement of physical  
35 structures or facilities and, in the case of natural systems and  
36 landscape features, includes, but is not limited to, any of the  
37 following:

38 (A) The control of erosion.

39 (B) Stormwater capture, treatment, reuse, and storage, or to  
40 otherwise reduce stormwater pollution.

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1 (C) The control and elimination of invasive species and harmful  
2 algal blooms.

3 (D) The planting of native species.

4 (E) The removal of waste and debris.

5 (F) Prescribed burning and other fuel hazard reduction measures.

6 (G) Fencing out threats to existing or restored natural resources.

7 (H) Improving instream, riparian, floodplain, or wetland habitat  
8 conditions.

9 (I) Other plant and wildlife habitat improvement to increase the  
10 natural system value of the property, or coastal or ocean resources.

11 (J) Activities described in subdivision (b) of Section 79737 of  
12 the Water Code.

13 (2) “Restoration” also includes activities, such as the planning,  
14 permitting, monitoring, and reporting that are necessary to ensure  
15 successful implementation of the restoration objectives.

16 (q) “Severely disadvantaged community” means a community  
17 with a median household income that is less than 60 percent of the  
18 statewide average.

19 (r) *“Socially disadvantaged group” means a group whose*  
20 *members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice*  
21 *because of their identity as members of the group without regard*  
22 *to their individual qualities. These groups include all of the*  
23 *following:*

24 (1) *African Americans.*

25 (2) *Alaskan Natives.*

26 (3) *Asian Americans.*

27 (4) *Hispanics.*

28 (5) *Native Americans.*

29 (6) *Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.*

30 (7) *Women.*

31 ~~(t)~~

32 (s) “Small- and medium-sized farms” means farms and ranches  
33 of 500 acres or less.

34 ~~(s)~~

35 (t) “Socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers” has the same  
36 meaning as defined in Section 512 of the Food and Agricultural  
37 Code.

38 ~~(t)~~

39 (u) “Structure hardening” means the installation, replacement,  
40 or retrofitting of building materials, systems, or assemblies used

1 in the exterior design and construction of existing nonconforming  
2 structures with features that are in compliance with Chapter 7A  
3 (commencing with Section 701A.1) of Part 2 of Title 24 of the  
4 California Code of Regulations, or any appropriate successor  
5 regulatory code with the primary purpose of reducing risk to  
6 structures from wildfire or conforming to the low-cost retrofit list,  
7 and updates to that list, developed pursuant to paragraph (1) of  
8 subdivision (c) of Section 51189 of the Government Code.

9 ~~(u)~~

10 (v) “Tribe” means a federally recognized Native American tribe  
11 or a California Native American tribe that appears on the California  
12 Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native American  
13 Heritage Commission.

14 ~~(v)~~

15 (w) “Under-resourced community” means either of the  
16 following:

17 (1) A community identified as a disadvantaged community  
18 pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code.

19 (2) A low-income community as defined in Section 39713 of  
20 the Health and Safety Code.

21 ~~(w)~~

22 (x) “Vulnerable population” means a subgroup of a population  
23 within a region or community that faces a disproportionately  
24 heightened risk or increased sensitivity to impacts of climate  
25 change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to,  
26 or recover from such impacts.

27 ~~(x)~~

28 (y) “Water board” means the State Water Resources Control  
29 Board.

30 ~~(y)~~

31 (z) “Wildfire buffer” means greenspaces or open spaces that are  
32 managed to reduce the spread of wildfires, and are located between  
33 structures and wildlands in a community to reduce structure  
34 vulnerability to wildfire risks. Wildfire buffers shall be designed  
35 to provide additional benefits that may include shelter from natural  
36 disasters, recreation, habitat, stormwater capture, and active  
37 transportation.

38 80504. An amount that equals not more than 5 percent of the  
39 funds allocated for a program funded pursuant to this division may  
40 be used to pay the administrative costs of that program.

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1 80505. (a) The Department of Finance shall provide for an  
2 independent audit of expenditures pursuant to this division. The  
3 Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall publish a list of  
4 all program and project expenditures pursuant to this division not  
5 less than annually, in written form, and shall post an electronic  
6 form of the list on the agency's internet website in a downloadable  
7 spreadsheet format. The spreadsheet shall include information  
8 about the location and footprint of each funded project, the  
9 project's objectives, the status of the project, anticipated outcomes,  
10 the public benefits to be derived from the project, any matching  
11 moneys provided for the project by the grant recipient or other  
12 partners, and the applicable chapter of this division pursuant to  
13 which the grant recipient received moneys.

14 (b) If an audit, required by law, of any entity that receives  
15 funding authorized by this division is conducted pursuant to state  
16 law and reveals any impropriety, the California State Auditor or  
17 the Controller may conduct or arrange for a full audit of any or all  
18 of the activities funded pursuant to this division.

19 (c) The state agency issuing any grant with funding authorized  
20 by this division shall require adequate reporting of the expenditures  
21 of the funding from the grant.

22 (d) The costs associated with the publications, audits, statewide  
23 bond tracking, cash management, and related oversight activities  
24 provided for in this section shall be funded from the proceeds of  
25 bonds authorized by this division. These costs shall be shared  
26 proportionally by each program through this division. Actual costs  
27 incurred to administer nongrant programs authorized by this  
28 division shall be paid from the proceeds of bonds authorized by  
29 this division.

30 80506. If any moneys allocated pursuant to this division are  
31 not encumbered or expended by the recipient entity within the time  
32 period specified by the administering state agency, the unexpended  
33 moneys shall revert to the administering state agency for allocation  
34 consistent with the applicable chapter.

35 80507. Funds provided pursuant to this division, and any  
36 appropriation or transfer of those funds, shall not be deemed to be  
37 a transfer of funds for the purposes of Chapter 9 (commencing  
38 with Section 2780) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.

39 80508. At least 35 percent of the funds available pursuant to  
40 this division shall be allocated for projects that provide meaningful

1 and direct benefits to at least one of the following: vulnerable  
2 populations, under-resourced communities, or disadvantaged  
3 communities. At least 10 percent of the moneys available pursuant  
4 to each chapter of this division shall be allocated for projects that  
5 provide meaningful and direct benefits to severely disadvantaged  
6 communities.

7 80509. For grants awarded for projects under this division, the  
8 administering state agency may provide advanced payments in the  
9 amount of 25 percent of the grant award to the recipient, including  
10 state-related entities, to initiate the project in a timely manner. The  
11 administering state agency shall adopt additional requirements for  
12 the recipient of the grant regarding the use of the advanced  
13 payments to ensure that the moneys are used properly.

14 80510. (a) Up to 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to  
15 each chapter of this division may be allocated for technical  
16 assistance and capacity building by the administering state agency.  
17 The administering state agency shall operate a multidisciplinary  
18 technical assistance program for these purposes.

19 (b) Funds used for providing technical assistance and capacity  
20 building for disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged  
21 communities, under-resourced communities, or vulnerable  
22 populations may exceed 10 percent if the administering state  
23 agency determines that there is a need for the additional funding.

24 80511. Projects funded under this division shall demonstrate  
25 ongoing monitoring and scientific review. Up to 5 percent of  
26 project funds may be used for this purpose.

27 80512. Funds provided by this division shall not be expended  
28 to fulfill any environmental mitigation requirements or compliance  
29 obligations imposed by law or to pay the costs of the design,  
30 construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta  
31 conveyance facilities. Those costs shall be the responsibility of  
32 the entities that benefit from the design, construction, operation,  
33 mitigation, or maintenance of those facilities.

34 80513. Before disbursing grants through any new grant  
35 programs established pursuant to this division, each state agency  
36 that receives funding to administer a grant program under this  
37 division shall do all of the following:

38 (a) Develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation  
39 guidelines. The guidelines shall include monitoring and reporting  
40 requirements and may include a limitation on the dollar amount

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1 of grants to be awarded. If the state agency has previously  
2 developed and adopted project solicitation and evaluation  
3 guidelines that comply with the requirements of this subdivision,  
4 the state agency may use those guidelines.

5 (b) Conduct at least one public meeting to consider public  
6 comments before finalizing the guidelines. The state agency shall  
7 publish the draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines on its  
8 internet website at least 30 days before the public meetings.

9 (c) Any public meetings held pursuant to this section shall allow  
10 for virtual attendance and public participation through any internet  
11 platform used to host the meeting.

12 (d) Guidelines shall be made available online and shall be  
13 consistent with all applicable statutes.

14 80514. An apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program funded  
15 pursuant to this division shall be approved by the Division of  
16 Apprenticeship Standards.

17 80515. To the extent feasible, a project whose application  
18 includes the use of services of the California Conservation Corps  
19 or certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section  
20 14507.5, shall be given preference for receipt of a grant under this  
21 division.

22 80516. An eligible applicant under this division is a public  
23 agency, local agency, nonprofit organization, park and open-space  
24 district and authority, resource conservation district, joint powers  
25 authority, tribe, public water agency, groundwater sustainability  
26 agency, or regional collaborative for climate adaptation.

27 80517. The Legislature may enact legislation necessary to  
28 implement programs funded by this division.

29 80518. (a) The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to  
30 this division, exclusive of refunding bonds issued and sold pursuant  
31 to Section 80612, shall be deposited in the Safe Drinking Water,  
32 Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection,  
33 Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Fund,  
34 which is hereby created in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund  
35 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for  
36 purposes of this division.

37 (b) Proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division  
38 shall be allocated according to the following schedule:



1 (1) Two billion one hundred eighty million dollars  
2 (\$2,180,000,000) for wildfire prevention and climate risk reduction,  
3 in accordance with Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 80520).

4 (2) One billion nine hundred twenty-five million dollars  
5 (\$1,925,000,000) for the protection of coastal lands, bays, and  
6 oceans from climate risks, in accordance with Chapter 3  
7 (commencing with Section 80530).

8 (3) Five billion fifteen million dollars (\$5,015,000,000) for the  
9 protection of California's water supplies from multiyear droughts,  
10 reducing flood risk from extreme events, and providing safe  
11 drinking water, in accordance with Chapter 4 (commencing with  
12 Section 80540).

13 (4) One billion six hundred twenty-five million dollars  
14 (\$1,625,000,000) for the protection of California's wildlife,  
15 biodiversity, and fisheries from climate risks, in accordance with  
16 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 80560).

17 (5) Eight hundred twenty million dollars (\$820,000,000) for  
18 protecting farms, ranches, and working lands from the impacts of  
19 climate change in accordance with Chapter 6 (commencing with  
20 Section 80570).

21 (6) One billion seven hundred forty million dollars  
22 (\$1,740,000,000) for addressing extreme heat, community  
23 enhancement, and resiliency in accordance with Chapter 7  
24 (commencing with Section 80580).

25 (7) One billion eight hundred million dollars (\$1,800,000,000)  
26 for regional climate resilience projects that address multiple risks,  
27 in accordance with Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 80590).

28  
29 CHAPTER 2. WILDFIRE PREVENTION, CLIMATE RISK  
30 REDUCTION, AND PROTECTION AGAINST POWER SHUTOFFS

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32 80520. The sum of two billion one hundred eighty million  
33 dollars (\$2,180,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by  
34 the Legislature, for the prevention and reduction in the risk of  
35 wildfires to lives, properties, and natural resources.

36 80521. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520, four  
37 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon  
38 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency  
39 Services for a pre-hazard mitigation grant program. The Office of  
40 Emergency Services shall coordinate with the Department of

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1 Forestry and Fire Protection in administering these moneys. The  
2 grant program shall assist local and state agencies to leverage  
3 additional funds, including matching grants from federal agencies.  
4 Funds may be used to provide loans, rebates, direct assistance, and  
5 matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires, increase  
6 resilience, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or increase  
7 community hardening. Eligible projects include, but are not limited  
8 to, the following:

9 (1) Grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers  
10 authorities, and tribes for projects that reduce wildfire risks to  
11 people and property consistent with an approved community  
12 wildfire protection plan.

13 (2) Grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers  
14 authorities, tribes, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils,  
15 and nonprofit organizations for structure hardening of critical  
16 community infrastructure, evacuation centers, structure hardening  
17 projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods  
18 and communities, wildfire buffers, and incentives to remove  
19 structures that significantly increase hazard risk.

20 (3) Grants, in coordination with the Public Utilities Commission,  
21 to local agencies, state agencies, special districts, joint powers  
22 authorities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations for zero-emission  
23 backup power, energy storage, and microgrids for critical  
24 community infrastructure in order to provide continuity of electrical  
25 service, and safeguard communities from disruption due to public  
26 safety power shutoffs, wildfire, or air pollution caused by wildfire,  
27 extreme heat, or other disaster.

28 (4) Grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers  
29 authorities, and tribes for water delivery system improvements for  
30 fire suppression purposes for communities in high fire hazard  
31 severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones, as designated  
32 by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Article  
33 9 (commencing with Section 4201) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of  
34 Division 4 or by a local agency pursuant to Chapter 6.8  
35 (commencing with Section 51175) of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title  
36 5 of the Government Code.

37 (b) Not less than seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000)  
38 shall be allocated for each project described in subdivision (a).

39 (c) The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of  
40 Forestry and Fire Protection shall prioritize prehazard mitigation

1 grant funding applications from local agencies based on the “Fire  
2 Risk Reduction Community” list, upon development of that list,  
3 pursuant to Section 4290.1.

4 (d) The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of  
5 Forestry and Fire Protection shall provide technical assistance to  
6 disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities,  
7 or vulnerable populations, including those with access and  
8 functional needs, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and  
9 economically distressed areas to ensure the grant program reduces  
10 the vulnerability of those most in need.

11 80522. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520,  
12 seven hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$775,000,000) shall  
13 be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural  
14 Resources Agency and to its departments, boards, and  
15 conservancies for projects and grants to improve local fire  
16 prevention capacity, improve forest health and resilience, and  
17 reduce the risk of wildfire spreading into populated areas from  
18 wildlands. Where appropriate, projects may include activities on  
19 lands owned by the United States. The funding made available by  
20 this section shall be allocated as follows:

21 (1) One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be  
22 available to the Department of Conservation’s Regional Fire and  
23 Forest Capacity Program to increase regional capacity to prioritize,  
24 develop, and implement projects that improve forest health and  
25 fire resilience, implement community fire preparedness  
26 demonstration projects, facilitate greenhouse gas emissions  
27 reductions, and increase carbon sequestration in forests and other  
28 landscapes across regions and throughout the state. The funding  
29 shall be allocated based, to the extent feasible, on the findings of  
30 the review of the regional capacity required by Section 4123.7.

31 (2) Two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be  
32 available to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for  
33 long-term forest health projects, including reforestation;  
34 conservation easements; activities that promote long-term carbon  
35 storage and sequestration; upper watershed, riparian, and mountain  
36 meadow restoration; and prescribed burn.

37 (3) One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be  
38 available for watershed improvements projects in forests and other  
39 habitats, including, but not limited to, redwoods, conifers, oak  
40 woodlands, mountain meadows, chaparral, deserts, and coastal

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1 forests. Projects shall include the use of prescribed fire and improve  
2 water supply or water quality. Projects shall involve the restoration  
3 of natural ecosystem functions in high fire hazard areas and provide  
4 multiple benefits, including, but not limited to, habitat protection,  
5 science-based fuel reduction, watershed protection, carbon  
6 sequestration, protection of older fire-resistant trees, or improved  
7 forest health. The Natural Resources Agency shall give priority to  
8 projects with matching funds or in-kind work, as determined  
9 appropriate, from beneficiaries of the watershed, which may  
10 include, but are not limited to, water districts, public utilities, local  
11 agencies, or private users. The Natural Resources Agency shall  
12 ensure long-term benefits for projects funded pursuant to this  
13 subdivision, including through an ongoing commitment to future  
14 maintenance and a commitment to long-term forest resilience that  
15 reduces fire risk and enhances carbon sequestration capacity.

