



Grant and Legislative Update

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Overview

- Drought-Related State and Federal Funding Opportunities
- Status of District Drought Funding Applications
- COVID Relief Funding
- Legislative Updates

State Options for Funding

Department of Water Resources Multibenefit Drought Program

- \$140 million available
- Program priority is funding emergency interties
- Final solicitation and District application are pending

Federal WaterSMART Grants

Three 2021 funding opportunities

- Water Energy and Efficiency Grants (WEEG)
- Drought Resiliency Projects (DRP)
- Environmental Water Resources Projects (EWRP)

Drought Funding Opportunities

Agency/Program	Funding Vehicle	Amount	District Target	Action
US Bureau of Reclamation/WATERSMART Drought Program	S. 914 Federal Water Infrastructure Act	\$2M	Emergency Intertie; Pine Mountain Tunnel	Applied 10/4/21
Department of Water Resources (DWR)/ Multi-benefit Projects	Senate Bill 129 (General Fund)	\$140M	Emergency Intertie	Application in process
US Bureau of Reclamation/WATERSMART WEEG	S. 914 Federal Water Infrastructure Act	\$1M (\$2M total)	Water Conservation Programs	Applying through Sonoma/Marin Saving Water Partnership
USBR/WATERSMART Environmental Water Resource Projects	S. 914 Federal Water Infrastructure Act	Up to \$2M	Water management projects with environmental benefits	Applications due early December

COVID Relief Funding

- Independent Special Districts—\$100 Million
 - Available to all independent special districts in CA
 - Applicants must choose between relief programs
- State Water Board’s “California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Program”--\$1 Billion
 - District application in process; ~\$2M to ~\$3M
 - Funding only for arrearages accrued 3/4/20 to 6/15/21

Legislative Update

SB 323—(Caballero; S.D. 12): Water/Sewer Service

- ACWA-sponsored bill.
- Creates a statute of limitations for water/sewer rates.
- Supported by Board; chaptered 09/21.

SB 332—(Dodd, S.D. 3): Prescribed Burning

- Adds protections for prescribed burn operations
- Limits liability of public agencies
- Signed by Gov. Newsom on October 6th.

Summary

- Requesting Board resolution on \$2M WaterSMART application
- New applications for intertie funding and water conservation
- Continuing to track key legislation and funding opportunities
- Waiting to hear back regarding CDFW Choo Recovery Program Grant proposal for Lagunitas Creek Restoration Planning