



Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014

Communications and Legislation Committee

Item 7c

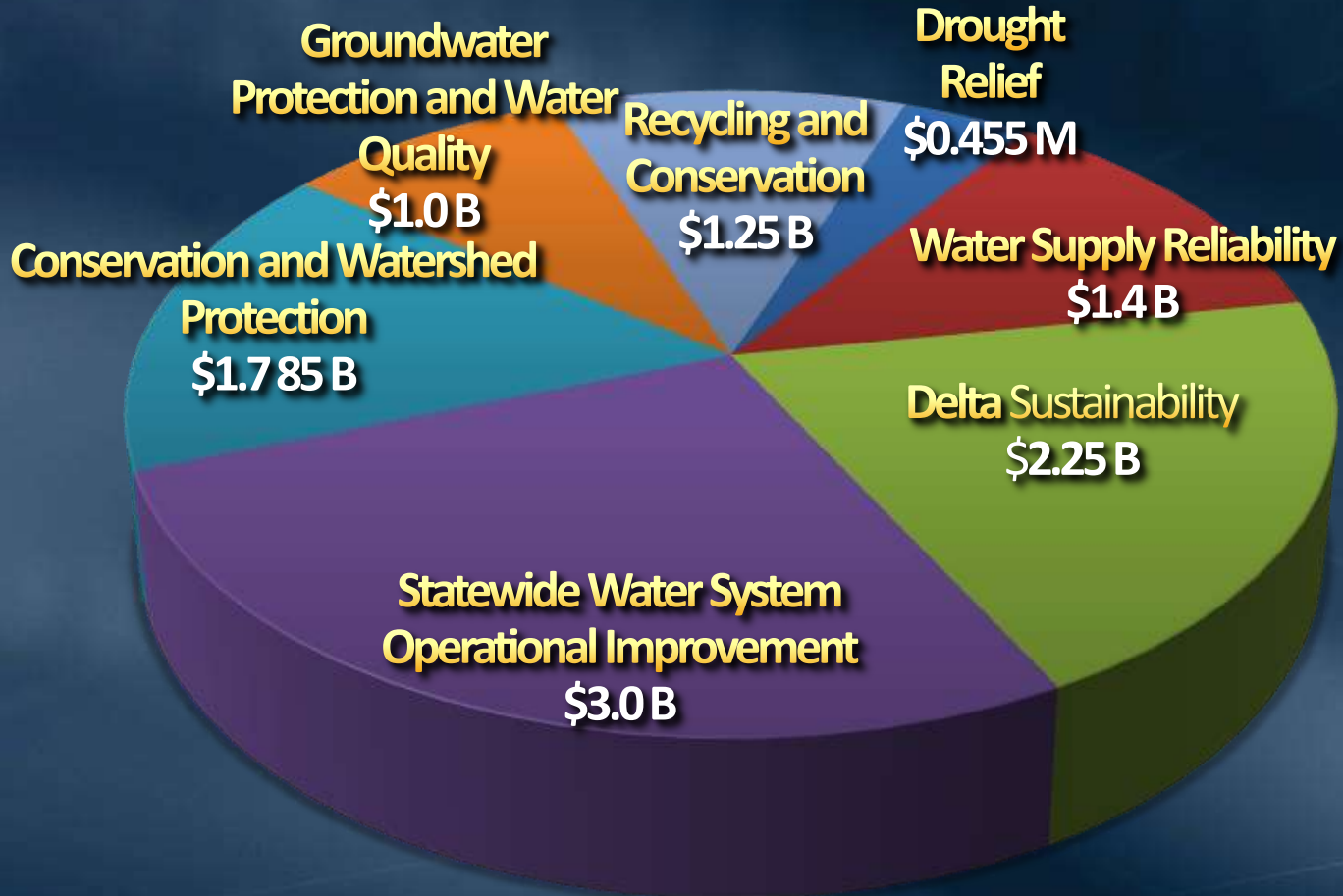
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Background

- \$11.14 billion general obligation bond authorized as part of 2009 comprehensive Delta Reform Act for placement on 2010 ballot
- Rescheduled to 2012 election by Legislature due to general economic conditions
- Moved to 2014 by Legislature due to competing measures and continued concerns with state economy

2014 Water Bond

\$ 11.14 Billion



2013/14 Legislative Session

- Concerns raised with overall size of bond
 - Public statements by Governor Brown, Senate President pro Tempore Steinberg and Assembly Speaker, among others
- Four new bill introductions
 - SB 36 (Rubio, D-East Bakersfield)
 - SB 40 (Pavley, D-Agoura Hills)
 - SB 42 (Wolk, D-Davis)
 - AB 142 (Perea, D-Fresno)

Recommended Water Bond Priorities

- Top Priority:

- Fund state share of public benefits to support co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta restoration including:
 - Habitat restoration beyond mitigation obligations of any party or interest
 - Improvements must be consistent with BDCP
 - No match required

Recommended Water Bond Priorities

● Delta Sustainability

- Fund public benefits associated with Delta sustainability projects including:
 - Flood protection
 - Water quality improvements
 - Other “stressors” (e.g. invasive species, predator control, unscreened diversions)
 - Require 1:1 match

Recommended Water Bond Priorities

- Water Supply Reliability
 - Multi-benefit projects to reduce reliance on imported supplies:
 - Projects that requires public incentives to be locally cost-effective
 - Project eligibility in urban areas: conservation, recycling, groundwater remediation, storm water and desalination
 - Require 2:1 match
 - Project eligibility in agricultural areas: on-farm efficiency and system improvements
 - Require 1:1 match
 - Special consideration for disadvantaged communities

Recommended Water Bond Priorities

- Statewide system improvements
 - Funds public benefits associated with surface and groundwater storage and conveyance
 - Projects must meet public benefit criteria
 - Funds awarded on competitive basis
 - Require 1:1 match

Next Steps

- February: C&L committee update
- March: Bond priorities and principles - Action Item



Questions?