16 (4) Seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available  
17 to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for watershed improvement,  
18 forest health, biomass utilization, and forest restoration workforce  
19 development. At least 70 percent of the funds made available by  
20 this subdivision shall be available to the Sierra Nevada Watershed  
21 Improvement Program created by Section 33345.1.

22 (5) One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be  
23 available to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the  
24 administration of grants pursuant to the Wildfire Prevention  
25 Program.

26 (b) State entities receiving funds pursuant to paragraphs (1) to  
27 (4), inclusive, of subdivision (a) may award grants pursuant to a  
28 competitive grant process or on a regional block grant basis to  
29 maximize landscape level wildfire resilience objectives.

30 80523. Of the funds made available by Section 80520, thirty  
31 million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
32 by the Legislature, to the air board, in consultation with the Natural  
33 Resources Agency and the Department of Forestry and Fire  
34 Protection, to incentivize new projects in California that provide  
35 long-term capital infrastructure to convert forest and other  
36 vegetative waste removed for wildfire mitigation to uses that  
37 maximize reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, provide local  
38 air quality benefits, and increase local community resilience against  
39 climate change impacts.

1 80524. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520, two  
2 hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available, upon  
3 appropriation by the Legislature, for allocation pursuant to  
4 subdivision (b).

5 (b) Of the funds made available pursuant to subdivision (a), 50  
6 percent shall be allocated to the Department of Parks and  
7 Recreation and 50 percent shall be allocated to regional park  
8 entities, including districts, counties, tribes, and authorities, and  
9 regional land trusts on a competitive basis administered by the  
10 Natural Resources Agency to plan for and implement projects to  
11 reduce the risks of fire and for the fire hardening of infrastructure  
12 for units of the state park system, and for grants to restore, enhance,  
13 and protect public lands and improve carbon sequestration through,  
14 among other things, ecologically sensitive vegetation management  
15 practices, or reduce black carbon emissions. A project funded  
16 pursuant to this section shall include at least two of the following  
17 public cobenefits:

- 18 (1) Fire risk reduction.
- 19 (2) Improved wildlife corridors.
- 20 (3) Improved ability for wildlife species to adapt to climate  
21 change.
- 22 (4) Reduced forest fragmentation.
- 23 (5) Improved public access, including for individuals with  
24 disabilities, as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities  
25 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and outdoor recreation.
- 26 (6) Improved vegetation management associated with projects  
27 developed pursuant to Section 4123.5.
- 28 (7) Improved stormwater or groundwater benefits.

29 (c) Of the funds made available pursuant to subdivision (a), not  
30 less than fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be for equity  
31 destination projects located on the lands of regional park entities,  
32 including districts, counties, tribes, and authorities.

33 80525. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520,  
34 three hundred fifty million dollars (\$350,000,000) shall be  
35 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural  
36 Resources Agency for grants on a block grant basis to eligible city,  
37 county, district, and regional park and open-space entities for  
38 projects that do any of the following:

- 39 (1) Reduce the risk of fire, flood, or drought in order to  
40 safeguard public lands and communities.

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(2) Enhance water conservation or efficiencies for existing outdoor facilities.

(3) Promote access, including, where feasible, for individuals with disabilities, as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and facilitate social distancing, as needed, among park users.

(b) Minimum awards for grants issued pursuant to this section are one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for cities and districts and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for counties and regional entities.

80526. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80520, one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the California Conservation Corps and certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5, for demonstrated jobs projects, including either of the following:

(1) Projects to mitigate unemployment and assist the state with the implementation of critical natural resources, transportation, energy, and housing infrastructure.

(2) Projects to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and rehabilitate following natural disasters, declared emergencies, or climate-related impacts to communities, including, but not limited to, the following projects:

(A) Community greenspace improvements or restoration.

(B) Restoration of watersheds and riparian zones.

(C) Regional and community-level fuel load reduction.

(D) Development and maintenance of urban tree canopies.

(E) Post-wildfire restoration.

(F) Resource conservation and restoration projects.

(G) Construction of emergency housing.

(H) Construction of transition and affordable housing to protect vulnerable populations from the impacts of wildfire and other climate threats.

(I) Identified community emergency response support, such as construction and support at temporary evacuation centers, hospitals, housing, and shelters needed during emergencies and disasters.

(J) Facility or equipment acquisition, development, restoration, and rehabilitation.

(b) Not less than 30 percent of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be available for the construction of



1 permanent California Conservation Corps and certified community  
2 conservation corps residential accommodations with not less than  
3 one established in northern California and one in southern  
4 California.

5 (c) At least 60 percent of the amount available pursuant to  
6 subdivision (a) shall be available to certified community  
7 conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5.

8 (d) Up to 5 percent of the amount available pursuant to  
9 subdivision (a) shall be available for training, support, recruitment,  
10 and retention, and other wraparound services for corps members.

11  
12 CHAPTER 3. PROTECTING COASTAL LANDS, BAYS, AND OCEANS  
13 FROM SEA LEVEL RISE AND OTHER CLIMATE RISKS  
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15 80530. The sum of one billion nine hundred twenty-five million  
16 dollars (\$1,925,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by  
17 the Legislature, for protection of coastal communities from sea  
18 level rise, restoration of coastal and ocean resources, mitigation  
19 of ocean acidification, and addressing the impacts of climate  
20 change along California's coast. Projects funded pursuant to this  
21 chapter shall provide for public access to the shoreline and to inland  
22 and coastal waterways consistent with public safety needs.

23 80531. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80530, one  
24 billion one hundred million dollars (\$1,100,000,000) shall be  
25 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State  
26 Coastal Conservancy for grants or expenditures to protect, restore,  
27 and increase the resilience of beaches, bays, coastal dunes,  
28 wetlands, coastal forests, watersheds, trails, and public access  
29 facilities, including, where feasible, for individuals with disabilities,  
30 as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
31 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), pursuant to Division 21  
32 (commencing with Section 31000), including land acquisition, or  
33 conservation easements on land with open space, recreational,  
34 biological, cultural, scenic, or agricultural values, or lands adjacent  
35 to marine protected areas, whose preservation and continued  
36 operation will contribute to the ecological quality of those marine  
37 protected areas.

38 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), two hundred  
39 fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available for projects  
40 that are consistent with the San Francisco Bay Restoration



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1 Authority Act (Title 7.25 (commencing with Section 66700) of  
2 the Government Code), including, but not limited to, projects that  
3 address sea level rise, flood management, and wetland restoration.

4 (c) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), not less than  
5 two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available  
6 for the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.

7 (d) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), one hundred  
8 million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available for grants for  
9 projects that use natural infrastructure to promote climate resilience  
10 and protect critical infrastructure that is vulnerable to sea level rise  
11 and flooding.

12 (e) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), sixty-five  
13 million dollars (\$65,000,000) shall be available for projects to  
14 remove outdated or obsolete dams and to upgrade associated  
15 downstream infrastructure to increase climate resilience, enhance  
16 natural sediment transport, improve wildlife and fish passage, and  
17 modernize associated infrastructure, including related planning,  
18 monitoring, permitting, habitat restoration, and recreational  
19 improvements.

20 80532. Of the funds made available by Section 80530, thirty  
21 million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
22 by the Legislature, to the California Coastal Commission for grants  
23 for local adaptation planning and updating local coastal programs  
24 and twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available, upon  
25 appropriation by the Legislature, to the San Francisco Bay  
26 Conservation and Development Commission for coastal planning  
27 and projects within its jurisdiction. Eligible activities include, but  
28 are not limited to, the development of, or updates to, relevant  
29 portions of a local hazard mitigation plan or local general plan to  
30 address sea level rise and coastal hazards pursuant to paragraph  
31 (4) of subdivision (g) of Section 65302 of the Government Code.

32 80533. Of the funds made available by Section 80530, three  
33 hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available, upon  
34 appropriation by the Legislature, for deposit into the California  
35 Ocean Protection Trust Fund for grants consistent with Section  
36 35650. Priority shall be given to projects that assist coastal  
37 communities, including those reliant on commercial fisheries, with  
38 adaptation to climate change, including projects that address ocean  
39 acidification, increasing ocean temperatures, sea level rise,

1 stewardship of the state's marine protected areas, kelp restoration,  
2 or habitat restoration and protection.

3 80534. Of the funds made available by Section 80530, fifty  
4 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
5 by the Legislature, to the Department of Parks and Recreation to  
6 plan for and implement projects to reduce the risks of sea level  
7 rise for units of the state park system.

8 80535. Of the funds made available by Section 80530, fifty  
9 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
10 by the Legislature, for projects identified by the Natural Resource  
11 Agency and the Invasive Species Council of California to  
12 implement projects to protect and restore island ecosystems and  
13 prevent and mitigate island invasive species.

14 80536. Of the funds made available by Section 80530,  
15 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon  
16 appropriation by the Legislature, for projects identified by the  
17 Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement climate-ready  
18 fisheries management approaches that expand opportunities for  
19 experimentation and adaptive cooperative management, and to  
20 implement modernized electronic fisheries data management  
21 systems and increase the use of electronic technologies to improve  
22 fisheries management responses and resiliency under changing  
23 ocean conditions.

24 80537. Of the funds made available by Section 80530, fifty  
25 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
26 by the Legislature, for projects identified by the Department of  
27 Fish and Wildlife to support the management of kelp ecosystems.  
28 Funds shall be used for the ongoing monitoring of kelp ecosystems  
29 and for the implementation of an adaptive kelp management plan.

30 80538. Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be  
31 consistent with climate and sea level rise policies and guidelines  
32 established by the California Coastal Commission, the Ocean  
33 Protection Council, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and  
34 Development Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy, if  
35 applicable.

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1 CHAPTER 4. ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER, DROUGHT  
2 PREPARATION, AND ENHANCING THE STATE'S FLOOD PROTECTION

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4 80540. The sum of five billion fifteen million dollars  
5 (\$5,015,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the  
6 Legislature, for the delivery of safe drinking water, drought  
7 preparation and response, and flood protection.

8 80541. Grant guidelines adopted pursuant to Section 80513  
9 for funding under this chapter shall encourage, where feasible, the  
10 inclusion of the following project components:

11 (a) Efficient use and conservation of water supplies.

12 (b) The capture of stormwater to reduce stormwater runoff,  
13 reduction of water pollution, or recharge of groundwater supplies,  
14 or a combination of those activities.

15 (c) Provision of safe and reliable drinking water supplies to park  
16 and open-space visitors, and state fairgrounds that serve as  
17 emergency evacuation facilities.

18 (d) Support to groundwater sustainability agencies for regional  
19 groundwater sustainability.

20 (e) Increased climate resilience for wildlife and fish species.

21 80542. Nothing in this chapter determines or alters water rights  
22 or water right priorities.

23 80543. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540, two  
24 hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available,  
25 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
26 Resources in collaboration with the water board, for grants and  
27 projects that advance groundwater sustainability consistent with  
28 the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74  
29 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water  
30 Code). Funds may be used for projects, including groundwater  
31 recharge or water banking projects, and management actions  
32 identified in a groundwater sustainability plan, an alternative plan  
33 submitted and approved pursuant to Section 10733.6 of the Water  
34 Code, or a judgment in an adjudication issued pursuant to Section  
35 850 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

36 (b) Funding preference shall be given to either of the following  
37 projects:

38 (1) Projects that address water quality and quantity needs of  
39 disadvantaged communities, including well mitigation programs,

1 short- and long-term drinking water quality and quantity projects,  
2 and projects that enhance drought and water shortage resiliency.

3 (2) Projects that provide multiple benefits or encourage local  
4 and regional coordination with land use planning agencies.

5 (c) At least 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to this  
6 section shall be allocated for grants that provide outreach and  
7 technical assistance that directly benefit disadvantaged  
8 communities, vulnerable communities, and under-resourced  
9 communities. An eligible applicant is a nonprofit organization,  
10 technical assistance provider, or tribe.

11 80543.5. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, two  
12 hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available, upon  
13 appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditures on, and  
14 competitive grants and loans to, projects that are included in, and  
15 implemented in, an adopted integrated regional water management  
16 plan consistent with Part 2.2 (commencing with Section 10530)  
17 of Division 6 of the Water Code and that respond to climate change  
18 and contribute to regional water security.

19 80544. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540, four  
20 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon  
21 appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for competitive  
22 grants or loans for the purposes described in Chapter 5  
23 (commencing with Section 79720) of Division 26.7 of the Water  
24 Code to help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to all  
25 Californians.

26 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), thirty million  
27 dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by  
28 the Legislature, to the water board for competitive grants or loans  
29 to develop and implement regional or countywide drought and  
30 water shortage contingency plans, resilience measures, and  
31 programs, including those adopted according to the  
32 recommendations and guidance proposed by the Department of  
33 Water Resources pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section  
34 10609.40) of Part 2.55 of Division 6 of the Water Code.

35 80545. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540, one  
36 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
37 appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for loans or,  
38 subject to subdivision (b), grants or forgivable loans to public  
39 agencies or public-private partnerships for projects that will prevent  
40 or substantially reduce the contamination of groundwater or surface

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1 water supplies that serve as a source of drinking water and improve  
2 access to wastewater infrastructure.

3 (b) The water board may use grants or forgivable loans for  
4 projects that benefit vulnerable populations, under-resourced  
5 communities, disadvantaged communities, or severely  
6 disadvantaged communities.

7 (c) The water board shall give preference in the allocation of  
8 these grant or loan funds to one or both of the following:

9 (1) Projects that include the abandonment of onsite wastewater  
10 systems through connections with local sewer systems. Funding  
11 for these projects may include, but is not limited to, the cost of  
12 extensions needed to connect with the local sewer system, the cost  
13 of expanding the local sewer system to meet the additional need  
14 for treatment, and the cost of decommissioning existing onsite  
15 wastewater systems.

16 (2) Complete projects rather than incrementally funding phases  
17 of a single project.

18 (d) Grants or loans awarded under this section may be for any  
19 amount deemed appropriate by the water board, consistent with  
20 the purpose of providing safe and clean drinking water to all  
21 Californians.

22 (e) A public agency or a public-private partnership may receive  
23 more than one grant or loan for projects if the proposed projects  
24 meet the requirements of this section.

25 80545.5. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540,  
26 one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available,  
27 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for  
28 competitive grants or loans for projects that prevent, reduce, or  
29 treat the contamination of groundwater that serves as a major  
30 source of drinking water for a community.

31 (b) The water board shall prioritize project funding based on  
32 the following criteria:

33 (1) The threat posed by groundwater contamination to the  
34 affected community's overall drinking water supplies, including  
35 the need for the use of alternative supplies if groundwater is not  
36 available due to contamination.

37 (2) The potential for groundwater contamination to spread and  
38 reduce drinking water supply and water storage capacity for major  
39 population areas.

1 (3) The potential of the project, if fully implemented, to enhance  
2 local water supply reliability.

3 (4) The potential of the project to increase opportunities for  
4 groundwater recharge and optimization of groundwater supplies.

5 (5) The project is implemented pursuant to a comprehensive  
6 basinwide groundwater quality management and remediation plan  
7 or is necessary to develop a comprehensive groundwater plan.

8 (6) The affected groundwater provides a local supply that, if  
9 contaminated or left untreated, will require the importation of  
10 additional water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta or the  
11 Colorado River.

