Proposition 68

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018

Voters approved July 5, 2018. Authorizes $4 billion in General Obligation bonds for California’s parks, water and flood control infrastructure, ocean and coastal protections, safe drinking water, groundwater management, and climate preparedness and resiliency.
Key Points for Prop 68 Investments

- Protects and enhances natural resources
- Helps meet a growing demand for local and regional parks
- Improves flood protection
- Ensures safe drinking water and groundwater protection
- Improves climate resiliency to safeguard resources
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- Local and regional parks, with focus on underserved and disadvantaged communities
- State Parks, including low-cost visitor accommodations along the coast, funding for deferred maintenance at existing parks, and natural resource values.
- Per-capita grants to local jurisdictions
- Facility Improvements to county fairs and district agricultural associations
- Trails and greenway investments
Climate Adaptation and Ecosystem Restoration
$1.55 Billion

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<td>Improvements along rivers and streams, including the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Lower American, Guadalupe, Russian, Santa Margarita rivers, and Clear Lake, as well as funding for statewide river parkways and statewide urban creeks</td>
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### Water Investments

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Proposition 68 on the bond accountability website.

Includes:

- Program Info
- Project Search
- Appropriation Tracking
- Etc.

bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov/p68
Departments and Boards Administering Programs and Projects
Proposition 68
Program Funding, Set-Asides, & Targets
For each bond allocation, specific set-asides are allowed:

- statewide bond costs | 2.5 percent
- program delivery/support | not more than 5 percent
- planning and monitoring | up to 10 percent, unless...
- technical assistance | up to 10 percent available to each chapter
- community access | up to 5 percent available to each chapter

Example: $20 million in bond for Multi-benefit Green Infrastructure
- Less statewide ($500,000)
- Less program delivery ($1,000,000)

$18.5 million available for projects, of which a % can be used for technical assistance, planning & monitoring, & community access
Serving Disadvantaged Communities

80008 (a)(1). At least 20 percent of the funds available pursuant to each chapter shall be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities.

80008 (a)(2). At least 15 percent of the funds available pursuant to Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 shall be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities.

Chapter 9: Ocean, Bay, and Coastal Protection
Chapter 10: Climate Preparedness, Habitat Resiliency, Resource Enhancement, and Innovation
80008(b)(1). ... “up to 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to each chapter of this division may be allocated for technical assistance to disadvantaged communities. The agency administering the moneys shall operate a multidisciplinary technical assistance program.”

**Some technical assistance examples:**
- outreach & capacity-building
- program set-asides
- additional points in a competitive process
- fiscal partners
- advance payments* (up to 25% allowed in Proposition 68, with protocols in place)
Community Access

80002. “Community access” means engagement programs, technical assistance, or facilities that maximize safe and equitable physical admittance, especially for low-income communities, to natural or cultural resources, community education, or recreational amenities.”

80008 (c )(1). Up to 5 percent of funds available to each chapter of this division shall to the extend permissible under the State General Obligation Bond Law ... and with the concurrence of the Director of Finance, be allocated for community access projects that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Transportation.
- Physical activity programming.
- Resource interpretation.
- Multilingual translation.
- Natural science.
- Workforce development and career paths
- Education
- Communication related to water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and other outdoor pursuits.
Climate and Program Development
Programs, where relevant, will ask applicants to describe climate resilience benefits and/or adaptation impacts:

• How climate impacts may negatively affect the benefits provided by the project
• How the project may provide resilience benefits or help certain systems adapt to climate change, and, if those benefits exist, what recommendations from the Safeguarding California Plan (2018 Update) they help implement.
Example – Relevant Recommendations from *Safeguarding California*

**Land Use and Community Development**
- Recommendation L-6: Provide financial assistance support to promote investment in climate adaptation through land use and community development.

**Forests**
- Recommendation F-2: Increase reforestation efforts on wildfire and pest-impacted areas and protect forested lands from conversion to non-forest uses.

**Oceans**
- Recommendation O-2: Design and implement nature-based projects to protect and enhance the adaptive capacity of coastal and marine ecosystems, including beaches and wetlands.

**Agriculture**
- Recommendation A-2: Build soil organic matter on farms and ranches to achieve multiple benefits.

**Biodiversity and Habitat**
- Recommendation B-2: Enhance habitat connectivity and protect climate refugia through strategic acquisition and protection activities.

**Water**
- Recommendation W-10: Protect and restore water resources for important ecosystems.
“To the extent practicable, administering entities should measure or require measurement of greenhouse gas emission reductions and carbon sequestrations associated with projects that receive moneys pursuant to this division.”

- Administering agencies will be collecting data projects that can be useful to modeling and/or quantifying GHG benefits.
- Information will help to track progress on meeting statewide goals.
Restoration projects shall include the planning, monitoring, and reporting necessary to ensure successful implementation of project objectives.

- Prop 68 puts greater focus on long-term monitoring of projects.
- Establishing unit within CNRA to work with departments on protocols and strategy, given the lack of long-term staffing resources for such work.
• Guideline development -- Competitive programs prepare draft guidelines for public review and hold at least 3 public hearings throughout the state prior to final approval.

• Technical assistance and solicitation workshops are provided for competitive programs

• Funding Opportunities – updated every 6 months. Available on the California Natural Resources Agency website, under “Quick Links” @ resources.ca.gov
Questions & Wrap-Up

Thank you!