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AGENDA, ITEM 15. ORAL REPORTS, MPWMD BOARD MEETING, APRIL 18, 2022

SUMMARY REPORT PART 2. STATE BUDGET FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, DROUGHT AND HEALTHY FORESTS

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PRIORITIES - FYI

The discussion highlighted the \$5.2 billion funding package for water and drought resilience enacted by Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature last year while also addressing how additional funding for water infrastructure could be allocated in the fiscal year 2022-'23 state budget.

ACWA staff testified in support of many of these items at hearings of the Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 and Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3. ACWA staff will continue to meet with legislators and staff through the coming months as the budget is negotiated and ultimately passed by June 15.

- **DAM SAFETY/RESEVOIR OPERATIONS:** \$850 million to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for competitive grants for dam safety projects at high hazard dams, reservoir seismic retrofit projects, and new spillways and repairs at existing dams to facilitate implementation of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations.
- **CONVEYANCE:** (\$500 million) • \$300 million to DWR for Central Valley conveyance projects impacted by subsidence.
- **GROUNDWATER:** (\$470 million) • \$220 million to the State Water Resources Control Board for competitive grants to local agencies for water quality monitoring and remediation, including for contaminants of emerging concern
- **RECYCLING:** (\$450 million) • \$300 million to the State Water Board for competitive grants for water recycling and reuse projects. • \$150 million to DWR for competitive grants for brackish and sea water desalination projects.
- **URBAN WATER CONSERVATION:** (\$300 million) • \$300 million to DWR for competitive grants to large urban and small water suppliers to improve water efficiency, address leaks, reduce demand, provide water use efficiency-related mapping and training, support turf replacement, and maintain a drought vulnerability tool.
- **AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION:** (\$75 million)
- **FLOOD PROTECTION:** (\$100 million)
- **WATER DATA:** (\$15 million) • \$15 million for water data projects
- **MULTI-BENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING:** (\$40 million) to increase regional capacity to repurpose irrigated agricultural land
- **SMALL WATER SUPPLIERS' DROUGHT RELIEF AND URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT GRANTS:** (\$145 million) • \$145 million for local emergency drought assistance and grants to local water agencies facing loss of water supplies.
- **STATE WATER EFFICIENCY AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (SWEEP):** (\$20 million) Ag irrigation efficiency