12 80546. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, four  
13 hundred fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000) shall be available,  
14 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources  
15 Agency and its departments, boards, and conservancies for the  
16 protection and restoration of rivers, lakes, and streams to improve  
17 climate resilience, water supplies, or water quality. To the extent  
18 feasible, preference shall be given to natural infrastructure projects.  
19 Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, any of the  
20 following:

21 (a) Multiple-benefit river and urban stream parkway projects  
22 that protect and restore riparian habitats, improve climate resilience,  
23 enhance natural drainages, protect and restore watersheds, and  
24 provide access, including for statewide obligations involving  
25 multistate agreements.

26 (b) Multiple-benefit watershed protection and climate resilience  
27 projects consistent with the Lake Tahoe Environmental  
28 Improvement Program.

29 (c) (1) At least two hundred forty million dollars (\$240,000,000)  
30 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the  
31 Natural Resources Agency for capital outlay projects that provide  
32 air quality, public health, and habitat benefits to the Salton Sea  
33 and surrounding communities.

34 (2) Of the amount available pursuant to paragraph (1), thirty  
35 million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available to the Salton Sea  
36 Authority for purposes consistent with this subdivision.

37 (3) Of the amount available pursuant to paragraph (1), a  
38 minimum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be for projects  
39 developed and prioritized using a public process that includes



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1 participatory budgeting. Projects shall be consistent with paragraph  
2 (1) and with priorities identified by the affected communities.

3 (d) At least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available,  
4 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources  
5 Agency for the Tijuana River Border Pollution Control Project.

6 (e) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5753,  
7 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon  
8 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Santa Monica Mountains  
9 Conservancy for projects within the San Fernando Valley that  
10 protect or enhance the Los Angeles River watershed and its  
11 tributaries or headwaters.

12 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5753, twenty-five  
13 million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
14 by the Legislature, to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles  
15 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for projects that protect or  
16 enhance the Los Angeles River watershed and its tributaries.

17 (3) Funds allocated pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
18 expended pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water Code.

19 (f) Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available, upon  
20 appropriation by the Legislature, for multiple-benefit watershed  
21 protection, restoration, and public access projects that improve  
22 climate resilience pursuant to the Lower American River  
23 Conservancy Program (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section  
24 5845) of Division 5).

25 (g) Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available,  
26 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources  
27 Agency for projects in and around Clear Lake and its watershed  
28 that demonstrate a comprehensive local and regional approach to  
29 restoration, remediation, water quality research, and management  
30 of the lake and its surrounding resources.

31 (h) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be available, upon  
32 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency  
33 for projects supporting a comprehensive regional use management  
34 plan for the Russian River to reduce conflict and promote water  
35 supply improvements, habitat restoration and protection,  
36 cooperative public recreation, and commercial activity.

37 (i) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be available, upon  
38 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency  
39 for projects within the County of Placer to promote habitat



1 restoration and protection and connect and expand trails and trail  
2 systems along county rivers, lakes, and waterways.

3 (j) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be made available,  
4 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
5 Resources to implement the Urban Streams Restoration Program,  
6 established pursuant to Section 7048 of the Water Code.

7 80547. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, fifty  
8 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
9 by the Legislature, to the California Environmental Protection  
10 Agency for purposes consistent with the New River Water Quality,  
11 Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program, as  
12 described in Section 71103.6.

13 80548. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540, two  
14 hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available, upon  
15 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
16 Resources for flood management projects that are components of  
17 multiple-benefit flood management system improvements that  
18 reduce risks to public safety and provide improvements to fish and  
19 wildlife habitat. Eligible project types include, but are not limited  
20 to, levee setbacks, projects connecting rivers with flood plains,  
21 enhancement of flood plains and bypasses, offstream groundwater  
22 recharge, and land acquisitions, easements, and improvements  
23 necessary for these project types to achieve both flood management  
24 and environmental benefits. To the extent feasible, project selection  
25 shall be guided by approved local hazard mitigation plans and  
26 preference shall be given to natural infrastructure projects. Eligible  
27 projects may include any of the following:

28 (1) Multiple-benefit flood management projects that reduce the  
29 impacts of climate change on inland or coastal infrastructure,  
30 communities, or ecosystems, and provide ecosystem, wildlife, or  
31 groundwater recharge benefits.

32 (2) Natural infrastructure projects to reduce flood intensity and  
33 slow watershed runoff.

34 (3) Projects that capture, clean, or otherwise productively use  
35 stormwater.

36 (4) Projects that provide matching grants for, or otherwise  
37 leverage funding from, the Federal Emergency Management  
38 Agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, or other  
39 federal mitigation and resilience funding.

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(5) Projects that provide benefits to fish, waterfowl, wildlife, and anadromous and other native fish species along migratory corridors.

(6) Projects that restore streams to a more natural state by removing drainage obstructions, culverts, and paved channels to enable more stormwater to be absorbed and gradually released by soil and plants.

(b) Of the funds made available pursuant to subdivision (a), at least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be allocated for multiple-benefit flood management projects in urban coastal watersheds.

(c) (1) Of the funds made available pursuant to subdivision (a), fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for projects in the delta to improve existing levees to increase flood protection and climate resilience consistent with the Legislature's direction in Section 12981 of the Water Code. For purposes of this subdivision, "delta" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 12980 of the Water Code.

(2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "project levee" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 5096.805.

(B) The priority for projects that are not project levee projects undertaken pursuant to this subdivision shall be to preserve, protect, and improve the levees to meet the agricultural levee standards as provided in Department of Water Resources' Bulletin 192-82, and as may be adjusted by the Department of Water Resources to address increased flood risk due to sea level rise and climate change.

(C) The priority for project levee projects undertaken pursuant to this subdivision shall be to meet the operations, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement standards established by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

80549. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$750,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water Resources for all of the following:

(a) Four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) for projects related to the evaluation, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, expansion, or replacement of levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control.

1 (b) Two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) for the Flood  
2 Control Subventions Program.

3 (c) One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) for projects  
4 in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to increase flood protection  
5 and climate resiliency.

6 80550. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540,  
7 three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available,  
8 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for grants  
9 or loans for water recycling projects, including all of the following:

10 (1) Treatment, storage, conveyance, and distribution facilities  
11 for potable and nonpotable recycling projects.

12 (2) Dedicated distribution infrastructure to serve residential,  
13 commercial, agricultural, and industrial end-user retrofit projects  
14 to allow use of recycled water.

15 (3) Multiple-benefit recycled water projects that improve water  
16 quality.

17 (b) At least a 50-percent local cost share shall be required for  
18 projects funded pursuant to this section. That cost share may be  
19 suspended or reduced for disadvantaged communities or severely  
20 disadvantaged communities.

21 (c) In allocating funding pursuant to this section, the water board  
22 shall prioritize all of the following:

23 (1) Cost effectiveness.

24 (2) Projects that serve a regional population.

25 (3) Projects that include one or more partnerships between a  
26 municipality, a regional sanitation district, or a regional water  
27 distribution agency.

28 (4) Projects that reduce the discharge of wastewater to the ocean  
29 and avoid or minimize adverse impacts to ocean resources.

30 (5) Projects that reduce reliance on water imports from the San  
31 Francisco Bay-Delta and the Colorado River.

32 (6) Projects that advance innovation in recycled water  
33 technology.

34 (7) Projects that use energy efficiently, avoid using excessive  
35 amounts of energy in relation to the amount of water supplied, and  
36 result in fewer greenhouse gas emissions as compared to competing  
37 technologies.

38 80551. Of the funds made available by Section 80540,  
39 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon  
40 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water

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1 Resources for the implementation of the Open and Transparent  
2 Water Data Act (Part 4.9 (commencing with Section 12400) of  
3 Division 6 of the Water Code) to ensure data-informed water  
4 management decisions during climatic extremes and periods of  
5 scarcity. Funds may be used for grants to nonprofit organizations  
6 or public agencies to support ongoing cross-sector collaboration  
7 to advance open water data, identify critical water data gaps,  
8 develop pilot projects or case studies to support data-informed  
9 water management decisions, and develop best management  
10 practices for water data collection and standards.

11 80552. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, one  
12 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
13 appropriation by the Legislature, to the water board for technical  
14 and financial assistance to address hexavalent chromium at drinking  
15 water systems with average annual systemwide residential customer  
16 charges for compliance exceeding 1.5 percent of the median  
17 household income for that jurisdiction.

18 80553. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, seventy  
19 million dollars (\$70,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
20 by the Legislature, to the water board for technical and financial  
21 assistance for drinking water systems to address perfluoroalkyl  
22 and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

23 80554. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, one  
24 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
25 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
26 Resources and the water board to implement Section 144 of the  
27 Water Code to reactivate existing stream gauges and deploy new  
28 gauges.

29 80555. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, two  
30 hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available,  
31 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Wildlife Conservation  
32 Board for grants pursuant to the guidelines of the Stream Flow  
33 Enhancement Program for the purposes of protecting fish and  
34 wildlife from the impacts of drought, including for short-term  
35 acquisition and construction of transfer of water.

36 80556. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, two  
37 hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available, upon  
38 appropriation by the Legislature, for tribal water infrastructure  
39 projects.

1 80557. Of the funds made available by Section 80540, one  
2 hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available,  
3 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources  
4 Agency for competitive grants for the purposes of multibenefit  
5 projects in urbanized areas to address flooding. Eligible projects  
6 shall include, but are not limited to, stormwater capture and reuse,  
7 planning and implementation of low-impact development,  
8 restoration of urban streams and watersheds, and increasing  
9 permeable surfaces to help reduce flooding.

10 80558. *(a) Of the funds made available by Section 80540, one*  
11 *hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon*  
12 *appropriation by the Legislature, for capital investments in*  
13 *brackish desalination, seawater desalination, contaminant and*  
14 *salt removal, and salinity management projects to improve*  
15 *California water and drought resilience. Priority shall be given*  
16 *to projects that use renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas*  
17 *emissions associated with their construction and operation.*

18 *(b) For ocean desalination projects, priority shall be given to*  
19 *projects that do both of the following:*

20 *(1) Incorporate measures to minimize the intake of all forms of*  
21 *marine, brackish, and freshwater life in their construction and*  
22 *operation.*

23 *(2) Incorporate measures to minimize the adverse impacts of*  
24 *outfalls on marine, brackish, and freshwater life in their*  
25 *construction and operation.*

26  
27 CHAPTER 5. PROTECTING FISH, WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL AREAS  
28 FROM CLIMATE RISKS  
29

30 80560. The sum of one billion six hundred twenty-five million  
31 dollars (\$1,625,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by  
32 the Legislature, to protect and restore natural lands to better  
33 maintain biodiversity and ecosystem benefits as climate conditions  
34 change and enhance fish and wildlife corridors and habitat linkages  
35 to increase the ability of wildlife to adapt to changing climate  
36 conditions.

37 80561. To the extent feasible in implementing this chapter, a  
38 state agency receiving funding under this chapter shall seek to  
39 achieve wildlife conservation objectives through projects on public  
40 lands or voluntary projects on private lands.

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1 80562. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80560,  
2 seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$750,000,000) shall be  
3 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Wildlife  
4 Conservation Board for programs for the protection of California's  
5 fish and wildlife resources in response to changing climate  
6 conditions, as well as for restoration and stewardship projects that  
7 restore or manage land or habitat to improve its resilience to  
8 climate impacts and natural disasters. Eligible projects include,  
9 but are not limited to, the following:

- 10 (1) Land acquisition projects.
- 11 (2) Habitat enhancement and restoration projects.
- 12 (3) Rangeland, grazing land, and grassland protection projects.
- 13 (4) Inland wetland conservation projects.
- 14 (5) Ecosystem restoration on agricultural lands projects.
- 15 (6) Climate adaptation and resiliency projects.
- 16 (7) Monarch butterfly and pollinator rescue projects.
- 17 (8) Projects for purposes of reimbursing the General Fund  
18 pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of  
19 2000 (Division 28 (commencing with Section 37000)).
- 20 (9) Projects that protect, restore, and enhance desert habitat  
21 consistent with the California Desert Conservation Program.

22 (b) Of the amount specified in subdivision (a), not less than  
23 eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) shall be available for the  
24 Cascades and High Sierra Upper Watersheds Program.

25 (c) The Wildlife Conservation Board shall prioritize projects  
26 that address the impacts of climate change; provide public access  
27 or recreational amenities; or reduce the threats of wildfire, drought,  
28 flood, and other catastrophic events.

29 (d) Funding made available by subdivision (a) shall not be used  
30 to offset environmental mitigation or compliance obligations  
31 otherwise required, but may be used as part of a funding partnership  
32 to enhance, expand, or augment conservation efforts required by  
33 mitigation.

34 80563. Of the funds made available by Section 80560, one  
35 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
36 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of  
37 Conservation's Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program for  
38 groundwater sustainability projects that provide wildlife habitat.  
39 Projects may support implementation of the Sustainable  
40 Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74 (commencing with



1 Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water Code). Eligible projects  
2 include, but are not limited to, the following:

3 (a) Projects that create, protect, or restore permanent wildlife  
4 habitat.

5 (b) Projects that create, protect, or restore seasonal wetland  
6 habitat that provides aquifer replenishment.

7 (c) Projects that improve groundwater supply, including  
8 groundwater recharge, improved baseflows in rivers and streams,  
9 and groundwater supply improvement for fish and wildlife habitat.

10 (d) Projects that convert land to less intensive water uses while  
11 maintaining natural and working lands.

12 80564. Of the funds made available by Section 80560, fifty  
13 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
14 by the Legislature, to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to  
15 improve the climate resilience of fish and wildlife habitat. Eligible  
16 projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

17 (a) Projects on lands managed by the Department of Fish and  
18 Wildlife to reduce the risks of fire, drought, flood, inundation, sea  
19 level rise, and other risks associated with climate change and for  
20 the protection and restoration of infrastructure and natural  
21 resources.

22 (b) Competitive grants for projects that enhance or restore inland  
23 or anadromous native fish species habitat. Projects include, but  
24 are not limited to, enhanced stream flows, improved fish passage,  
25 reconnection of riverine and floodplain habitat, and other actions  
26 to help fish adapt to climate change.

27 (c) Projects for the cleanup, remediation, and restoration of  
28 environmental damage in watersheds affected by illegal cannabis  
29 cultivation and related activities.

30 (d) Salmon and other fishery preservation, enhancement, and  
31 habitat restoration projects.

32 80565. (a) Of the funds made available pursuant to Section  
33 80560, five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be  
34 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for climate  
35 resilience and reducing the risks of climate change impacts upon  
36 communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources allocated in  
37 accordance with the following schedule:

38 (1) Baldwin Hills Conservancy, fifteen million dollars  
39 (\$15,000,000).



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(2) State Coastal Conservancy, eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000), of which at least forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be available for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program and thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available for the Coyote Valley Conservation Program.

(3) California Tahoe Conservancy, thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000).

(4) Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

(5) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000).

(6) San Diego River Conservancy, fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000).

(7) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000).

(8) San Joaquin River Conservancy, fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).

(9) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000).

(10) Sierra Nevada Conservancy, sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000).

(11) American River Conservancy, fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).

(12) Creation of new conservancies, seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000), of which fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available for the creation of a Salton Sea Conservancy and twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available for the creation of a California Trails Conservancy.

(b) When issuing grants pursuant to this section, a conservancy identified in subdivision (a) shall give preference to one or more of the following:

(1) Projects that use natural infrastructure.

(2) Projects done jointly by more than one conservancy.

(3) Projects that maximize greenhouse gas reductions.

