



Express support and seek amendments
to SB 45 (Allen, D-Santa Monica):
Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection
Bond Act of 2020

Communications and Legislation Committee

Item 8-4

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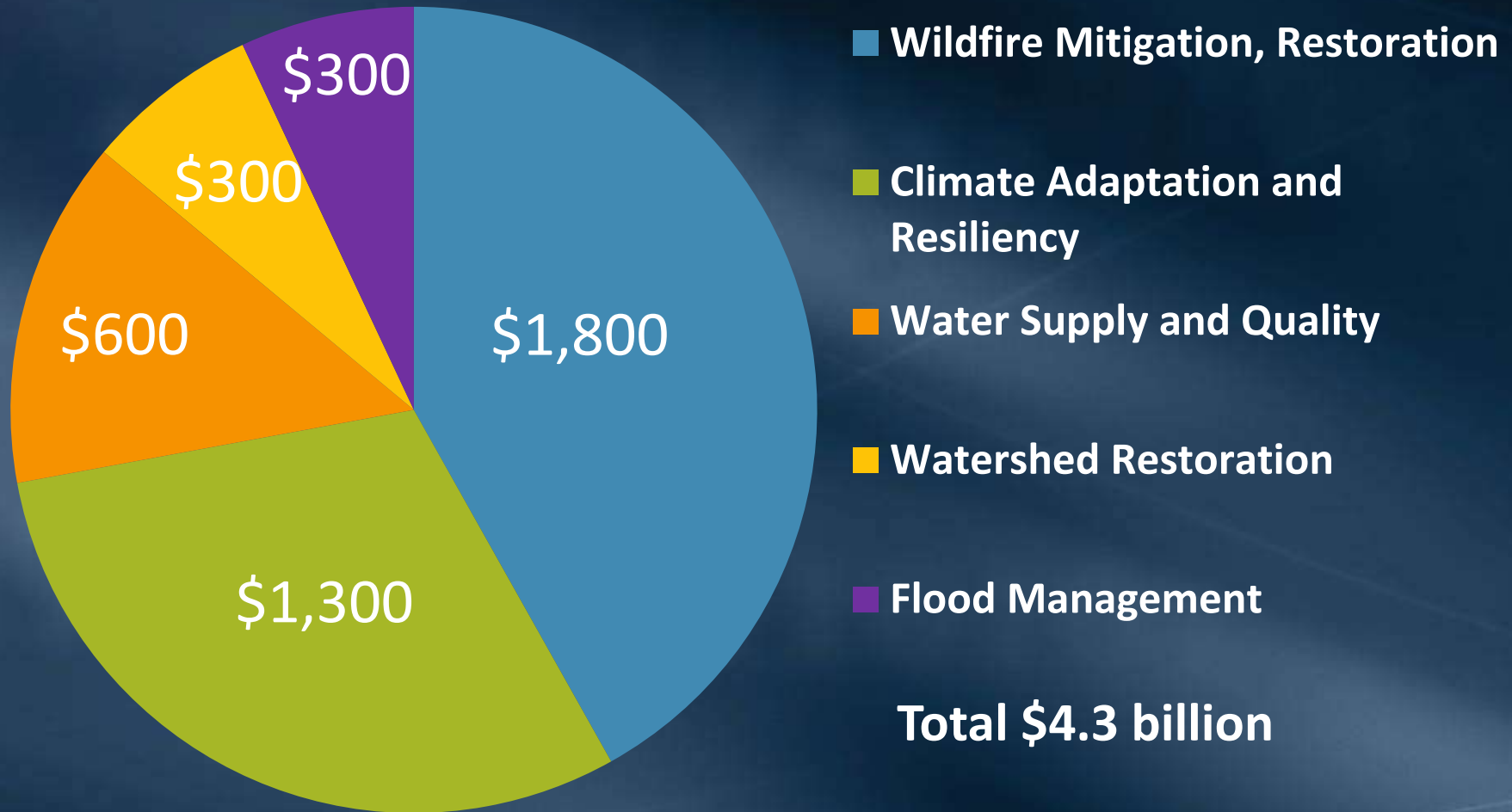
SB 45 Background

- Prop 68: The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (\$4.1 billion bond law)
- SB 45 would place the Wildfire, Drought and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 on the ballot
- Support position is consistent with 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles

SB 45 Overview

- Responds to impacts from the severe wildfires, drought, flooding and mudslides in California
- Authorizes issuance of \$4.3 billion in general obligation bonds
- Finances restoration, protection, management of wildfire, drought, and flood-related projects

Funding Summary (\$ millions)



Benefits to MWD Service Area

- Support for protection of watersheds, wet meadows, floodplains, and wetlands
 - Assist project restoration in the Delta and Sacramento watersheds
- Multi-benefit flood protection projects
 - Restore fish habitat
 - Provide flood control management
 - Enhance recreation activities

Benefits to MWD Service Area

- Source water conservation and restoration activities in watersheds integral to water infrastructure
- Funding to implement projects pursuant to the Salton Sea Management Program
- Local water supply development to reduce reliance on imported water supplies
 - Stormwater capture and water use efficiency

Benefits to MWD Service Area

- Funding for extension of service/consolidation and new drinking water treatment systems
 - Address non-compliant systems in disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Funding to improve water quality
 - Assess Quagga mussels in source water
 - Research constituents of emerging concern

Recommended Amendments

- Chapter 6 - Protecting Water Supply and Water Quality (\$600 million)
 - Ensure adequate funding for safe drinking water projects benefiting DACs
 - Provide additional funding for recycled water projects that would benefit proposed Regional Recycled Water Program and related projects

Recommended Amendments

- Chapter 9 - Protecting Fish and Wildlife from Climate Impacts (\$300 million)
 - Ensure adequate funding for Voluntary Agreements to improve habitat and flow in Delta and Sacramento and San Joaquin tributaries

Support/Oppose

- Supporters (partial list):
 - Allstate Insurance Company
 - Audubon California
 - California Council of Land Trusts
 - California State Parks Foundation
 - California Waterfowl Association
 - Friends of Los Angeles River
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Pacific Forest Trust
 - Sierra Business Council
 - The Trust for Public Land
- Opposition: None

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Authorize General Manager to express Metropolitan's support for SB 45 seeking the amendment as described
- Option #2
 - Take no position on SB 45

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

