



**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**

**Amount TBD (Approximately \$830 million as of the end of 2022)**

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.

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### **Increased Mosquito Abatement Measures to Combat Spread of Non-Native Species**

**\$5 million ongoing**

The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has seen tremendous growth in the spread of non-native mosquitoes. This budget request supports increased mosquito control district activities associated with preventing the local transmission of mosquito-borne diseases such as: dengue, Zika, and chikungunya.

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### **Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program**

**\$10 million**

This budget request will 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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### **Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program (AR Program), California Department of Water Resources**

**\$10 million**

\$10 million identified in the Governor's Proposed 2023-24 Budget will be used to continue advancing operational AR forecast tool integration with DWR water supply management, align AR Program results and products with forecast-informed reservoir operations (FIRO) to increase water management flexibility and continue innovations that improve AR, precipitation, and snow level prediction capabilities.

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### **Protect Existing Funding for Organic Waste Recycling**

**Approximately \$345,000,000**

CSDA and coalition partners recently submitted a letter in support of Governor Newsom's January budget proposal to protect the \$345 million from FY 21-22 and FY 22-23 for SB 1383 Implementation Grants and the Organic Waste Infrastructure Program. This funding is critical to support local governments to comply with SB 1383's organic waste recycling requirements and to spur much-needed organic waste recycling infrastructure development.

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### **Deny California Air Resources Board Budget Change Proposal (BCP)**

CSDA and coalition partners submitted a letter asking the legislature's budget committees to deny the California Air Resources Board (CARB) budget change proposal (BCP) (3900-010-BCP-2023-GB) to support its Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulations. CARB's current draft of the ACF regulations will create significant administrative burdens for local government fleet operators. The current BCP is based on a burdensome system that requires local government agencies to submit exemption requests to CARB because the vehicle technology is not available in the quantities required, at feasible prices or even available at all for public fleets to meet the proposed implementation timelines. The letter asks the legislature to deny CARB's ACF BCP request and instead require the department to develop a less administratively onerous exemption request process than what is being contemplated in the CARB BCP.

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## **FEDERAL BUDGET REQUESTS**



### **Precipitation Forecasting for Water Management**

**\$15 million**

For the U.S. Weather Research Program under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research appropriations account to support a pilot project in the Western U.S. to improve subseasonal to seasonal (S2S) precipitation forecasting to improve water management.

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