



## PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

*"Paradise Irrigation District (PID) is dedicated to the business of producing and delivering a safe, dependable supply of quality water in an efficient, cost effective manner with service that meets or exceeds the expectation of our customers."*

*Please consider how this agenda item relates to our mission.*

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Kevin Phillips, Interim District Manager**

**DATE: 3/15/2018**

**RE: 2018 Water Bond Measures  
03/21/2018 Board of Directors Meeting**

Two water bond measures will go before voters in 2018. The first measure titled, "California Drought, Water, Parks, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018," was qualified for the June 2018 ballot as Proposition 68 with the enactment of SB 5 (de León). The full text of Senate Bill No. 5 may be viewed by clicking on the following link, or you may contact the office to request a printed copy. [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB5](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB5)

The second measure titled, "State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018 will likely appear on the November 2018 ballot.

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has announced support of the 2018 water bond measures. The attached publication is presented by ACWA to provide general information about how Proposition 68 and the proposed November water bond would affect ACWA member agencies. Should the PID Board wish to support the 2018 water bond measures, a resolution is provided for consideration.

The recommended form of motion is:

"I move to adopt Resolution No. 2018-02 in support of the 2018 Water Bonds: Proposition 68 and the State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018."



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### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02**

#### **RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE 2018 WATER BONDS:**

#### **Proposition 68 and the State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018**

WHEREAS, California faces a new climate reality and a growing list of challenges associated with aging infrastructure, natural disasters, climate change, population growth and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the water community agrees that funding is needed to improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health in California; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed SB 5 (de León) which will be on the June 2018 ballot as Proposition 68 and which would set forth The California Drought, Water, Parks, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of stakeholders including water managers has developed The State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018 which will likely appear on the November 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, if approved by voters, these complementary measures would provide more than \$10 billion in General Obligation bond funding for drought preparedness projects, flood protection, safe drinking water, implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and other projects that will improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, projects funded through these bonds would provide substantial benefits for California communities and help ensure safe and reliable water for California's future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District formally supports Proposition 68 (June ballot) and the State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018 (November ballot).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2018 by the following vote at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Daniel Wentland, President

ATTEST:

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Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary



## TWO COMPLEMENTARY WATER BONDS WILL GO BEFORE VOTERS IN 2018

As securing California's water future becomes increasingly challenging, ensuring funding to mitigate the results of climate change, aging infrastructure, natural disasters and population growth are more important than ever. In response to those challenges, voters will have the opportunity to approve two general obligation bonds in 2018. One measure will appear on the June 2018 ballot, and the other measure will likely appear on the November 2018 ballot.

The two measures are complementary and, if approved, would work together to fund water-related projects intended to provide safe drinking water to disadvantaged communities, improve water supply reliability, help implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and restore watersheds.

In recognition of the need for this funding, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board of Directors voted unanimously to support both bonds.

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, will be placed on the June 2018 ballot as Proposition 68. This legislative bond measure resulted from the passage with bipartisan support of SB 5 (de León, 2017). This measure would authorize \$4.1 billion in general obligation bonds to finance water and park projects, climate change preparedness, coastal protection, and outdoor access.

Examples of its water project funding include money for safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities and funding for SGMA implementation.

The State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018 (the November bond) is an \$8.9 billion water bond initiative measure. Initiative backers are currently completing the signature collection process to qualify the measure for placement on the November 2018 ballot. This bond would fund a wide range of water projects from safe drinking water projects to SGMA implementation and watershed improvements.

Though two separate measures, both would work together as a complementary pair to appropriate funding to a variety of needed projects. Together, they would provide more than \$10 billion for drought preparedness projects, flood protection, safe drinking water, implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and other projects that will improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health.

**The Association of California Water Agencies Board of Directors voted unanimously to support both bonds.**



# INVESTMENT IN THE CALIFORNIA WATER ACTION PLAN

The California Water Action Plan of 2014, was a major step in the right direction during California's most severe drought in recent history. The multi-prong plan, whose roots stem from ACWA's Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP), outlines priority actions addressing water conservation, groundwater management, ecological restoration, Delta conveyance solutions, water storage, safe drinking water and more.

Since 2014, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (also known as Proposition 1) has provided much needed investment in water supply reliability and ecosystem health projects and has also leveraged local and federal cost share funds.

Much like Proposition 1, both 2018 bonds, if approved, would result in an influx of local investment. Except for the storage component, pending qualification for bond funds, it's expected most of the money from Proposition 1 will be committed by 2019. As such, Proposition 68 and the November bond will help replenish the soon-to-be depleted funding source.

ACWA believes the two bonds are complementary initiatives that would serve California tremendously and help build upon the successes of Proposition 1. Enactment of the measures would secure further investment in the California Water Action Plan.







## FUNDING THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) established a new program for management of California's groundwater. SGMA required the formation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). It requires GSAs to develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) that are consistent with Department of Water Resources' GSP regulations. This is a complex program that is very challenging and costly to implement.

The Legislature passed SGMA and the bill (AB 1471, Rendon, 2014) that became Proposition 1 (the 2014 Water Bond) in the same year. Because the bills that comprised SGMA and AB 1471 were being written and

moved through the Legislature at the same time, the funding for SGMA implementation was added late in the bond negotiation process. As a result, Proposition 1 included only \$100 million for SGMA implementation. The Legislature recognized then that more funding was needed. Essentially all of the remaining Proposition 1 SGMA funding is being committed in 2018.

The writers of Proposition 68 and the November bond recognized that additional bond funding was needed for SGMA implementation. Proposition 68 and the November bond would provide \$50 million and \$640 million, respectively, for SGMA implementation.

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# WATER BONDS FUNDING COMPARISON

Funding Category	Proposition 68 \$4.1 B (June Ballot)	November Bond \$8.9 B
	Funding in Millions	Funding in Millions
Forest Protection	\$110	\$120
Recycled Water and Desalination	\$80	\$800
Safe Drinking Water (and Wastewater)	\$330	\$750
SGMA Implementation	\$50	\$640
Conservation	\$20	\$365
Flood Management	\$550	\$500
Stormwater	\$100	\$400
Oroville Dam Safety	\$0	\$222
Madera & Friant-Kern Canals Improvements	\$0	\$750

*This is a highlight comparison of the funding categories in the two water bonds. This is not a complete list of the funding categories.*

*This publication is intended to provide general information about how Proposition 68 and the proposed November water bond would affect ACWA member agencies. Readers are encouraged to research the opponents' and proponents' views on both bonds.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about the two water bonds may be directed to ACWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations **Cindy Tuck** at [cindy@acwa.com](mailto:cindy@acwa.com).