(4) The provision of technical assistance to disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, vulnerable populations, including those with access and functional needs, or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

80566. (a) Before expending any of the funds allocated pursuant to Section 80565, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, State

1 Coastal Conservancy, California Tahoe Conservancy, Coachella  
2 Valley Mountains Conservancy, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta  
3 Conservancy, San Diego River Conservancy, San Gabriel and  
4 Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, San  
5 Joaquin River Conservancy, Santa Monica Mountains  
6 Conservancy, and Sierra Nevada Conservancy shall develop a  
7 climate resilience plan that shall be adopted by each conservancy's  
8 governing board. Each climate resilience plan shall do all of the  
9 following:

10 (1) Describe how the impacts of climate change relate to the  
11 conservancy's mission and how they will affect the lands within  
12 its jurisdiction.

13 (2) Describe the conservancy's past investment and work  
14 addressing the impacts of climate change, reducing greenhouse  
15 gas emissions, and improving climate resilience.

16 (3) Outline a list of all projects or programs that the conservancy  
17 would propose to fund with an allocation pursuant to Section  
18 80565.

19 (4) Describe the potential benefits of each project or program  
20 in increasing climate resilience and reducing the risks of climate  
21 change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural  
22 resources.

23 (b) Each conservancy shall make the climate resilience plan  
24 available on its internet website and provide the climate resilience  
25 plan to the Natural Resources Agency.

26 (c) The climate resilience plan shall be consistent with any  
27 related regional climate adaptation plans the conservancy is  
28 participating in.

29  
30 CHAPTER 6. ~~PROTECTING FARMS, RANCHES, FARMS, RANCHES~~  
31 ~~AND WORKING LANDS~~ WORKING LANDS FROM THE IMPACTS OF  
32 ~~CLIMATE CHANGE. IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.~~  
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34 80570. The sum of eight hundred twenty million dollars  
35 (\$820,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the  
36 Legislature, for purposes of protecting California's agricultural  
37 resources, communities, open spaces, and lands from climate  
38 change impacts.

39 80571. Of the funds made available by Section 80570, two  
40 hundred sixty million dollars (\$260,000,000) shall be available,

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1 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Food  
2 and Agriculture for improvements in climate resilience of  
3 agricultural lands and ecosystem health and allocated to eligible  
4 projects as follows:

5 (a) (1) One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be  
6 available for grants to promote practices on farms and ranches that  
7 improve soil health, accelerate atmospheric carbon removal or soil  
8 carbon sequestration, improve air or water quality, enhance  
9 groundwater recharge or surface water supplies, or improve fish  
10 or wildlife habitat.

11 (2) At least 35 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this  
12 subdivision shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and  
13 meaningful benefits to farmers and ranchers in disadvantaged  
14 communities or severely disadvantaged communities.

15 (3) Preference shall be given to small- and medium-sized farms  
16 and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

17 (b) (1) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available  
18 for grants to promote on-farm water use efficiency with a focus  
19 on multiple-benefit projects that improve groundwater  
20 management, resilience to climate change, water quality, surface  
21 water use efficiency, drought tolerance and flood protection, or  
22 water supply and water quality conditions for fish and wildlife.

23 (2) At least 35 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this  
24 subdivision shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and  
25 meaningful benefits to farmers and ranchers in disadvantaged  
26 communities or severely disadvantaged communities.

27 (3) Preference shall be given to small- and medium-sized farms  
28 and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

29 (c) (1) Eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) shall be available  
30 for projects that promote the reduction of methane emissions from  
31 dairy and livestock operations and improved water quality through  
32 manure management and handling, including, but not limited to,  
33 the creation of composted manure products.

34 (2) Preference shall be given to small- and medium-sized farms  
35 and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

36 (d) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be deposited in  
37 the Invasive Species Account established pursuant to Section 7706  
38 of the Food and Agricultural Code for purposes of funding invasive  
39 species projects and activities recommended by the Invasive

1 Species Council of California. Priority shall be given to projects  
2 that restore and protect biodiversity and ecosystem health.

3 (e) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be available to fund  
4 improvements and enhancements to pollinator habitat and forage.

5 80572. Of the funds made available by Section 80570, one  
6 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
7 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Food and  
8 Agriculture for grants that benefit small- and medium-sized farms  
9 and socially disadvantaged farmers, and increase the sustainability  
10 of agricultural infrastructure and facilities that support food  
11 systems, market access, agricultural workforce development,  
12 worker safety equipment, or job retention and growth.

13 80573. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80570, one  
14 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
15 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Conservation  
16 for projects for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of  
17 farmland and rangeland, including, but not limited to, the  
18 acquisition of fee title or easements, that improve climate  
19 resilience, open-space soil health, atmospheric carbon removal,  
20 soil carbon sequestration, erosion control, watershed restoration,  
21 conservation projects, water quality, or water retention. Projects  
22 shall provide multiple benefits. In awarding funds for farmland  
23 and rangeland projects pursuant to this section, the Department of  
24 Conservation shall give preference to projects for small- and  
25 medium-sized farms.

26 (b) The Department of Conservation may develop guidelines  
27 to allow for innovative incentives to support multigenerational  
28 farmland transitions, entry of new farmers into the sector, or  
29 support for small or socially disadvantaged farms. The Department  
30 of Conservation may expend up to 20 percent of the funds made  
31 available pursuant to this section for projects funded under these  
32 guidelines.

33 (c) At least 35 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this  
34 section shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and  
35 meaningful benefits to farmers and ranchers in disadvantaged  
36 communities or severely disadvantaged communities.

37 (d) The Department of Conservation shall maximize grant  
38 timeline flexibility for the funds made available pursuant to this  
39 section to ensure that applicants have multiple opportunities to  
40 apply for funding throughout each year.

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1 80574. Of the funds made available by Section 80570, ten  
2 million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
3 by the Legislature, to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the  
4 purpose of recovering and sustaining populations of monarch  
5 butterflies and other pollinators.

6 80575. Of the funds made available by Section 80570, fifty  
7 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
8 by the Legislature, to the Department of Food and Agriculture for  
9 the administration of a resilient and higher welfare grant program.  
10 The department shall ensure the program does both of the  
11 following:

12 (a) Seeks to support the implementation of higher standards of  
13 care and more climate-smart farming practices by providing  
14 incentives, including grants, to producers and processors seeking  
15 to improve farm animal welfare and increase capacity to meet  
16 growing demand for higher welfare and welfare-certified products,  
17 to comply with regulatory requirements, to make necessary climate  
18 adaptations, or any combination of these things.

19 (b) Aligns with the Farmer Equity Act of 2017 (Article 6  
20 (commencing with Section 510) of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division  
21 1 of the Food and Agricultural Code).

22  
23 CHAPTER 7. RESPONDING TO EXTREME HEAT, COMMUNITY  
24 ENHANCEMENT, AND RESILIENCE  
25

26 80580. The sum of one billion seven hundred forty million  
27 dollars (\$1,740,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by  
28 the Legislature, for the purposes of strengthening California's  
29 climate resilience and mitigation strategies to address increasing  
30 temperatures and extreme heat events through investments in parks,  
31 urban green infrastructure, and community forestry projects.

32 80581. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80580,  
33 eight hundred fifty million dollars (\$850,000,000) shall be  
34 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department  
35 of Parks and Recreation for the creation and expansion of safe  
36 neighborhood parks in park-poor neighborhoods in accordance  
37 with the Statewide Park Development and Community  
38 Revitalization Act of 2008's competitive grant program described  
39 in Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section 5640) of Division 5.

1 (1) When developing or revising criteria or guidelines for the  
2 grant program, the department may give additional consideration  
3 to projects that reduce urban heat island effect, mitigate extreme  
4 heat events, sea level rise, or flooding events, or promote heat  
5 avoidance or enhanced water capture for groundwater recharge,  
6 or other environmental benefits.

7 (2) The department shall perform its due diligence by conducting  
8 a rigorous prequalification process to determine the fiscal and  
9 operational capacity of a potential grant recipient to manage a  
10 project to do both of the following:

11 (A) Maximize the project's public benefit.

12 (B) Implement the project in a timely manner.

13 (b) Of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a), not less  
14 than 20 percent shall be available for the rehabilitation,  
15 repurposing, or substantial improvement of existing park  
16 infrastructure in communities of the state that will lead to increased  
17 use and enhanced user experiences or increase access for  
18 individuals with disabilities, as defined by the federal Americans  
19 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.).

20 (c) Of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a), to  
21 correct historic underinvestment in the central valley, Inland  
22 Empire, gateway, rural, and desert communities, fifty million  
23 dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for local park creation and  
24 improvement grants to the communities identified by the  
25 department as park deficient for active recreational projects,  
26 including aquatic centers, to encourage youth health, fitness, and  
27 recreational pursuits. Projects that include the partial or full  
28 donation of land, materials, or volunteer services and that  
29 demonstrate collaborations of multiple entities and the leveraging  
30 of scarce resources may be given special consideration. Entities  
31 that receive a grant under this section may also be eligible to  
32 receive other grants under subdivision (a) of Section 80526.

33 (d) Of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a), in an  
34 effort to recognize differences in regional economic factors and  
35 median household incomes, one hundred twenty-five million  
36 dollars (\$125,000,000) may be awarded to communities with 125  
37 percent of the state median income average.

38 (e) Of the amount available pursuant to subdivision (a), up to  
39 one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) shall be  
40 awarded to communities and projects seeking to restore blighted



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1 and degraded lands, including former industrial sites, landfills,  
2 and otherwise underutilized lands, for repurposing to parks, trails,  
3 and greenspaces.

4 80582. Of the funds made available by Section 80580, one  
5 hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000) shall be  
6 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural  
7 Resources Agency for competitive grants for urban greening.  
8 Projects shall benefit vulnerable populations. These funds shall  
9 support projects that mitigate the urban heat island effect, rising  
10 temperatures, and extreme heat impacts. Eligible projects may  
11 include, but are not limited to, investments that support an  
12 expanded urban greening program that supports the creation of  
13 green recreational parks in park poor communities.

14 80583. Of the funds made available by Section 80580, one  
15 hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available,  
16 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of  
17 Forestry and Fire Protection to protect or augment California's  
18 urban forests pursuant to Section 4799.12. Projects shall contribute  
19 to mitigating the urban heat island effect and extreme heat impacts.

20 80584. Of the funds made available by Section 80580,  
21 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available, upon  
22 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Community  
23 Services and Development for low-income weatherization projects  
24 consistent with Section 12087.5 of the Government Code.

25 80585. Of the funds made available by Section 80580, one  
26 hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available,  
27 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Strategic Growth  
28 Council for a grant program to reduce the urban heat island effect  
29 and other extreme heat impacts from climate change. Eligible  
30 projects shall mitigate the impacts of the urban heat island effect  
31 and extreme heat through any of the following: the use of reflective  
32 surface materials in the built environment, the capture and  
33 beneficial reuse of water for cooling, the increased use of natural  
34 or man-made shade, and the reduction of heat-trapping surfaces.  
35 Projects shall benefit disadvantaged communities, severely  
36 disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations. Priority  
37 shall be given to projects that provide multiple benefits, including,  
38 but not limited to, projects that do more than one of any of the  
39 following: capture rainwater, reduce stormwater pollution, use



1 cool roofs and pavements, use shade structures, or increase the use  
2 of natural spaces for urban vegetation and forestry.

3 80586. Of the funds made available by Section 80580, forty  
4 million dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
5 by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency in an effort  
6 to provide fuel breaks, risk reduction buffers, and recreational  
7 corridors through investments in natural surface, multiuse trails,  
8 and trail systems pursuant to grants awarded through the  
9 Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program.

10 80587. At least 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to  
11 this chapter shall be allocated for grants that provide outreach and  
12 technical assistance that directly benefit disadvantaged  
13 communities and vulnerable communities. An eligible applicant  
14 is a nonprofit organization, technical assistance provider, or tribe.

15  
16 CHAPTER 8. STRENGTHENING CALIFORNIA'S REGIONAL CLIMATE  
17 RESILIENCE  
18

19 80590. The sum of one billion eight hundred million dollars  
20 (\$1,800,000,000) shall be made available, upon appropriation by  
21 the Legislature, for the purposes of strengthening California's  
22 climate resilience based on regional needs.

23 80591. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80590, one  
24 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be available, upon  
25 appropriation of by the Legislature, to the Strategic Growth Council  
26 for climate resilience and the reduction in the risk of climate  
27 impacts to communities, including, but not limited to, wildfire,  
28 sea level rise, drought, flood, increasing temperatures, and extreme  
29 heat events. The goal of these funds is to encourage the  
30 development and implementation of science- and research-informed  
31 multiple-benefit, cross-sector projects that respond to each region's  
32 greatest climate vulnerabilities.

33 (b) Funds shall be available to regional climate networks to  
34 implement the highest priority projects identified in approved  
35 regional climate adaptation action plans.

36 (c) Funds shall be for public benefits associated with climate  
37 resilience projects that reduce climate vulnerabilities.

38 (d) Funds shall be allocated to regional climate networks, as  
39 follows:

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(1) At least 60 percent of funds shall be available to regional climate networks based on the percentage of the state's population included in the jurisdiction of the network's regional climate adaptation action plan, but not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per network.

(2) The remaining funds may be provided to increase the size of the awards under paragraph (1) to the extent the approved regional climate adaptation action plan does any of the following:

(A) Protects disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, under-resourced communities, or vulnerable populations.

(B) Protects natural resources prioritized by the state.

(C) Enhances statewide climate adaptation and resilience strategies, as identified by the most recent update of the Safeguarding California Plan developed by the Natural Resources Agency.

(D) Reduces or sequesters carbon emissions.

(E) Scales to maximize effectiveness of response.

(F) Includes information regarding the regional climate network's ability to secure matching funds for projects identified within the plan.

(G) Prioritizes technical assistance to disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, vulnerable populations, under-resourced communities, including those with access and functional needs or with at-risk infrastructure, or both, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and economically distressed areas.

80592. Of the funds made available by Section 80590, two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Strategic Growth Council for the implementation of the Transformative Climate Communities Program established pursuant to Section 75240 for projects that address wildfire, flood, drought, heat, air pollution, and other climate risks and that improve the resilience of local communities.

80592.5. Of the funds made available by Section 80590, one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Strategic Growth Council for implementation of multijurisdictional projects led by countywide special districts created for the purpose of building resiliency to the impacts of sea level rise and extreme storms.

1 80593. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 80590, one  
2 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
3 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency  
4 Services and the Strategic Growth Council for competitive grants  
5 for the creation of strategically located community resilience  
6 centers across diverse regions of the state at eligible community  
7 facilities. These grants shall be awarded to eligible community  
8 facilities that model integrated delivery of emergency response  
9 services during disruptions, including zero-emission backup power,  
10 drinking water, clean air, cooling, food storage, shelter,  
11 telecommunications and broadband services, economic assistance,  
12 accommodation of pets, and other health protection measures and  
13 emergency resources during a disaster, state of emergency, local  
14 emergency, or public safety power shutoff event. Grants shall be  
15 prioritized to proposed centers that demonstrate involvement of  
16 community-based organizations and community residents within  
17 governance and decisionmaking processes.

18 (b) The Office of Emergency Services and the Strategic Growth  
19 Council shall coordinate with the Department of Food and  
20 Agriculture to ensure there is no duplication with funding awarded  
21 under Section 80594.

22 (c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

23 (1) "Eligible community facilities" include senior and youth  
24 centers, park and recreation sites, libraries, health clinics, hospitals,  
25 schools, town halls, food banks, homeless shelters, childcare  
26 facilities, community centers, community nonprofit facilities  
27 providing essential services, places of worship, grocery stores,  
28 mobile sites, community land trusts, and fairgrounds.

