



Report on Activities from Sacramento

Communications and Legislation Committee

Item #6b

September 13, 2021

AB/SB 170: Budget Bill Junior



- Amends 2021 Budget Act, AB 128 (Ting) Chapter 21 Statutes of 2021
- Additional funding for water and drought, climate resilience, wildfire prevention and forest health, parks, sustainable agriculture, circular economy, and education

AB/SB 170: Budget Bill Junior

Key Elements	Funding	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Water and Drought Resilience	\$855 M Additional \$4.649 B Total	\$3.269 B	\$880 M	\$500 M
Climate Resilience	\$369.2 M Additional \$3.69 B Total	\$369.2 M	\$2.09 B	\$1.23 B

Water & Drought Resilience

Key Elements	Funding Amounts
Department of Water Resources	
Small community drought relief	\$200 M
Urban community drought relief	\$100 M
Multi-benefit projects	\$200 M
Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation	\$180 M
Subsidence repairs to conveyance	\$100 M
Watershed climate studies	\$25 M
Aqueduct solar panel pilot project	\$20 M
Salton Sea Restoration	\$40 M
Urban Stream Restoration	\$10 M

Water & Drought Resilience

- Eligibility criteria for \$500 M in drought relief funding (Small Community Drought Relief, Urban Community Drought Relief and Multi-benefit Projects) resolved.
- These funds are available for projects or activities in all counties regardless of whether the county falls under an active state-proclaimed drought state of emergency (Provision 7, Sec. 80, AB 170)

Water & Drought Resilience

Key Elements	Funding Amounts
State Water Resources Control Board	
Drinking water projects priority for disadvantaged communities	\$650 M
Wastewater projects priority for septic-to-sewer conversion	\$650 M
Groundwater clean up and water recycling projects*	\$200 M
PFAS financial assistance for drinking water systems	\$30 M

* \$50M dedicated for San Diego Pure Water Project

Water & Drought Resilience

Key Elements	Funding Amounts
California Natural Resources Agency	
Water resilience projects for native fish and wildlife	\$165 M
Remote sensing	\$25 M
Wildlife Conservation Board	
Streamflow Program to provide water for environment	\$100 M

Climate Resilience

Key Elements	Funding Amounts
Department of Fish and Wildlife	
Multi-benefit projects to address climate change impacts on wildlife	\$15 M
Wildlife Conservation Board	
Multi-benefit projects to protect fish and wildlife	\$31 M

AB/SB 155: Public Resources Trailer Bill

- Additional funding for Natural Resources Agency for multi-benefit and nature-based solutions
 - \$593 M in 2022-23 and \$175 M in 2023-24 upon appropriation
- CEQA Exemption for habitat restoration projects until January 1, 2025
- Extends water shutoff moratorium to December 31, 2021
- \$200 M continuously appropriated from Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund annually for healthy forests and fire prevention programs until 2028-29

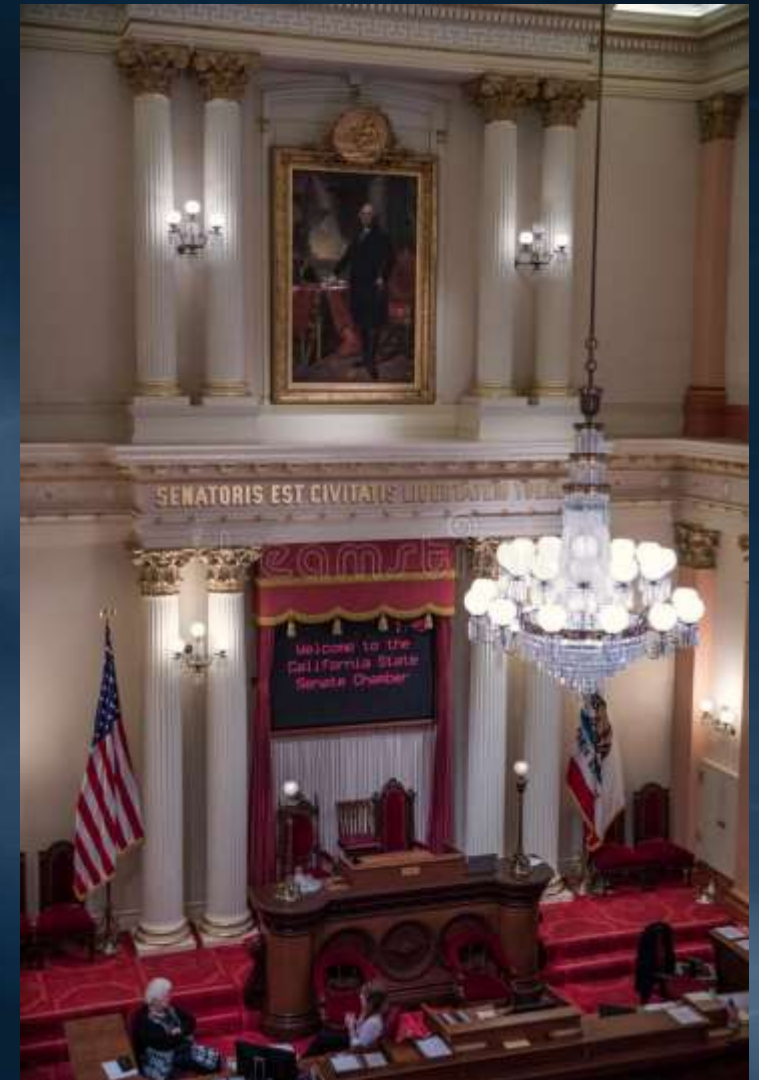
Key Legislation

● State Matrix

- AB 442 (Mayes, I-Rancho Mirage) - SMARA
- SB 559 (Hurtado, D-Fresno) – Canal Repairs
- SB 626 (Dodd, D-Napa) – DWR Procurement
- AB 361 (Rivas, D-Hollister) – The Brown Act

● Monitor

- SB 222 (Dodd, D-Napa) – Low-income Water Rate Assistance Program
- SB 480 (Stern, D-Los Angeles) – Metropolitan Water District of Southern California



Special Elections

- Mia Bonta won Special General Election for Assembly District 18 (Alameda)
- Governor Recall Election – September 14

