



American Rescue Plan Act Update

Board of Directors Meeting
June 15, 2021



American Rescue Plan Act Funding

- Enacted in March 2021, the \$1.9T American Rescue Plan Act provides:
- \$350B to state and local governments.
- State of CA to receive \$26B with \$7.3B set aside “to address deferred maintenance on water infrastructure, and water and sewer infrastructure for housing. .”
- County of Marin expecting to receive \$50M under ARPA funding, while cities and towns are estimated to get an additional \$36M.

Special District Eligibility for ARPA

- California's special districts have received no direct access to COVID-19 relief funding programs unlike other government entities: the state, schools, cities and counties.
- Without eligibility, special districts must partner with cities or counties to obtain relief or infrastructure funding.
- Special Districts are currently advocating for funding appropriations from ARPA via the CA State 2021-22 Budget Act.

Federal Appropriations for Ratepayer Assistance

- On January 5, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury launched the \$25 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The ERAP assists households that are unable to pay rent and **utilities** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- County of Marin received \$16M in Feb/March for ERAP funding. They have applied for an additional \$9M rental assistance through ARPA
- District staff are working with the County to assist ratepayers eligible for ERAP funding.
- It may be possible to use this model for ARPA funding to support drought investments