29 (2) "Public safety power shutoff" means a preventative measure  
30 to deenergize all, or a portion, of an electric generation,  
31 distribution, or transmission system when the electricity provider  
32 reasonably believes there is an imminent and significant risk that  
33 strong winds, or other extreme and potentially dangerous weather  
34 events, increase the probability of a wildfire.

35 80594. Of the funds made available by Section 80590, one  
36 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
37 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Food and  
38 Agriculture for grants to fairgrounds operated by the network of  
39 California fairs for modifications or upgrades that do one or both  
40 of the following activities:

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1 (a) Enhance the ability of those facilities to serve as multirole  
2 community, staging, and evacuation centers to provide community  
3 resilience benefits during a disaster, state of emergency, local  
4 emergency, or public safety power shutoff event.

5 (b) Deploy communications and broadband infrastructure at  
6 those facilities to improve their capability to serve as multirole  
7 community, staging, and evacuation centers and enhance local  
8 telecommunications service.

9 80595. Of the funds made available by Section 80590, fifty  
10 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
11 by the Legislature, to the Department of Resources Recycling and  
12 Recovery for the \_\_\_\_ Grant Program to provide funding for  
13 organic waste infrastructure.

14 80596. At least 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to  
15 this chapter shall be allocated for grants that provide outreach and  
16 technical assistance that directly benefit disadvantaged  
17 communities, under-resourced communities, and vulnerable  
18 communities. An eligible applicant is a nonprofit organization,  
19 technical assistance provider, or tribe.

20  
21 CHAPTER 9. FISCAL PROVISIONS  
22

23 80600. (a) Bonds in the total amount of fifteen billion one  
24 hundred five million dollars (\$15,105,000,000), not including the  
25 amount of any refunding bonds issued in accordance with Section  
26 80612, may be issued and sold for carrying out the purposes  
27 expressed in this division and to reimburse the General Obligation  
28 Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the  
29 Government Code. The bonds, when sold, issued, and delivered,  
30 shall be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State  
31 of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California  
32 is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of both the principal  
33 of, and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become  
34 due and payable.

35 (b) The Treasurer shall cause the issuance and sell the bonds  
36 authorized by the committee pursuant to subdivision (a) in the  
37 amount determined by the committee to be necessary or desirable  
38 pursuant to Section 80603. The bonds shall be issued and sold  
39 upon the terms and conditions specified in a resolution to be

1 adopted by the committee pursuant to Section 16731 of the  
2 Government Code.

3 80601. The bonds authorized by this division shall be prepared,  
4 executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State  
5 General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with  
6 Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government  
7 Code), as amended from time to time, and all of the provisions of  
8 that law, except subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 16727 of the  
9 Government Code, apply to the bonds and to this division and are  
10 hereby incorporated in this division as though set forth in full in  
11 this division.

12 80602. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance  
13 and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law  
14 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division  
15 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), of the bonds authorized by  
16 this division, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention,  
17 Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation,  
18 and Workforce Development Bond Finance Committee is hereby  
19 created. For purposes of this division, the Safe Drinking Water,  
20 Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection,  
21 Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond  
22 Finance Committee is the “committee,” as that term is used in the  
23 State General Obligation Bond Law.

24 (b) The committee consists of the Director of Finance, the  
25 Treasurer, the Controller, and the Secretary of the Natural  
26 Resources Agency. Notwithstanding any other law, any member  
27 may designate a representative to act as that member in that  
28 member’s place for all purposes, as though the member were  
29 personally present.

30 (c) The Treasurer shall serve as the chairperson of the  
31 committee.

32 (d) A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

33 80603. The committee shall by resolution determine whether  
34 or not it is necessary or desirable to issue and sell bonds authorized  
35 by this division in order to carry out the actions specified in this  
36 division and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold.  
37 Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry  
38 out those actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of  
39 the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

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1 80604. For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law  
2 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division  
3 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), “board,” as defined in  
4 Section 16722 of the Government Code, means the Secretary of  
5 the Natural Resources Agency.

6 80605. There shall be collected each year and in the same  
7 manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected,  
8 in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount  
9 required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds  
10 becoming due in that year. It is the duty of all officers charged by  
11 law with any duty regarding the collection of the revenue to do  
12 and perform each and every act that is necessary to collect that  
13 additional sum.

14 80606. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government  
15 Code, there is hereby continuously appropriated from the General  
16 Fund in the State Treasury, for the purposes of this division, and  
17 without regard to fiscal years, an amount that will equal the total  
18 of the following:

19 (a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and  
20 interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division, as the  
21 principal and interest become due and payable.

22 (b) The sum that is necessary to carry out Section 80609.

23 80607. The board may request the Pooled Money Investment  
24 Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account  
25 or any other form of interim financing in accordance with Section  
26 16312 of the Government Code, for the purpose of carrying out  
27 this division. The amount of the request shall not exceed the  
28 amount of the unsold bonds that the committee has, by resolution,  
29 authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this division,  
30 excluding any refunding bonds authorized pursuant to Section  
31 80612, less any amount loaned and not yet repaid pursuant to this  
32 section and any amount withdrawn from the General Fund pursuant  
33 to Section 80609 and not yet returned to the General Fund. The  
34 board shall execute those documents required by the Pooled Money  
35 Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any amounts  
36 loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated in accordance  
37 with this division.

38 80608. Notwithstanding any other provision of this division,  
39 or of the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4  
40 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title



2 of the Government Code), if the Treasurer sells bonds pursuant to this chapter that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes under designated conditions or is otherwise entitled to any federal tax advantage, the Treasurer may maintain separate accounts for the bond proceeds invested and for the investment earnings on those proceeds and may use or direct the use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or other payment required under federal law or take any other action with respect to the investment and use of those bond proceeds, as may be required or desirable under federal law in order to maintain the tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other advantage under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

80609. For purposes of carrying out this division, the Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General Fund of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that have been authorized by the committee to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this division, excluding refunding bonds authorized pursuant to Section 80612, less any amount loaned pursuant to Section 80607 and not yet repaid and any amount withdrawn from the General Fund pursuant to this section and not yet returned to the General Fund. Any amounts withdrawn shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated in accordance with this division. Any moneys made available under this section shall be returned to the General Fund, with interest at the rate earned by the moneys in the Pooled Money Investment Account, from proceeds received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of carrying out this division.

80610. All moneys deposited in the fund that are derived from premiums and accrued interest on bonds sold pursuant to this division shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond interest, except that amounts derived from premiums may be reserved and used to pay costs of bond issuance before any transfer to the General Fund.

80611. Pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the cost of bond issuance shall be paid or reimbursed out of the bond proceeds, including premiums, if any. To the extent the cost of bond issuance is not



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1 paid from premiums received from the sale of bonds, these costs  
2 shall be allocated proportionally to each program funded through  
3 this division by the applicable bond sale.

4 80612. The bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division  
5 may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with  
6 Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of  
7 the Government Code, which is a part of the State General  
8 Obligation Bond Law, as amended. Approval by the voters of the  
9 state for the issuance of the bonds under this division shall include  
10 approval of the issuance, sale, or exchange of any bonds issued to  
11 refund any bonds originally issued under this division or any  
12 previously issued refunding bonds. Any bond refunded with the  
13 proceeds of a refunding bond as authorized by this section may be  
14 legally defeased to the extent permitted by law in the manner and  
15 to the extent set forth in the resolution, as amended from time to  
16 time, authorizing that refunded bond.

17 80613. Notwithstanding Section 16727 of the Government  
18 Code, funds provided pursuant to this division may be used for  
19 grants and loans to nonprofit organizations to repay financing  
20 described in Section 22064 of the Financial Code related to projects  
21 that are consistent with the purpose of the respective provisions  
22 of this division.

23 80614. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this  
24 division are not “proceeds of taxes” as that term is used in Article  
25 XIII B of the California Constitution, and the disbursement of  
26 these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that  
27 article.

28 80615. Bonds issued under this division shall, whenever  
29 practical, be aligned with generally recognized principles and best  
30 practice guidelines for financing climate mitigation, adaptation,  
31 or resilience projects.

32 SEC. 3. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon the approval  
33 by the voters of the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention,  
34 Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation,  
35 and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, as set forth in  
36 Section 2 of this act.

37 SEC. 4. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 9040, 9043, 9044, 9061,  
38 and 9082 of the Elections Code, or any other law, Section 2 of this  
39 act shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the voters at the  
40 March 5, 2024, statewide primary election.

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1 (b) The Secretary of State shall include in the ballot pamphlets  
2 mailed pursuant to Section 9094 of the Elections Code the  
3 information specified in Section 9084 of the Elections Code  
4 regarding Section 2 of this act.

5 SEC. 5. The provisions of this act are severable. If any  
6 provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity  
7 shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given  
8 effect without the invalid provision or application.

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11 **REVISIONS:**12 **Heading—Lines 2, 5, and 6.**

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AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 18, 2023

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 19, 2023

**SENATE BILL****No. 867**

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**Introduced by Senators Allen, Becker, Portantino, and Stern  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Dodd)**

February 17, 2023

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An act to add Division 50 (commencing with Section 90000) to the Public Resources Code, relating to drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, park creation and outdoor access, and clean energy programs, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election of the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 867, as amended, Allen. Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024.

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,100,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. Article XVI of the California Constitution requires measures authorizing general obligation bonds to specify the single object or work to be funded by

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the bonds and further requires a bond act to be approved by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house of the Legislature and a majority of the voters.

This bill would enact the Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, park creation and outdoor access, and clean energy programs.

This bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at an unspecified statewide election.

*This bill would become operative only if SB 638 of the 2023–24 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2024.*

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The people of California find and declare all of
- 2 the following:
- 3 (a) California's changing climate creates increased risk of
- 4 catastrophic wildfires, drought, severe heat events, and sea level
- 5 rise, as well as impacts to agriculture, water supply and water
- 6 quality, and the health of the forests, watershed, and wildlife.
- 7 (b) These risks and impacts vary by region and can overwhelm
- 8 the resources of local governments that must cope with severe
- 9 climate change-related events.
- 10 (c) Reducing vulnerability to fire, flood, drought, and other
- 11 climate change-related events requires a statewide investment to
- 12 increase climate resilience of communities and natural systems.
- 13 (d) Governor Gavin Newsom has issued several reports and
- 14 executive orders that have created a roadmap to climate resiliency
- 15 in California that will help guide and direct investments.
- 16 (e) The California's Water Supply Strategy Adapting to a Hotter,
- 17 Drier Future outlines actions needed to take in order to recycle

1 and reuse at least 800,000 acre-feet of water per year by 2030,  
2 make available up to 500,000 acre-feet of water through more  
3 efficient water use and conservation, and make new water available  
4 for use by capturing storm water and desalinating brackish water  
5 in groundwater basins.

6 (f) The Water Resilience Portfolio serves as a blueprint for  
7 equipping California to cope with more extreme droughts and  
8 floods and rising temperatures, while addressing longstanding  
9 challenges that include declining fish populations, over-reliance  
10 on groundwater and lack of safe drinking water in many  
11 communities.

12 (g) The California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan  
13 outlines a strategy to increase the pace and scale of forest health  
14 projects, strengthen protection of communities, and manage forests,  
15 to achieve the state's economic and environmental goals and drive  
16 innovation and measure progress.

17 (h) The Extreme Heat Action Plan outlines a strategy to protect  
18 communities from rising temperatures in order to accelerate  
19 readiness and protection of communities most impacted by extreme  
20 heat, including through cooling schools and homes, supporting  
21 community resilience centers, and expanding nature-based  
22 solutions.

23 (i) California's strategy for achieving the first-in-the-nation  
24 30x30 conservation goal is described in the Pathways to 30x30:  
25 Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature report, which  
26 outlines a vision to conserve an additional 6,000,000 acres of lands  
27 and 500,000 acres of coastal waters needed to reach 30 percent.

28 (j) Executive Order No. N-82-20 outlines a strategy to expand  
29 nature-based solutions across California. The executive order calls  
30 for restoring nature and landscape health to deliver on our climate  
31 change goals and other critical priorities, including improving  
32 public health and safety, securing our food and water supplies, and  
33 achieving greater equity across California.

34 (k) Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 1 of the  
35 2021–22 Regular Session (Chapter 236 of the Statutes of 2021)  
36 that directed the California Coastal Commission to take sea level  
37 rise into account in its planning, policies, and activities, and  
38 established a cross-government group tasked with educating the  
39 public and advising local, regional, and state government on  
40 feasible sea level rise mitigation efforts.

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1 SEC. 2. Division 50 (commencing with Section 90000) is added  
2 to the Public Resources Code, to read:

3  
4 DIVISION 50. DROUGHT, FLOOD, AND WATER  
5 RESILIENCE, WILDFIRE AND FOREST RESILIENCE,  
6 COASTAL RESILIENCE, EXTREME HEAT MITIGATION,  
7 BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE-BASED CLIMATE  
8 SOLUTIONS, CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE, PARK  
9 CREATION AND OUTDOOR ACCESS, AND CLEAN ENERGY  
10 BOND ACT OF 2024

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12 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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14 90000. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the  
15 Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest  
16 Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation,  
17 Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart  
18 Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy  
19 Bond Act of 2024.

20 90100. For purposes of this division, the following definitions  
21 apply:

22 (a) “Disadvantaged community” means a community with a  
23 median household income of less than 80 percent of the area  
24 average.

25 (b) “Economically distressed areas” has the same meaning set  
26 forth in Section 79702 of the Water Code.

27 (c) “Severely disadvantaged community” means a community  
28 with a median household income of less than 60 percent of the  
29 area average.

30 (d) “Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher” has the same  
31 meaning set forth in Section 512 of the Food and Agricultural  
32 Code.

33 (e) “Tribe” means a federally recognized Native American tribe  
34 or a nonfederally recognized Native American tribe listed on the  
35 California Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native  
36 American Heritage Commission.

37 (f) “Vulnerable population” means a subgroup of population  
38 within a region or community that faces a disproportionately  
39 heightened risk or increased sensitivity to impacts of climate

1 change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to,  
2 or recover from such impacts.

3 90500. (a) The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to  
4 this division, exclusive of refunding bonds issued and sold pursuant  
5 to Section 95012, shall be deposited in the Drought, Flood, and  
6 Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal  
7 Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and  
8 Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park  
9 Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Fund, which is  
10 hereby created in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund shall be  
11 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for purposes of  
12 this division.

13 (b) Proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division  
14 shall be allocated according to the following schedule:

15 (1) Five billion two hundred million dollars (\$5,200,000,000)  
16 for drought, flood, and water resilience programs, in accordance  
17 with Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 91000).

18 (2) Three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000) for wildfire and forest  
19 resilience programs, in accordance with Chapter 3 (commencing  
20 with Section 91500).

21 (3) Two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) for coastal resilience  
22 programs, in accordance with Chapter 4 (commencing with Section  
23 92000).

24 (4) Five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for extreme  
25 heat mitigation programs, in accordance with Chapter 5  
26 (commencing with Section 92500).

27 (5) Two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) for biodiversity  
28 protection and nature-based climate solution programs, in  
29 accordance with Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 93000).

30 (6) Three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) for climate  
31 smart agriculture programs, in accordance with Chapter 7  
32 (commencing with Section 93500).

33 (7) Five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for park creation  
34 and outdoor access programs, in accordance with Chapter 8  
35 (commencing with Section 94000).

36 (8) Two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) for clean energy  
37 programs, in accordance with Chapter 9 (commencing with Section  
38 94500).



