

**INFORMATIONAL & OVERSIGHT HEARING:  
PROPOSITION 1, CALIFORNIA'S WATER BOND:  
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE AND HOW WILL WE KNOW WE GOT THERE?**

**AGENCY PANEL: SPEAKERS AND AFFILIATION**

Each speaker is provided below along with a brief explanation of his or her agency. For each state entity, the total overall funding directed to that agency in Proposition 1 is given and then, below that, the funding allocation for this upcoming fiscal year as proposed in the Governor's 2015-2016 budget released in January.

Note: Prop. 1 does not specify which agencies are to administer the \$100 million for water conservation, \$200 million for stormwater management, \$725 million for water recycling, and \$900 million for groundwater sustainability and cleanup. Therefore, the Governor can propose to allocate those funds to any agency or agencies with appropriate authorities.

**JOHN LAIRD, SECRETARY, NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY**

Mr. Laird was appointed Secretary for Natural Resources by Governor Jerry Brown on Jan. 5, 2011. He has spent nearly 40 years in public service, including 23 years as an elected official. Among his many offices, Secretary Laird represented the California Assembly's 27th District from 2002-2008, which includes portions of Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Clara Counties. He was also chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is a cabinet level office with 7 departments under it including the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), Department of Conservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and California Conservation Corps. Organizationally the Natural Resources Agency also includes 17 boards and commissions (including the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Flood Board)), 9 conservancies, 3 councils (including the Ocean Protection Council or OPC), and 2 museums — although many of those entities are politically independent or semi-independent.

***Proposition 1 Funding Allocations to CNRA:*** \$20 million for multi-benefit watershed projects and \$475 million for water-related projects related to state settlements such as the Tahoe Compact, Klamath Settlement, San Joaquin River Agreement, Quantification Settlement Agreement/Salton Sea Restoration; and, Central Valley Project Improvement Act/Refuge Water Supplies. Note: Prop. 1 also provides a total of \$327.5 million to state conservancies and the OPC. Prop. 1 allocations to DWR, DFW, and WCB are discussed individually below.

***Governor's Initial Proposed Prop. 1 Funding Allocation to CNRA, Conservancies, and OPC in the 2015-2016 Budget (in millions):***

- Various State Conservancies for watershed projects \$83.5
- Santa Monica & San Gabriel Conservancies for urban rivers & creeks \$19.1

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### MARK COWIN, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Mr. Cowin has extensive experience with California water resources management and has served as Director of DWR since 2010. He has worked at DWR since 1981.

The Department of Water Resources protects, conserves, and manages the state's water supply, including operation of the California State Water Project (SWP). The SWP is the largest state-run, multi-purpose water and power system in the United States and provides part of the water supply for more than 25 million Californians and about 750,000 acres of irrigated farmland. In addition to operating the SWP, DWR does water forecasting and planning, explores conservation and storage options, and supervises flood management, including emergency response to floods. After the passage of Propositions 1E and 84 in 2006, DWR administered over \$5 billion in bond funding for the purposes that included, but were not limited to, flood protection and integrated regional water management (IRWM).

***Proposition 1 Funding Allocations to DWR:*** \$510 million for IRWM; \$395 million to DWR and/or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for Delta and non-Delta flood projects.

***Governor's Initial Proposed Prop. 1 Funding Allocations to DWR in the 2015-2016 Budget (in millions):***

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| • IRWM                              | \$32.8 |
| • Water conservation*               | \$23.2 |
| • Water storage                     | \$ 3.3 |
| • Water recycling and desalination* | \$ 5.5 |
| • Groundwater management planning*  | \$21.3 |

### CHUCK BONHAM, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

Mr. Bonham was appointed as Director of DFW, effective September 6, 2011. Prior to DFW Mr. Bonham was with Trout Unlimited for over ten years including, from 2004, as the organization's California director and senior attorney.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife manages California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public. Those duties include administering the California Endangered Species Act; protecting and restoring species' habitats; enforcing wildlife laws; managing wildlife areas; and, promoting recreational hunting and fishing.

***Proposition 1 Funding Allocations to DFW:*** \$285 million statewide restoration projects; \$87.5 million Delta water quality and ecosystem restoration.

