



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## 2014 Water Bond Priorities

1. Fund the state's share of public benefits to support the coequal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration including:
  - a. Habitat restoration beyond any mitigation obligations of any party or interest;
  - b. Improvements consistent with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan; and
  - c. No local matching funds required.
2. Fund public benefits associated with Delta sustainability projects including:
  - a. Flood protection;
  - b. Water quality improvements;
  - c. Addressing other "stressors" including, but not limited to, invasive species, predator control and unscreened diversions; and
  - d. Require local matching funds as appropriate.
3. Fund multi-benefit projects to reduce future reliance on imported water supplies:
  - a. Equitably allocate funds consistent with Proposition 84 criteria.
  - b. Fund projects that require public incentives to be locally cost-effective;
  - c. Require local matching funds as appropriate;
  - d. Eligible projects in urban areas would include: conservation, recycling, groundwater remediation, storm water capture and desalination;
  - e. Eligible projects in agricultural areas would include on-farm efficiency and system improvements;
  - f. Provide special consideration for disadvantaged communities
  - g. Provide funding for watershed and reservoir management for water quality protection; and
  - h. Provide start-up funds for a low-interest revolving loan program as proposed under AB 1349 (Gatto, D-Silver Lake).
4. Fund statewide system improvements:
  - a. Fund the public benefits associated with surface and groundwater storage;
  - b. Eligible projects must meet public benefit criteria as developed by the California Water Commission (pursuant to SBX7-2/Cogdill from 2009);
  - c. Bond funds to be awarded on competitive basis; and
  - d. Require local matching funds as appropriate.