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1     90600. *An amount that equals not more than 5 percent of the*  
2 *funds allocated for a grant program pursuant to this division may*  
3 *be used to pay the administrative costs of that program.*

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5     CHAPTER 2. DROUGHT, ~~FLOOD~~ FLOOD, AND WATER RESILIENCE

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7     91000. The sum of five billion two hundred million dollars  
8 (\$5,200,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the  
9 Legislature, for drought, flood, and water resilience programs.

10    91010. Of the funds made available by Section 91000, two  
11 billion two hundred fifty million dollars (\$2,250,000,000) shall  
12 be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to protect and  
13 increase California water supply and water quality.

14    91011. Of the funds made available by Section 91010, four  
15 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon  
16 appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources  
17 Control Board for projects that improve water quality or help  
18 provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water. Eligible projects  
19 include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

20    (a) Competitive grants for projects that help to provide clean,  
21 safe, and reliable drinking water to disadvantaged communities.

22    (b) Competitive grants for projects that increase water quality  
23 monitoring and remediation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl  
24 substances.

25    (c) Innovative projects to increase the affordability of safe  
26 drinking water for severely disadvantaged communities.

27    (d) Projects that implement countywide drought and water  
28 shortage contingency plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 10  
29 (commencing with Section 10609.40) of Part 2.55 of Division 6  
30 of the Water Code.

31    (e) Competitive grants or loans for projects that prevent, reduce,  
32 or treat the contamination of groundwater that serves as a major  
33 source of drinking water for a community.

34    91012. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 91010, four  
35 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon  
36 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
37 Resources for projects related to groundwater storage, banking,  
38 conjunctive use, recharge, or other groundwater projects that  
39 improve water resilience. Projects funded pursuant to this  
40 subdivision shall provide multiple benefits, such as improved water

1 quality and supply, improved flood water management, and  
2 provision of wildlife habitat.

3 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), two hundred  
4 million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available for projects that  
5 increase groundwater storage.

6 (c) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), two hundred  
7 million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available for projects that  
8 support groundwater banking, conjunctive use, recharge, or other  
9 groundwater projects that improve water resilience.

10 91013. Of the funds made available by Section 91010, three  
11 hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available, upon  
12 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of  
13 Conservation's Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program for  
14 groundwater sustainability projects that provide wildlife habitat,  
15 drought resilience, improve flood water management, and support  
16 implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act  
17 (Part 2.74 (commencing with Section 10720) of Division 6 of the  
18 Water Code).

19 91014. Of the funds made available by Section 91010, three  
20 hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available, upon  
21 appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources  
22 Control Board for grants and projects related to water reuse and  
23 recycling.

24 91015. Of the funds made available by Section 91010, one  
25 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
26 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
27 Resources for competitive grants for projects related to contaminant  
28 and salt removal projects, including, but not limited to, groundwater  
29 and associated treatment, storage, conveyance, and distribution  
30 facilities.

31 91016. Of the funds made available by Section 91010, three  
32 hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available, upon  
33 appropriation by the Legislature, to the California Water  
34 Commission for projects under the Water Storage Investment  
35 Program.

36 91017. Of the funds made available by Section 91010, one  
37 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
38 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
39 Resources for projects that increase water conservation in  
40 agricultural and urban areas.

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1 91018. Of the funds made available by Section 91010, one  
2 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
3 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
4 Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board to improve  
5 water data management and to implement Section 144 of the Water  
6 Code to reactivate existing stream gages and deploy new gages.

7 91019. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 91010, two  
8 hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available,  
9 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources  
10 Agency and the Department of Water Resources for competitive  
11 grants for regional conveyance projects or repairs to existing  
12 conveyances. Priority shall be given to projects that provide one  
13 or more of the following benefits:

14 (1) Improvements in regional or interregional water supply or  
15 water supply reliability.

16 (2) Increased ~~ground-water~~ *groundwater* recharge or mitigation  
17 of conditions of groundwater overdraft, salinity intrusion, water  
18 quality degradation, or subsidence.

19 (3) Adaptation to the impacts of hydrologic changes.

20 (4) Improvements in water security from drought, natural  
21 disasters, or other events that could interrupt water supplies.

22 (5) Providing safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities  
23 and economically distressed areas.

24 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), one hundred  
25 million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available to the Natural  
26 Resources Agency for implementation of the settlement agreement  
27 to restore the San Joaquin River referenced in Section 2080.2 of  
28 the Fish and Game Code and allocated as follows:

29 (1) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for  
30 restoration of capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal that was lost due  
31 to subsidence, consistent with the water management goal under  
32 the Stipulation of Settlement entered September 13, 2006, in  
33 Natural Resources Defense Council v. Rodgers. For the purposes  
34 of awarding funding under this paragraph, a cost share from  
35 nonstate sources of not less than 50 percent of the total costs of  
36 the project shall be required.

37 (2) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to  
38 implement the restoration goal of the Stipulation of Settlement  
39 entered September 13, 2006, in Natural Resources Defense Council  
40 v. Rodgers, including funding for restoration projects identified

1 in paragraph 11 of the Stipulation of Settlement, and funding to  
2 support the work of the Restoration Administrator and Technical  
3 Advisory Committee. The Restoration Administrator and Technical  
4 Advisory Committee shall use these funds in part to review and  
5 provide input regarding the implementation of projects identified  
6 in paragraph 11 of the Stipulation of Settlement.

7 91020. Of the funds made available by Section 91000, one  
8 billion six hundred fifty million dollars (\$1,650,000,000) shall be  
9 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to reduce flood  
10 risk and improve stormwater management.

11 91021. Of the funds made available by Section 91020, one  
12 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be available, upon  
13 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency  
14 and its departments, boards, and conservancies for flood  
15 management projects. Priority shall be given to projects designed  
16 and implemented to achieve the objectives of both flood safety  
17 and ecosystem functions, while providing additional benefits. At  
18 least 40 percent of the allocation made pursuant to this section  
19 shall benefit disadvantaged communities or vulnerable populations.  
20 Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

21 (a) Projects that implement the Central Valley Flood Protection  
22 Plan. To the maximum extent feasible, projects shall provide  
23 ecosystem benefits and groundwater recharge. The Department of  
24 Water Resources shall adopt guidelines and incentives to encourage  
25 cost-effective groundwater recharge and ecosystem benefits as  
26 part of flood risk reduction and management.

27 (b) Projects that implement the Coastal Watershed Flood Risk  
28 Reduction Program.

29 (c) Projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to increase  
30 flood protection and climate resiliency.

31 (d) Projects that implement the Flood Control Subventions  
32 Program.

33 (e) Projects related to the systemwide evaluation, repair,  
34 rehabilitation, reconstruction, expansion, or replacement of levees,  
35 weirs, bypasses, and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control.

36 91022. Of the funds made available by Section 91020, four  
37 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon  
38 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
39 Resources for competitive grants for projects that enhance dam  
40 safety and reservoir operations and protect public benefits. Eligible

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1 projects include, but are not limited to, dam safety projects at high  
2 hazard dams in poor condition, new spillways and repairs at  
3 existing dams to facilitate implementation of Forecast-Informed  
4 Reservoir Operations, and reservoir seismic retrofit projects. A  
5 grant cost share of at least 50 percent shall be required for projects  
6 funded pursuant to this section.

7 91023. Of the funds *made* available by Section 91020, two  
8 hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available,  
9 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources  
10 Control Board for grants for multibenefit storm water management  
11 projects. Preference shall be given to multibenefit and natural  
12 infrastructure projects.

13 91030. Of the funds made available by Section 91000, one  
14 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be available, upon  
15 appropriation by the Legislature, to improve watershed resilience  
16 and to protect and restore rivers, lakes, and streams.

17 91031. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 91030,  
18 three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available,  
19 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water  
20 Resources for grants and direct expenditures related to integrated  
21 regional water management to improve climate resilience on a  
22 watershed basis.

23 (b) The Department of Water Resources shall develop standards  
24 and provide technical and financial support for the development  
25 of watershed climate risk assessments that do all of the following:

26 (1) Identify watershed scale climate resilience targets related  
27 to water supply, water quality, habitat protection and enhancement,  
28 flood protection, and other climate resilience targets appropriate  
29 for the watershed.

30 (2) Provide investment and implementation plans for projects  
31 to achieve the targets in the most cost-effective manner.

32 (3) Include uniform analytic standards to facilitate project  
33 selection and performance evaluation.

34 (4) Provide for the deployment of appropriate instrumentation,  
35 measurement, and monitoring to allow for evaluation of project  
36 effectiveness in achieving progress toward resilience targets.

37 (5) Include consideration of equity and environmental justice  
38 needs.

39 (6) Include requirements for adaptive management and  
40 refinement in project selection and implementation.

1 (7) Build on and coordinate with existing integrated regional  
2 water management plans.

3 (c) The Department of Water Resources may select pilot  
4 watersheds to test methods to improve watershed climate resilience  
5 and guide the implementation of this section including, but not  
6 limited to, both of the following:

7 (1) Development of standard models and analytic approaches  
8 that improve climate risk assessment, and project selection and  
9 evaluation.

10 (2) Methods to reduce the cost of achieving climate resilience  
11 targets and outcomes.

12 (d) (1) The Department of Water Resources shall make grants  
13 to public agencies for the implementation of projects identified in  
14 watershed climate risk assessments based on both of the following:

15 (A) The severity of the identified climate risk.

16 (B) The potential to reduce that risk in the most cost-effective  
17 manner.

18 (2) The Department of Water Resources shall consider the extent  
19 the project achieves multiple benefits, addresses equity issues, and  
20 provides a model for other watersheds.

21 (3) Existing plans that provide equivalent climate risk  
22 assessment may be used as the basis to fund grants that improve  
23 regional climate resilience, including conjunctive use projects,  
24 groundwater recharge projects, and other projects that provide  
25 increased water supply flexibility or other resilience benefits.

26 (e) The Department of Water Resources shall develop guidelines  
27 to improve governance of integrated regional water management  
28 plans and for program implementation of watershed climate  
29 resilience that facilitate multiple benefit projects, allow program  
30 funds to be used as matching funds for other funding sources, and  
31 ~~requires~~ *require* detailed reporting on project outcomes and  
32 progress toward achieving climate risk targets.

33 91032. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 91030, six  
34 hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) shall be available, upon  
35 appropriation by the Legislature, for projects that protect and  
36 restore rivers, streams, lakes, and watersheds. Projects shall  
37 improve climate resilience, water supplies, or water quality. To  
38 the extent feasible, preference shall be given to natural  
39 infrastructure projects. At least 40 percent of the allocation made  
40 pursuant to this section shall benefit disadvantaged communities



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1 or vulnerable populations. The funds made available pursuant to  
2 this section shall be allocated to any of the following:

3 (1) Projects that protect and restore rivers, streams, and lakes  
4 to improve fish and wildlife habitat.

5 (2) Multibenefit watershed protection or restoration projects  
6 that improve climate resilience within the Los Angeles River  
7 Watershed and the San Gabriel River Watershed that are  
8 implemented pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water Code.

9 (3) Multibenefit urban stream and river parkway projects under  
10 the Urban Streams Restoration Program established pursuant to  
11 Section 7048 of the Water Code that protect and restore riparian  
12 habitats, improve climate resilience, enhance natural drainages,  
13 protect and restore watersheds, and provide public access.

14 (4) Projects that are included in the Lake Tahoe Environmental  
15 Improvement Program.

16 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), seventy-five  
17 million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available pursuant to  
18 Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600) for projects that  
19 improve the climate resiliency or the protection of the Los Angeles  
20 River Watershed or are consistent with the Lower Los Angeles  
21 River Revitalization Plan.

22 (c) (1) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a),  
23 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available  
24 pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000) for  
25 projects that improve the climate resiliency or the protection of  
26 the Los Angeles River Watershed and are a part of the revitalization  
27 plan developed by the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries  
28 Working Group pursuant to Section 33220 or the Los Angeles  
29 River Master Plan.

30 (2) Of the funds made available by paragraph (1), forty million  
31 dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be allocated for projects that include,  
32 but are not limited to, projects that protect or enhance the Los  
33 Angeles River, parkway projects that include connectivity to parks  
34 and open space in neighboring communities within the San  
35 Fernando Valley, including Aliso Creek, and the Tujunga Wash,  
36 and projects along the Arroyo Seco waterway.

37 (d) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), fifty million  
38 dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available for projects that improve  
39 the climate resiliency or for the protection of the San Mateo Creek  
40 Watershed in the San Francisco Bay Area.



1 91033. Of the funds made available by Section 91030, one  
2 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
3 appropriation by the Legislature, to implement the Salton Sea  
4 Management Program 10-year Plan to provide air quality, public  
5 health, and habitat benefits.

6 91040. Of the funds made available by Section 91000, three  
7 hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be available, upon  
8 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Wildlife Conservation  
9 Board for projects pursuant to the guidelines of the Stream Flow  
10 Enhancement Program, including the acquisition of water or water  
11 rights, acquisition of land that includes water rights or contractual  
12 rights to water, and short- or long-term water transfers and leases.

13 91050. Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be  
14 consistent with the policies and guidelines established by the Water  
15 Resilience Portfolio, California's Water Supply Strategy, the  
16 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, and the Sustainable  
17 Groundwater Management Act (Part 2.74 (commencing with  
18 Section 10720) of Division 6 of the Water Code), if applicable.

19  
20 CHAPTER 3. WILDFIRE AND FOREST RESILIENCE  
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22 91500. The sum of three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000) shall  
23 be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for wildfire  
24 prevention, including reducing community wildfire risk and  
25 restoring the health and resilience of forests.

26 91510. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 91500, two  
27 hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$275,000,000) shall be  
28 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of  
29 Emergency Services for a prehazard mitigation grant program.  
30 The Office of Emergency Services shall coordinate with the  
31 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in administering these  
32 moneys. The grant program shall assist local and state agencies to  
33 leverage additional funds, including matching grants from federal  
34 agencies. Funds may be used to provide loans, rebates, direct  
35 assistance, and matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires,  
36 increase resilience, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or  
37 increase community hardening. Eligible projects include, but are  
38 not limited to, any of the following:

39 (1) Grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers  
40 authorities, and tribes for projects that reduce wildfire risks to

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1 people and property consistent with an approved community  
2 wildfire protection plan.

3 (2) Grants to local agencies, state agencies, joint powers  
4 authorities, tribes, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils,  
5 and nonprofit organizations for structure hardening of critical  
6 community infrastructure, evacuation centers, structure hardening  
7 projects that reduce the risk of wildfire for entire neighborhoods  
8 and communities, water delivery system improvements for fire  
9 suppression purposes for communities in high fire hazard severity  
10 zones or very high fire hazard severity zones, as designated by the  
11 Director of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Article 9  
12 (commencing with Section 4201) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division  
13 4 or by a local agency pursuant to Chapter 6.8 (commencing with  
14 Section 51175) of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the Government  
15 Code, wildfire buffers, and incentives to remove structures that  
16 significantly increase hazard risk.

17 (3) Grants, in coordination with the Public Utilities Commission,  
18 to local agencies, state agencies, special districts, joint powers  
19 authorities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations for zero-emission  
20 backup power, energy storage, and microgrids for critical  
21 community infrastructure in order to provide continuity of electrical  
22 service, reduced wildfire ignitions, and to safeguard communities  
23 from disruption due to public safety power shutoffs, wildfire, or  
24 air pollution caused by wildfire, extreme heat, or other disaster.

25 (b) The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of  
26 Forestry and Fire Protection shall prioritize prehazard mitigation  
27 grant funding applications from local agencies based on the Fire  
28 Risk Reduction Community list, upon development of that list,  
29 pursuant to Section 4290.1.