***Governor's Initial Proposed Prop. 1 Funding Allocations to DFW in the 2015-2016 Budget (in millions):***

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| • Watershed restoration projects (non-Delta & in-Delta) | \$36.5 |
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### FELICIA MARCUS, CHAIR, STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Ms. Marcus was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in 2012, and designated by the Governor as Chair in April of 2013. Before her appointment to the Water Board, Ms. Marcus served in positions in government, the non-profit world, and the private sector including Regional Administrator of the U.S EPA Region IX, head of the Los Angeles' Department of Public Works, co-founder and general counsel for Heal the Bay, and Western Director for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The State Water Resources Control Board consists of five full-time salaried Members, each filling a different specialty position. Each board member is appointed to a four-year term by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The State Water Board implements both federal and state laws regarding drinking water and water quality, and it implements the state's water rights laws. The Board sets statewide water quality, drinking water, and water rights policy, hears appeals of local regional board water quality decisions, decides water rights disputes, and provides financial assistance to communities to upgrade water infrastructure.

***Proposition 1 Funding Allocations to the State Water Board:*** \$260 million for small community wastewater treatment and \$260 million for safe and affordable drinking water, both with a priority for disadvantaged communities.

***Governor's Initial Proposed Prop. 1 Funding Allocations to the State Water Board in the 2015-2016 Budget (in millions):***

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| • Wastewater treatment                                   | \$ 66.3 |
| • Safe drinking water in small disadvantaged communities | \$ 69.2 |
| • Stormwater management*                                 | \$ 0.6  |
| • Water recycling and treatment technology projects*     | \$131.7 |
| • Groundwater contamination*                             | \$ 0.6  |

### JOHN DONNELLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

Mr. Donnelly was promoted in 2007 from interim executive director of WCB to executive director following a national search. Formerly, Donnelly served as WCB assistant executive director from 2004 to 2006. Previous service included managing the board's acquisition programs and acting as a senior land agent and realty services coordinator.

The Wildlife Conservation Board was created by legislation in 1947 to administer a capital outlay program for wildlife conservation and related public recreation. WCB's three main functions are land acquisition, habitat restoration, and development of wildlife oriented public access facilities. The WCB is a separate and independent Board with authority and funding to carry out an acquisition and development program for wildlife conservation. The WCB consists of three members: the Fish and Game Commission President, the DFW Director, and the Department of Finance Director. Legislation that

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created WCB also established a Legislative Advisory Committee consisting of three members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly, which meet with WCB, providing legislative oversight.

**Proposition 1 Funding Allocations to the WCB:** \$200 million for projects to enhance stream flows.

**Governor's Initial Proposed Prop. 1 Funding Allocations to the WCB in the 2015-2016 Budget (in millions):**

- Enhanced stream flow projects \$38.9

### JOE BYRNE, CHAIR, CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

Mr. Byrne was appointed to the CWC in 2010 and elected Chair beginning January 1, 2013. He was re-appointed to the CWC July 14, 2014. He is an of counsel attorney in the law office of Best, Best & Krieger, LLP and is a member of the firm's Environmental & Natural Resources Law, Special Districts, Municipal, and Business Services practice groups. Previously, he was a partner in a public law firm and also worked in the California State Assembly from 1998-2002, where he served as counsel and chief water and public safety policy consultant to then-Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg.

The California Water Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. Seven members are chosen for their general expertise related to the control, storage, and beneficial use of water and two are chosen for their knowledge of the environment. The Commission provides a public forum for discussing water issues, advises the Department of Water Resources, and takes appropriate statutory actions to further the development of policies that support integrated and sustainable water resource management and a healthy environment.

Proposition 1 provides \$2.7 billion to the California Water Commission to fund the "public benefits" of surface water and groundwater storage projects. The CWC water storage funding is a "continuous appropriation," meaning it is not subject to the annual budget appropriations process in the Legislature.

**Proposition 1 Funding Allocations to the CWC:** \$2.7 billion continuously appropriated to the CWC for the public benefits of surface water storage and groundwater storage projects.

**Governor's Initial Proposed Prop. 1 Funding Allocations to the CWC in the 2015-2016 Budget (in millions):** N/A

\* Sections marked with an asterisk denote proposed funding in the Governor's budget from chapters or chapter subsections of Prop. 1 that did not specify an administering agency and thus the Governor was able to designate the agency.