



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

KEY BUDGET REQUESTS

Meeting the Needs of California's Communities



Paying Off State Mandate Debt Owed to Local Governments

\$870 million

The State of California owes local agencies millions of dollars for mandate reimbursements required under the Constitution. Reimbursement would fund compliance with the Brown Act and other important laws and ensure these statutes remain enforceable. This expenditure would relieve the State of its Constitutionally obligated debt and, as a subvention to local government, alleviate Gann Limit pressure.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HEALTH, AND SAFETY



Atmospheric Rivers Research Program

\$10 million

Support study and implementation of forecast-informed reservoir operations (FIRO) at three pilot project sites. The State's investment in this drought resilience tool is critical to ensure FIRO expansion, strengthen California's drought resilience, and secure continued federal funding across multiple agencies.

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Zinfandel First Responder Training Facility

\$44 million

Fund the Phase 3 buildout of a state-of-the-art regional first responder training facility located in Rancho Cordova, California that would serve fire/EMS agencies across northern California, as well as other partners in public safety, emergency management, and disaster response and recovery.

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Best Management Practices in Mosquito Abatement

\$3 million one-time and \$500,000 ongoing

Investment in best management practices on wetlands managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). This will support CDFW partnership with mosquito abatement districts to address issues related to added summer wetland acres and increase the use of non-chemical controls.

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Broadband and Health Impacts

\$2 million

One-time appropriation for Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP) to comprehensively gather and report back to the Legislature data on the impacts of expanded broadband access on health outcomes.

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Dam Safety and Reservoir Operations

\$850 million

California Department of Water Resources funding for competitive grants for dam safety projects at high hazard dams, reservoir seismic retrofit projects, and new spillways and repairs at existing dams to facilitate implementation of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations.

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NATURAL RESOURCES, UTILITIES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



Extension of California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program

\$400 million

Extend the date for eligible arrearages to December 31, 2021 using remaining funding from 2021-22 budget allocation to help customers who have remaining water and wastewater utility debt.

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Reliable Workforce in the Water, Wastewater, and Energy Sectors

\$200 million

There are substantial workforce needs in the utility sectors. In addition to the important workforce development efforts in forest management and climate adaptation, funding is needed to complement recent investments for water, wastewater, and energy jobs in the High Road Partnership Program.

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Transition to Carbon-Free Energy

\$2 billion

Expediently fund clean energy generation, storage, or technologies that otherwise aid in the reliable delivery of renewable or clean energy including renewable generation, vehicle and building electrification projects, energy efficiency and storage, and IT infrastructure upgrades needed to support clean energy.

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Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program

\$10 million

Allow the California Department of Conservation to provide two years' worth of financial assistance to help grow the capacity of resource conservation districts (RCDs). Funding will enable RCDs to expand work on fire prevention, sea-level rise, flood protection, water quality and supply, and more.

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Water Sustainability

\$1.6 billion

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• **Recycling and Desalination**

\$300 million to the State Water Resources Control Board for competitive grants for water recycling and reuse projects and **\$150 million** to the California Department of Water Resources for competitive grants for brackish and sea water desalination projects.

• **Conveyance**

\$300 million to DWR for Central Valley conveyance projects impacted by subsidence and **\$200 million** to DWR for competitive grants to support local and regional water conveyance projects.

• **Groundwater**

\$220 million to the State Water Resources Control Board for competitive grants to local agencies for water quality monitoring and remediation, including for contaminants of emerging concern such as PFAS. Additionally, **\$250 million** to DWR for competitive grants for projects that support groundwater banking, conjunctive use, recharge, or other groundwater projects that improve water resilience.

• **Small Water Suppliers Drought Relief and Urban Water Management Grants**

\$145 million for local emergency drought assistance to local water agencies facing loss of supplies.