30 (c) The Office of Emergency Services and the Department of  
31 Forestry and Fire Protection shall provide technical assistance to  
32 disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities,  
33 or vulnerable populations, including those with access and  
34 functional needs, socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, and  
35 economically distressed areas to ensure the grant program reduces  
36 the vulnerability of those most in need.

37 91520. Of the funds made available by Section 91500, two  
38 billion five hundred million dollars (\$2,500,000,000) shall be  
39 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural  
40 Resources Agency and to its departments, boards, and

1 conservancies for projects and grants to improve local fire  
2 prevention capacity, improve forest health and resilience, and  
3 reduce the risk of wildfire spreading into populated areas from  
4 wildlands. Where appropriate, projects may include activities on  
5 lands owned by the United States. The funding made available by  
6 this section shall be allocated as follows:

7 (a) Three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be  
8 available to the Department of Conservation's Regional Forest  
9 and Fire Capacity Program to increase regional capacity to  
10 prioritize, develop, and implement projects that improve forest  
11 health and fire resilience, implement community fire preparedness  
12 demonstration projects, facilitate greenhouse gas emissions  
13 reductions, and increase carbon sequestration in forests and other  
14 landscapes across regions and throughout the state. The funding  
15 shall be allocated based, to the extent feasible, on the Wildfire and  
16 Forest Resilience Action Plan.

17 (b) Five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be  
18 available to implement regional strategies, including, but not  
19 limited to, strategies developed by forest collaboratives as defined  
20 in Section 4810 or regional entities as defined in Section 4208  
21 through block grants and direct appropriations by the Legislature.

22 (c) Three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) shall be  
23 available to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for  
24 long-term forest health projects, including improved forest  
25 management, prescribed fire, cultural fire, forest watershed  
26 restoration, and activities that promote long-term carbon storage  
27 and sequestration.

28 (d) Five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be  
29 available to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for  
30 local fire prevention grants consistent with Article 2.5  
31 (commencing with Section 4124) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division  
32 4 and for grants to conduct workforce development for fire  
33 prevention and wildfire resiliency work.

34 (e) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available  
35 to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the creation  
36 of a prescribed fire training center consistent with the proposal  
37 developed pursuant to Section 4477.

38 (f) Five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be  
39 available for watershed improvement projects in forests and other  
40 habitats, including, but not limited to, redwoods, conifers, oak

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1 woodlands, mountain meadows, chaparral, and coastal forests.  
2 Projects shall involve the restoration of natural ecosystem functions  
3 in very high and high fire hazard areas and provide multiple  
4 benefits, including, but not limited to, prescribed fire, cultural fire,  
5 habitat protection, fuel reduction, watershed protection, carbon  
6 sequestration, protection of older fire-resistant trees, or improved  
7 forest health. The Natural Resources Agency shall give preference  
8 to projects that include matching funds or in-kind work, as  
9 determined appropriate, from beneficiaries of the watershed that  
10 may include, but are not limited to, water districts, public utilities,  
11 local agencies, or private users. The Natural Resources Agency  
12 shall ensure long-term benefits for projects funded pursuant to this  
13 subdivision, including through an ongoing commitment to future  
14 maintenance and a commitment to long-term forest resilience that  
15 reduces fire risk.

16 (g) One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be  
17 available to conduct fuel reduction, structure hardening, create  
18 defensible space, reforestation, and targeted acquisitions to improve  
19 forest health and fire resilience on state-owned lands.

20 (h) Seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available  
21 to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for watershed improvement,  
22 forest health, biomass utilization, and forest restoration workforce  
23 development. At least 50 percent of the funds made available by  
24 this subdivision shall be available to the Sierra Nevada Watershed  
25 Improvement Program created by Section 33345.1.

26 (i) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to the  
27 California Tahoe Conservancy for watershed improvement, forest  
28 health, biomass utilization, and forest restoration workforce  
29 development.

30 (j) Seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available  
31 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for watershed  
32 improvement, fire resilience, chaparral and forest restoration, and  
33 restoration workforce development.

34 (k) Seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available  
35 to the State Coastal Conservancy for watershed improvement, fire  
36 resilience, forest health, and restoration workforce development.

37 91530. Of the funds made available by Section 91500, one  
38 hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available,  
39 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Air Resources  
40 Board, in consultation with the Natural Resources Agency and the

1 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to incentivize new  
2 projects in California that provide long-term capital infrastructure  
3 to convert forest and other vegetative waste removed for wildfire  
4 mitigation to uses that maximize reductions in greenhouse gas  
5 emissions, provide local air quality benefits, and increase local  
6 community resilience against climate change impacts.

7 91540. Of the funds made available by Section 91500,  
8 seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) shall be available, upon  
9 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Forestry  
10 and Fire Protection to enhance California's fire prevention, fuel  
11 management, and fire response, as follows:

12 (a) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be available to  
13 improve water quality at the Department of Forestry and Fire  
14 Protection facilities to enhance safe human use and consumption.

15 (b) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available to  
16 upgrade existing infrastructure and for new Department of Forestry  
17 and Fire Protection facilities for suppression and fuel reduction  
18 crews.

19 (c) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available for  
20 the purchase of Type 3 engines and related equipment to be used  
21 for fire suppression and fuel reduction.

22 (d) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be available to  
23 enhance the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's  
24 communications centers and mobile communications, including  
25 the capacity to provide culturally relevant and multilingual  
26 communication services.

27 (e) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available to  
28 the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for grants to assist  
29 local agencies with equipment for wildland firefighting, fire  
30 prevention, and fuel management.

31 91550. Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be  
32 consistent with the policies and guidelines established by the  
33 California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, and by the  
34 Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Forestry and  
35 Fire Protection, if applicable.

#### 36 CHAPTER 4. COASTAL RESILIENCE

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39 92000. The sum of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) shall  
40 be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to increase

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1 coastal and ocean resiliency and to protect coastal lands, waters,  
2 communities, natural resources, and urban waterfronts from climate  
3 impacts. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, projects  
4 to restore coastal wetlands and projects to address sea level rise.

5 92010. Of the funds made available by Section 92000, five  
6 hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon  
7 appropriation by the Legislature, for projects identified by the State  
8 Coastal Conservancy for coastal resilience projects and programs  
9 identified in the 2023–2027 Strategic Plan. The funds made  
10 available pursuant to this section may be allocated to any of the  
11 following:

12 (a) Grants through the Climate Ready Program pursuant to  
13 Section 31113.

14 (b) Projects to protect coastal lands and restore habitats,  
15 including subtidal habitats, wetlands, riparian areas, redwood  
16 forests, oak woodlands, and other important wildlife habitats,  
17 including projects to protect and restore healthy sea otter  
18 populations.

19 (c) Natural infrastructure projects that use existing natural areas  
20 to minimize coastal flooding, erosion, and runoff.

21 (d) Projects to restore coastal land for public uses on surplus  
22 land for formerly fossil-fueled powerplants.

23 (e) Projects that are consistent with the San Francisco Bay  
24 Restoration Authority Act (Title 7.25 (commencing with Section  
25 66700) of the Government Code), including, but not limited to,  
26 projects that address sea level rise, flood management, and wetland  
27 restoration.

28 (f) Projects for purposes of the San Francisco Bay Area  
29 Conservancy Program established pursuant to Chapter 4.5  
30 (commencing with Section 31160) of Division 21.

31 (g) Lower cost coastal accommodation grants consistent with  
32 the Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations Program established  
33 pursuant to Section 31412.

34 92015. Of the funds made available by Section 92000, five  
35 hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon  
36 appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Coastal Conservancy  
37 for the purpose of coastal and combined flood management projects  
38 and activities for developed shoreline areas, including areas with  
39 critical infrastructure, including transportation and port  
40 infrastructure at risk of current flooding and flooding due to sea



1 level rise. Funds shall be allocated to multibenefit projects that  
2 improve public safety, including shoreline resilience projects  
3 designed to address flooding, sea level rise, and shoreline stability  
4 that include engineering with nature or nature-based features. These  
5 funds shall be available to local agencies as matching funds for  
6 federally funded coastal flood risk management and flood risk  
7 management projects.

8 92020. Of the funds made available by Section 92000, three  
9 hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$325,000,000) shall be  
10 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for deposit into  
11 the California Ocean Protection Trust Fund for grants to increase  
12 resilience from the impacts of climate change. Preference shall be  
13 given to projects that conserve, protect, and restore marine wildlife  
14 and healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems, including, but not  
15 limited to, estuarine habitat, kelp forests, eelgrass meadows, native  
16 oyster beds, or that maintain the state's system of marine protected  
17 areas, and support sustainable fisheries. Funding may be used to  
18 purchase and install ocean current mapping infrastructure and new  
19 maritime research infrastructure to reduce emissions.

20 92030. Of the funds made available by Section 92000, two  
21 hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available,  
22 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement the California  
23 Sea Level Rise Mitigation and Adaptation Act of 2021 (Division  
24 20.6.5 (commencing with Section 30970)).

25 92040. Of the funds made available by Section 92000, two  
26 hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available,  
27 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Parks  
28 and Recreation to implement the Sea Level Rise Adaptation  
29 Strategy to address the impacts of sea level rise in coastal state  
30 parks, support continued access and recreational opportunities,  
31 and protect coastal natural and cultural resources.

32 92050. Of the funds made available by Section 92000,  
33 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon  
34 appropriation by the Legislature, for projects identified by the  
35 Natural Resource Agency and the Invasive Species Council of  
36 California to implement projects to protect and restore island  
37 ecosystems by mitigating the threat of island invasive species and  
38 advancing biosecurity initiatives.

39 92060. Of the funds made available by Section 92000,  
40 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon



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1 appropriation by the Legislature, for projects identified by the  
2 Department of Fish and Wildlife to advance climate-ready fisheries  
3 management by expanding opportunities for experimentation and  
4 adaptive cooperative management, modernizing electronic fisheries  
5 data management systems, and increasing the use of electronic  
6 technologies to facilitate more nimble decisionmaking and timely  
7 management responses under changing ocean conditions.

8 92070. Of the funds made available by Section 92000,  
9 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available, upon  
10 appropriation by the Legislature, for projects identified by the  
11 Department of Fish and Wildlife to support the restoration and  
12 management of kelp ecosystems. Funds shall be used to support  
13 ongoing research, restoration, and monitoring activities of kelp  
14 ecosystems and for the implementation of an adaptive kelp  
15 management plan.

16 92080. Of the funds made available by Section 92000, one  
17 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be allocated, upon  
18 appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Coastal Conservancy  
19 for grants to remove or upgrade outdated or obsolete dams and  
20 water infrastructure. Projects may also install infrastructure to  
21 increase climate resilience, enhance sediment supply, improve  
22 wildlife and fish passage, and modernize water infrastructure,  
23 including related planning, permitting, habitat restoration, and  
24 recreational improvements. Funds for planning, monitoring, and  
25 implementation of projects pursuant to this section may exceed  
26 10 percent of the funds allocated if the State Coastal Conservancy  
27 determines there is a need for the additional funding.

28 92090. Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be  
29 consistent with the policies and guidelines established by the  
30 California Coastal Commission, the Ocean Protection Council,  
31 the State Lands Commission, the San Francisco Bay Conservation  
32 and Development Commission, and the State Coastal Conservancy,  
33 if applicable.

#### 34 CHAPTER 5. EXTREME HEAT MITIGATION

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37 92500. The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000)  
38 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to address  
39 extreme heat in communities.

1 92510. Of the funds made available by Section 92500, one  
2 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
3 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Planning and  
4 Research's Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program to  
5 fund projects to reduce the urban heat island effect and other  
6 extreme heat impacts from climate change. Projects shall benefit  
7 disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.

8 92520. Of the funds made available by Section 92500, one  
9 hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available,  
10 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources  
11 Agency to provide funds to state agencies identified in the extreme  
12 heat action plan, and any subsequent updates, in order to implement  
13 the plan and mitigate the impacts of extreme heat.

14 92530. Of the funds made available by Section 92500, fifty  
15 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
16 by the Legislature, to the Office of Planning and Research's  
17 Adaptation Planning Grant Program for regional climate resilience  
18 planning and demonstration projects.

19 92540. Of the funds made available by Section 92500, fifty  
20 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
21 by the Legislature, to the Strategic Growth Council's Community  
22 Resilience Centers Program for the construction or retrofit of  
23 facilities to serve as community resilience centers that mitigate  
24 the public health impacts of extreme heat and other emergency  
25 situations exacerbated by climate change. Projects shall benefit  
26 disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.

27 92550. Of the funds made available by Section 92500, one  
28 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
29 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency  
30 for competitive grants for urban greening. Projects shall benefit  
31 disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations. These  
32 funds shall support projects that mitigate the urban heat island  
33 effect, rising temperatures, and extreme heat impacts. Eligible  
34 projects may include, but are not limited to, investments that  
35 support an expanded urban greening program that supports the  
36 creation of green recreational parks in park-poor communities.

37 92560. Of the funds made available by Section 92500, fifty  
38 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
39 by the Legislature, to the Department of Forestry and Fire  
40 Protection to protect or augment California's urban forests pursuant

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1 to Section 4799.12. Projects shall contribute to mitigating the urban  
2 heat island effect and extreme heat impacts. Projects shall benefit  
3 disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.

4 92570. (a) At least 10 percent of the funds available pursuant  
5 to this chapter shall be allocated for grants that provide outreach  
6 and technical assistance that directly benefit disadvantaged  
7 communities and vulnerable populations. An eligible applicant is  
8 a nonprofit organization, technical assistance provider, or tribe.

9 (b) Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be consistent  
10 with the policies and guidelines established by the Protecting  
11 Californians From Extreme Heat: A State Action Plan to Build  
12 Community Resilience, and the Office of Planning and Research's  
13 Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program, if applicable.

14  
15 CHAPTER 6. PROTECT BIODIVERSITY AND ACCELERATING  
16 NATURE-BASED CLIMATE SOLUTIONS  
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18 93000. The sum of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) shall  
19 be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the  
20 protection of California's biodiversity and to protect nature and  
21 restore landscape health to achieve California's climate change  
22 goals.

23 93010. Of the funds made available by Section 93000, one  
24 billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) shall be available, upon  
25 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Wildlife Conservation  
26 Board for existing grant programs to protect and enhance fish and  
27 wildlife habitat and achieve the state's biodiversity and  
28 conservation goals. Eligible programs include, but are not limited  
29 to, any of the following:

- 30 (a) Land acquisition.  
31 (b) Habitat enhancement and restoration.  
32 (c) Rangeland, grazing land, and grassland protection.  
33 (d) Inland wetland conservation.  
34 (e) Ecosystem restoration on agricultural lands.  
35 (f) Climate adaptation and resiliency.  
36 (g) Monarch butterfly and pollinator rescue.  
37 (h) Purposes of reimbursing the General Fund, pursuant to the  
38 Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 (Division  
39 28 (commencing with Section 37000)).

1 93020. Of the funds made available by Section 93000, five  
2 hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon  
3 appropriation by the Legislature, to reduce the risks of climate  
4 change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural  
5 resources allocated in accordance with the following schedule:

6 (a) Baldwin Hills Conservancy, fifty million dollars  
7 (\$50,000,000).

8 (b) California Tahoe Conservancy, fifty million dollars  
9 (\$50,000,000).

10 (c) Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, twenty-five  
11 million dollars (\$25,000,000).

12 (d) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, fifty million  
13 dollars (\$50,000,000).

14 (e) San Diego River Conservancy, seventy-five million dollars  
15 (\$75,000,000).

16 (f) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains  
17 Conservancy, seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000).

18 (g) San Joaquin River Conservancy, twenty-five million dollars  
19 (\$25,000,000).

20 (h) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, seventy-five million  
21 dollars (\$75,000,000).

