



Emergency Drought Relief Package

AB 91 and AB 92

Communications and Legislation Committee

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General Overview

- AB 91: Amends 2014/15 Budget Act to authorize expenditure of \$1.059 billion to address state's urgent drought needs
- AB 92: Contains statutory changes necessary to implement AB 91

Provisions in AB 91

- Acceleration of \$267m from Prop. 1 for local project funding:
 - \$131.7m to SWRCB to existing water recycling grant program
 - \$135.5m to SWRCB to improve access to clean drinking water
 - \$69 million to disadvantaged communities
 - \$66 million for small community wastewater treatment

Provisions in AB 91

- Acceleration of \$132m from General Fund/Special Funds from Governor's January budget:
 - To advance CA Water Action Plan including, but not limited to:
 - \$14.6m to DFW for protection of fish and wildlife
 - \$11.6m to DWR for surface/groundwater assessments, to expedite water transfers, technical assistance and public outreach
 - \$22.6m to SWRCB for enforcement and grants for emergency drinking water projects

Provisions in AB 91

Continued

- Acceleration of \$132m (continued):
 - \$30m to DWR and CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture for urban/agricultural water use efficiency
 - \$1m to DWR for public outreach
 - \$4m to Div. of Boating and Waterways for management/control of invasive aquatic plants in Delta
 - \$4 million to SWRCB and DFW to enhance instream flows to support critical habitat for anadromous fish
 - \$200,000 to CA Dept. of Food and Agriculture for economic analysis of drought impacts on agriculture

Provisions in AB 91

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- Appropriation of additional \$31m from General Fund/Special Funds:
 - \$2.8m to DFW/DWR to maximize water delivery to endangered species and habitat, native fish, water delivery systems and Delta monitoring
 - \$4m to SWRCB for emergency drinking water to impacted communities
 - \$5m to DWR for emergency drinking water for small communities

Provisions in AB 91

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- Appropriation of additional \$31m from General Fund/Special Funds (cont'd):
 - \$1.4m to DWR to increase advertising and public outreach
 - \$17m to Dept. of Social Services to expand food assistance
 - \$1m to CAL FIRE for remote area infrastructure

Provisions in AB 91

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- Authorized funds for removal of emergency rock barriers
- Accelerate \$660m from Prop. 1E to DWR for flood protection activities
- Approval of state Bargaining Unit 19 MOU

Provisions in AB 92

- Extends authority to DFW to:
 - Notify diverters impacting salmon or steelhead to screen within 30 days or by mutually agreeable timeframe
 - Assess civil and administrative penalties for obstructions to fish passage
 - Initiate complaints to SWRCB for violations or trespass associated with unauthorized diversions or use of water that harms fish and wildlife

Provisions in AB 92

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- Codifies SWRCB Office of Sustainable Water Solutions
- Expands use of SWRCB's Cleanup and Abatement Account
- Transfers \$10m from Prop. 1 to CalConserve Revolving Fund for water use efficiency pilot programs

Provisions in AB 92

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- Suspends state contracting requirements for actions tied to Governor's drought declaration
- Waives local government eligibility restrictions for emergency funding and financial assistance

Drought Relief Package

- AB 91
 - Passed Senate 36-1 on March 25
 - Passed Assembly 74-0 on March 26
- AB 92
 - Passed Senate 25-14 on March 25
 - Passed Assembly 50-27 on March 26
- Signed by Governor on March 27

