



Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014

Communications and Legislation Committee

Item 8-1

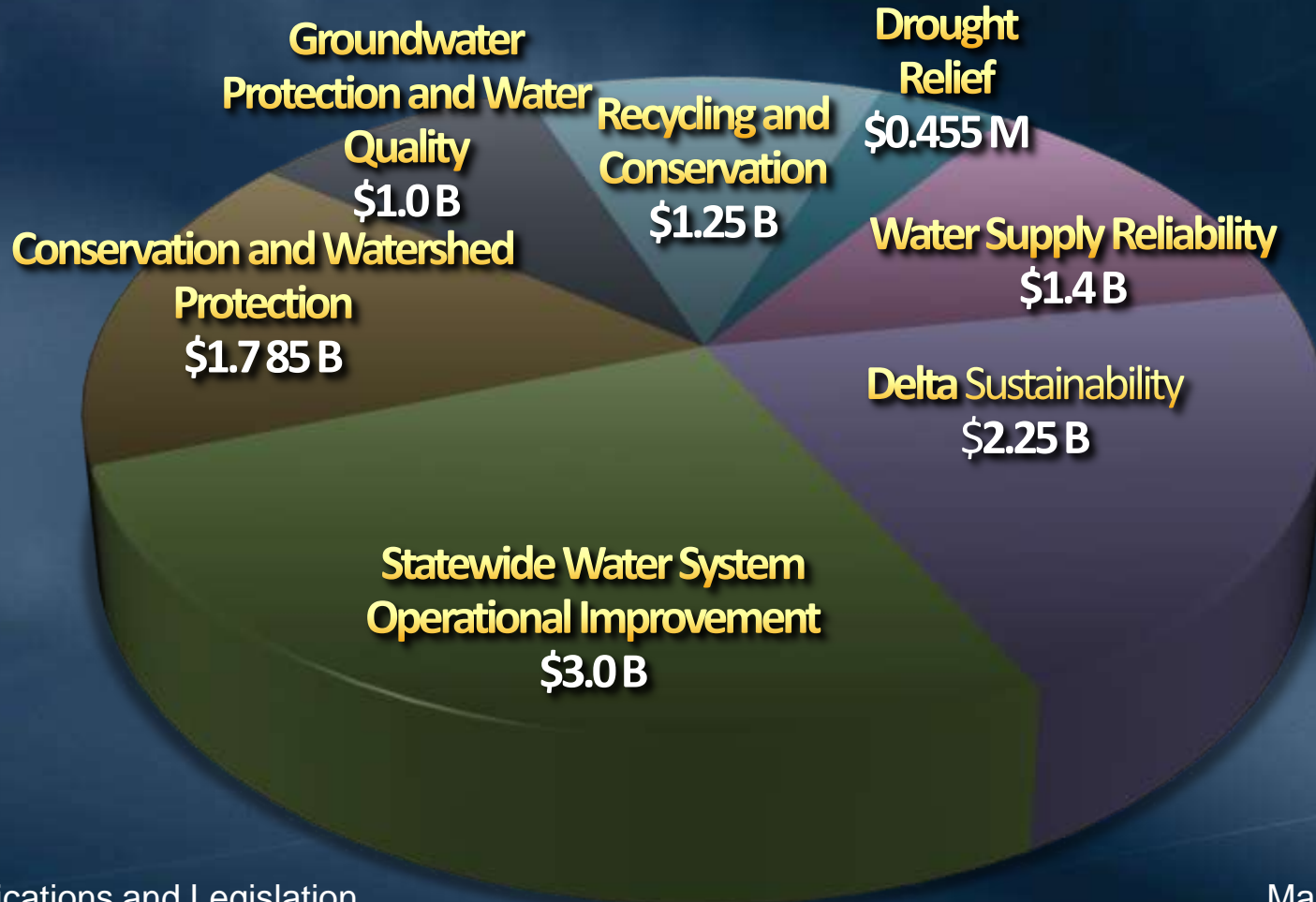
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Background

- \$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 Pérez, 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;
 - Projects must be consistent with BDCP; and
 - No local matching funds 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); and
 - Require local matching funds as appropriate.

Recommended Water Bond Priorities

● Water Supply Reliability

- Fund multi-benefit projects to reduce future reliance on imported supplies:
 - Projects that require public incentives to be locally cost-effective;
 - Require local matching funds as appropriate;
 - Eligible projects in urban areas would include: conservation, recycling, groundwater remediation, storm water and desalination ;
 - Eligible projects in agricultural areas would include on-farm efficiency and system improvements;

Recommended Water Bond Priorities

- Water Supply Reliability (cont'd)
 - Provide special consideration for disadvantaged communities; and
 - Provide start-up funds for low-interest revolving loan program as proposed in AB 1349 (Gatto, D-Silver Lake).

Recommended Water Bond Priorities

- Statewide system improvements
 - Fund public benefits associated with surface and groundwater storage;
 - Eligible projects must meet public benefit criteria as required under 2009 bond measure;
 - Funds awarded on competitive basis; and
 - Require local matching funds as appropriate.

Board Options

● Option 1

- Adopt CEQA determination
- Adopt Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities as recommended

● Option 2

- Adopt CEQA determination
- Take no position on 2014 water bond priorities

Staff Recommendation

- Option 1



Questions?