22 (i) Sierra Nevada Conservancy, seventy-five million dollars  
23 (\$75,000,000).

24 93030. (a) Of the funds made available by Section 93000, four  
25 hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon  
26 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency  
27 and its departments, boards, and conservancies to protect and  
28 restore biodiversity, expand access to nature, and mitigate and  
29 build resilience to climate change using nature-based solutions,  
30 whenever possible. Eligible projects shall contribute to the goals  
31 established in the Pathways to 30x30 document, and biodiversity  
32 strategies established pursuant to Executive Order No. N-82-20.  
33 Eligible projects include any of the following:

34 (1) Projects to accelerate regionally led conservation.

35 (2) Strategic land acquisitions and voluntary conservation  
36 easements.

37 (3) Projects to enhance or restore the fish and wildlife habitat  
38 on public lands and coastal waters.

39 (4) Tribal nature-based solutions.

40 (5) Floodplain and wetland restoration.

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1 (6) Projects to improve forest and chaparral habitat.

2 (7) Reintroduction of migratory salmon to historic habitats and  
3 climate refugia.

4 (b) Of the funds made available by subdivision (a), two hundred  
5 million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available for projects to  
6 improve habitat connectivity.

7 (c) At least 10 percent of the funds made available by this  
8 section shall be available to provide grants for the purchase of  
9 facilities, equipment, and software and for projects and technical  
10 assistance by scientific academic institutions and nonprofits to  
11 better map, catalog, and understand the biodiversity in strategic  
12 areas of the state to further the purposes of this chapter.

13 93040. Of the funds made available by Section 93000, fifty  
14 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
15 by the Legislature, to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for  
16 nature-based solutions that improve the climate resilience of fish  
17 and wildlife habitat and improve fish and wildlife passage.

18 93050. Of the funds made available by Section 93000, fifty  
19 million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation  
20 by the Legislature, to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to  
21 accredited California zoos and aquariums to advance conservation  
22 of California's species biodiversity to help ensure the viability and  
23 recovery of California's endangered and declining species,  
24 including, but not limited to, wildlife health monitoring and  
25 biodiversity reserve management.

26 93060. Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be  
27 consistent with the policies and guidelines established by the  
28 Wildlife Conservation Board, the Pathways to 30x30 document,  
29 the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy,  
30 California's 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality,  
31 and the California Climate Adaptation Strategy, if applicable.

32  
33 CHAPTER 7. CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE FOR  
34 SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY  
35

36 93500. The sum of three hundred million dollars  
37 (\$300,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the  
38 Legislature, for improving climate resilience of agricultural lands.

39 93510. Of the funds made available by Section 93500, one  
40 hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available,

1 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Food  
2 and Agriculture's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation  
3 for improvements in climate resilience of agricultural lands and  
4 ecosystem health and allocated to eligible projects as follows:

5 (a) (1) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to  
6 the healthy soils grant program to promote practices on farms and  
7 ranches that improve soil health, accelerate atmospheric carbon  
8 removal or soil carbon sequestration, enhance groundwater  
9 recharge, and improve habitat.

10 (2) At least 40 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this  
11 subdivision shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and  
12 meaningful benefits to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

13 (b) (1) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be  
14 available for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program  
15 to promote onfarm water use efficiency and reduce emissions of  
16 greenhouse gases.

17 (2) At least 40 percent of the funds allocated pursuant to this  
18 subdivision shall be allocated to projects that provide direct and  
19 meaningful benefits to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

20 (c) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available  
21 to the pollinator habitat program.

22 (d) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to  
23 establish the Environmental Farming Incentive Program to address  
24 natural resource concerns on agricultural lands. Eligible projects  
25 include, but are not limited to, improved water and air quality,  
26 conserved groundwater and surface water, improved or created  
27 wildlife habitat, wildlife-friendly farming and ranching practices,  
28 drought and climate resilience, and other conservation practices.

29 93520. Of the funds made available by Section 93500,  
30 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall, upon appropriation  
31 by the Legislature, be deposited in the Invasive Species Account  
32 established pursuant to Section 7706 of the Food and Agricultural  
33 Code for purposes of funding invasive species projects and  
34 activities recommended by the Invasive Species Council of  
35 California. Preference shall be given to projects that restore and  
36 protect biodiversity and ecosystem health.

37 93530. Of the funds made available by Section 93500, one  
38 hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) shall be  
39 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department  
40 of Conservation for projects for the protection, restoration, and

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enhancement of farmland and rangeland, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of fee title or easements on agricultural lands, and onfarm improvements that provide any of the following benefits:

- (a) Climate resilience.
- (b) Soil health.
- (c) Atmospheric carbon removal.
- (d) Soil carbon sequestration.
- (e) Erosion control.
- (f) Floodwater management.
- (g) Watershed restoration.
- (h) Habitat conservation.
- (i) Water quality.
- (j) Water retention.

93540. Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be consistent with the policies and guidelines established by the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, if applicable.

#### CHAPTER 8. PARK CREATION AND OUTDOOR ACCESS

94000. The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the creation and protection of parks, outdoor access, and educational institutions.

94010. Of the funds made available by Section 94000, four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Natural Resources Agency and its departments, boards, and conservancies for the reduction of climate impacts on disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations and the creation, protection, and expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Improvements to city parks, county parks, regional parks, and open-space lands to preserve infrastructure, including natural infrastructure, to promote resilience and adaptation or the promotion and enhancement of natural resources and water conservation and efficiencies on local and regional public park lands and open-space lands.



1 (b) The creation and expansion of safe neighborhood parks in  
2 park-poor neighborhoods in accordance with the Statewide Park  
3 Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008's  
4 competitive grant program described in Chapter 3.3 (commencing  
5 with Section 5640) of Division 5.

6 (c) Multiple benefit projects that reduce risks of exposure to  
7 toxic or hazardous materials that may increase as a result of  
8 wildfires, flooding, sea level rise, or reduced water flows to  
9 polluted bodies of water.

10 (d) Grants consistent with the California Cultural and Historical  
11 Endowment Act, established pursuant to Chapter 13 (commencing  
12 with Section 20050) of Part 11 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the  
13 Education Code, for projects that protect California's cultural and  
14 historic resources from climate impacts or inform the public about  
15 resiliency to climate change.

16 (e) Improved public access, including for individuals with  
17 disabilities, as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities  
18 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), and outdoor recreation  
19 at state parks, city parks, county parks, regional parks, and  
20 open-space preserves.

21 94020. Of the funds made available by Section 94000, one  
22 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon  
23 appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Parks and  
24 Recreation for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of the  
25 natural resource values of the state park system and projects to  
26 expand public access for disadvantaged communities, including,  
27 but not limited to, the expansion of lower cost coastal  
28 accommodation project development.

29 94030. (a) At least 10 percent of the funds available pursuant  
30 to this chapter shall be allocated for grants that provide outreach  
31 and technical assistance that directly benefit disadvantaged  
32 communities and vulnerable populations. An eligible applicant is  
33 a nonprofit organization, technical assistance provider, or tribe.

34 (b) Projects funded pursuant to this chapter shall be consistent  
35 with the policies and guidelines established by the Natural  
36 Resources Agency and the Outdoors for All Strategy, if applicable.

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## CHAPTER 9. CLEAN ENERGY

94500. The sum of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for clean energy projects.

94510. Of the funds made available by Section 94500, five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support the planning and development of new or expanded high-voltage electrical transmission lines that are necessary to meet the state's clean energy goals and have been identified by the Independent System Operator as required to achieve the state's policies identified in Section 454.53 of the Public Utilities Code.

94520. Of the funds made available by Section 94500, five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, for grants to assist in obtaining, or as a match for, federal grants related to regional hubs in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) and federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-169).

94530. Of the funds made available by Section 94500, five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission for zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure.

94540. Of the funds made available by Section 94500, five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission for grants to support the Long-Duration Energy Storage Program.

## CHAPTER 10. FISCAL PROVISIONS

95000. (a) Bonds in the total amount of fifteen billion five hundred million dollars (\$15,500,000,000), not including the amount of any refunding bonds issued in accordance with Section 95012, may be issued and sold for carrying out the purposes expressed in this division and to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the

1 Government Code. The bonds, when sold, issued, and delivered,  
2 shall be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State  
3 of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California  
4 is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of both the principal  
5 of, and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest become  
6 due and payable.

7 (b) The Treasurer shall cause the issuance and sell the bonds  
8 authorized by the committee pursuant to subdivision (a) in the  
9 amount determined by the committee to be necessary or desirable  
10 pursuant to Section 95003. The bonds shall be issued and sold  
11 upon the terms and conditions specified in a resolution to be  
12 adopted by the committee pursuant to Section 16731 of the  
13 Government Code.

14 95001. The bonds authorized by this division shall be prepared,  
15 executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State  
16 General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with  
17 Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government  
18 Code), as amended from time to time, and all of the provisions of  
19 that law, except subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 16727 of the  
20 Government Code, apply to the bonds and to this division and are  
21 hereby incorporated in this division as though set forth in full in  
22 this division.

23 95002. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance  
24 and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law  
25 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division  
26 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), of the bonds authorized by  
27 this division, the Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire  
28 and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation,  
29 Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart  
30 Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy  
31 Bond Finance Committee is hereby created. For purposes of this  
32 division, the Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire and  
33 Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation,  
34 Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart  
35 Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy  
36 Bond Finance Committee is the “committee,” as that term is used  
37 in the State General Obligation Bond Law.

38 (b) The committee consists of the \_\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any  
39 other law, any member may designate a representative to act as

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1 that member in that member's place for all purposes, as though  
2 the member were personally present.

3 (c) The \_\_\_\_ shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

4 (d) A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

5 95003. The committee shall by resolution determine whether  
6 or not it is necessary or desirable to issue and sell bonds authorized  
7 by this division in order to carry out the actions specified in this  
8 division and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold.  
9 Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry  
10 out those actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of  
11 the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

12 95004. For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law  
13 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division  
14 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), "board," as defined in  
15 Section 16722 of the Government Code, means the Secretary of  
16 the Natural Resources Agency.

17 95005. There shall be collected each year and in the same  
18 manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected,  
19 in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount  
20 required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds  
21 becoming due in that year. It is the duty of all officers charged by  
22 law with any duty regarding the collection of the revenue to do  
23 and perform each and every act that is necessary to collect that  
24 additional sum.

25 95006. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government  
26 Code, there is hereby continuously appropriated from the General  
27 Fund in the State Treasury, for the purposes of this division, and  
28 without regard to fiscal years, an amount that will equal the total  
29 of the following:

30 (a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and  
31 interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division, as the  
32 principal and interest become due and payable.

33 (b) The sum that is necessary to carry out Section 95009.

34 95007. The board may request the Pooled Money Investment  
35 Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account  
36 or any other form of interim financing in accordance with Section  
37 16312 of the Government Code, for the purpose of carrying out  
38 this division. The amount of the request shall not exceed the  
39 amount of the unsold bonds that the committee has, by resolution,  
40 authorized to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this division,

1 excluding any refunding bonds authorized pursuant to Section  
2 95012, less any amount loaned and not yet repaid pursuant to this  
3 section and any amount withdrawn from the General Fund pursuant  
4 to Section 95009 and not yet returned to the General Fund. The  
5 board shall execute those documents required by the Pooled Money  
6 Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any amounts  
7 loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated in accordance  
8 with this division.

9 95008. Notwithstanding any other provision of this division,  
10 or of the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4  
11 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title  
12 2 of the Government Code), if the Treasurer sells bonds pursuant  
13 to this chapter that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect  
14 that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for  
15 federal tax purposes under designated conditions or is otherwise  
16 entitled to any federal tax advantage, the Treasurer may maintain  
17 separate accounts for the bond proceeds invested and for the  
18 investment earnings on those proceeds and may use or direct the  
19 use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or  
20 other payment required under federal law or take any other action  
21 with respect to the investment and use of those bond proceeds, as  
22 may be required or desirable under federal law in order to maintain  
23 the tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other  
24 advantage under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

25 95009. For purposes of carrying out this division, the Director  
26 of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General Fund  
27 of an amount or amounts not to exceed the amount of the unsold  
28 bonds that have been authorized by the committee to be sold for  
29 the purpose of carrying out this division, excluding refunding  
30 bonds authorized pursuant to Section 95012, less any amount  
31 loaned pursuant to Section 95007 and not yet repaid and any  
32 amount withdrawn from the General Fund pursuant to this section  
33 and not yet returned to the General Fund. Any amounts withdrawn  
34 shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated in accordance with  
35 this division. Any moneys made available under this section shall  
36 be returned to the General Fund, with interest at the rate earned  
37 by the moneys in the Pooled Money Investment Account, from  
38 proceeds received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of  
39 carrying out this division.

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1 95010. All moneys deposited in the fund that are derived from  
2 premiums and accrued interest on bonds sold pursuant to this  
3 division shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for  
4 transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond  
5 interest, except that amounts derived from premiums may be  
6 reserved and used to pay costs of bond issuance before any transfer  
7 to the General Fund.

8 95011. Pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law  
9 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division  
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the cost of bond issuance  
11 shall be paid or reimbursed out of the bond proceeds, including  
12 premiums, if any. To the extent the cost of bond issuance is not  
13 paid from premiums received from the sale of bonds, these costs  
14 shall be allocated proportionally to each program funded through  
15 this division by the applicable bond sale.

16 95012. The bonds issued and sold pursuant to this division  
17 may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with  
18 Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of  
19 the Government Code, which is a part of the State General  
20 Obligation Bond Law, as amended. Approval by the voters of the  
21 state for the issuance of the bonds under this division shall include  
22 approval of the issuance, sale, or exchange of any bonds issued to  
23 refund any bonds originally issued under this division or any  
24 previously issued refunding bonds. Any bond refunded with the  
25 proceeds of a refunding bond as authorized by this section may be  
26 legally defeased to the extent permitted by law in the manner and  
27 to the extent set forth in the resolution, as amended from time to  
28 time, authorizing that refunded bond.

29 95013. Notwithstanding Section 16727 of the Government  
30 Code, funds provided pursuant to this division may be used for  
31 grants and loans to nonprofit organizations to repay financing  
32 described in Section 22064 of the Financial Code related to projects  
33 that are consistent with the purpose of the respective provisions  
34 of this division.

35 95014. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this  
36 division are not “proceeds of taxes” as that term is used in Article  
37 XIII B of the California Constitution, and the disbursement of  
38 these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that  
39 article.

1 95015. Bonds issued under this division shall, whenever  
2 practical, be aligned with generally recognized principles and best  
3 practice guidelines for financing drought, flood, and water  
4 resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme  
5 heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions,  
6 climate smart agriculture, park creation and outdoor access, and  
7 clean energy projects.

8 SEC. 3. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon the approval  
9 by the voters of the Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience, Wildfire  
10 and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation,  
11 Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart  
12 Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy  
13 Bond Act of 2024, as set forth in Section 2 of this act.

14 SEC. 4. (a) Section 2 of this act shall be submitted by the  
15 Secretary of State to the voters at the \_\_\_\_\_, statewide \_\_\_\_\_ election.

16 (b) The Secretary of State shall include in the ballot pamphlets  
17 mailed pursuant to Section 9094 of the Elections Code the  
18 information specified in Section 9084 of the Elections Code  
19 regarding Section 2 of this act.

20 SEC. 5. The provisions of this act are severable. If any  
21 provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity  
22 shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given  
23 effect without the invalid provision or application.

24 SEC. 6. *This act shall become operative only if Senate Bill 638*  
25 *of the 2023–24 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect on or*  
26 *before January 1, 2024.*