

## NEWSOM'S \$5.1 BILLION PLAN FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, DROUGHT RESPONSE AND IMPROVED CLIMATE RESILIENCE

It's time to build the infrastructure for the next century. With climate change, the hots are getting hotter and the dries are getting drier. Drought is a recurring theme in California and wreaks havoc on California's communities. That's why Governor Newsom is proposing a **\$5.1 billion** investment over 4 years for drought infrastructure, preparedness and response to ensure a more climate resilient system. In addition to the \$5.1 billion, the plan includes **\$1 billion** to help Californians pay their overdue water bills. Under Governor Newsom's \$100 billion California Comeback Plan, California will come roaring back from this pandemic.

### **KEY ACTIONS FOR DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE:**

# • INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER SUPPLY AND RELIABILITY, AND FLOOD RESILIENCE

- **\$1.3 Billion for Drinking Water/Wastewater Infrastructure** especially for small and disadvantaged communities.
- **\$150 Million for Groundwater Cleanup and water recycling** to improve climate resilience.
- **\$300 Million for SGMA Implementation** to improve water supply security, water quality, and water reliability.
- \$200 Million for Water Conveyance to address subsidence and rising cost of moving water through the Friant-Kern Canal, the Delta-Mendota Canal, the California Aqueduct, and the San Luis Canal.

- **\$220 Million for Salton Sea** to maximize habitat outcomes and provide immediate economic relief to the community.
- **\$140 Million for Flood** to reduce flood risk for 1.1 million people and over \$100 billion of assets.
- \$200 Million for Oroville Pump Storage to increase clean electricity generation to improve grid reliability.
- \$60 Million for State Water Efficiency and Enhancement (SWEEP) in grants to help farmers reduce irrigation water use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture pumping.

#### IMMEDIATE DROUGHT SUPPORT

- **\$91 Million for Critical Data Collection** to improve forecasting.
- \$27 Million for emergency and permanent solutions to drinking water drought emergencies.
- \$500 Million for Multi-benefit Land Repurposing to support growers.
- \$300 Million for Drought Relief and Urban Water Management Grants for approximately 2,400 small community water systems that serve schools and all of California's 58 counties as they plan for drought and potential water shortages.
- **\$33 Million for fisheries and wildlife** to protect and conserve California's diverse ecosystems.

### • NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

- \$266 Million for Water Resilience Projects to improve ecosystem health for native fish in the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and their tributaries.
- \$230 Million for ecosystems to improve passage for wildlife or fish.
- \$200 Million for Habitat Restoration and multi-benefit projects including tidal wetland, floodplain, and flood-risk reduction projects to restore fish and wildlife habitat.