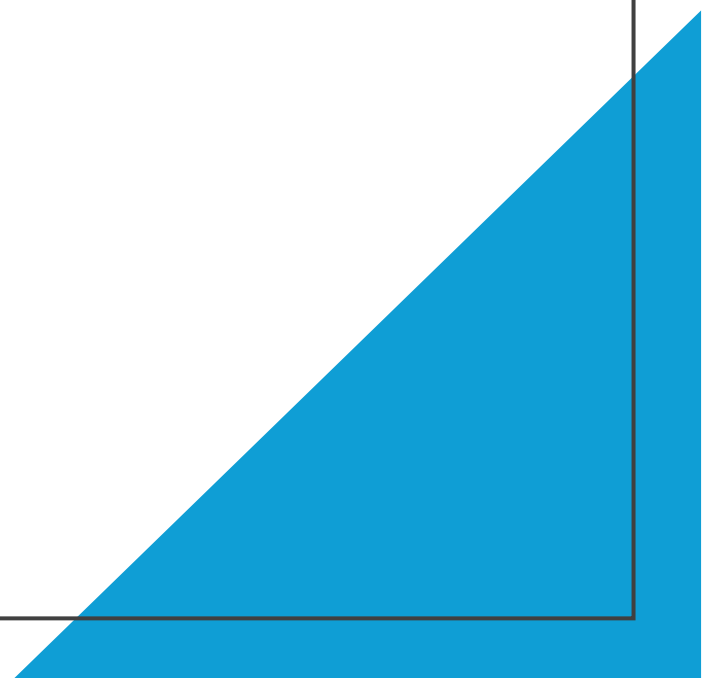


# Proposition 4: Update

Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024



# Prop 4 At a Glance

Authorizes \$10 billion in State general obligation bonds for various projects to reduce climate risks and impacts

Figure 1

## Key Goals of Proposition 4 Bond Funds

(In Millions)

Category	Key Goals	Amount
<b>Drought, Flood, and Water Supply</b>	Increase the amount and quality of water available for people to use and reduce the risk of flooding.	\$3,800
<b>Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention</b>	Improve the health of forests and protect communities from wildfires.	1,500
<b>Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Areas</b>	Reduce the risks from sea-level rise, restore coastal areas, and protect fish.	1,200
<b>Land Conservation and Habitat Restoration</b>	Protect and restore natural areas.	1,200
<b>Energy Infrastructure</b>	Support the state's shift to more renewable sources of energy, such as offshore wind.	850
<b>Parks</b>	Expand, renovate, and repair local and state parks.	700
<b>Extreme Heat</b>	Reduce the effects of extreme heat on communities.	450
<b>Farms and Agriculture</b>	Help farms respond to the effects of climate change and become more sustainable.	300
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>

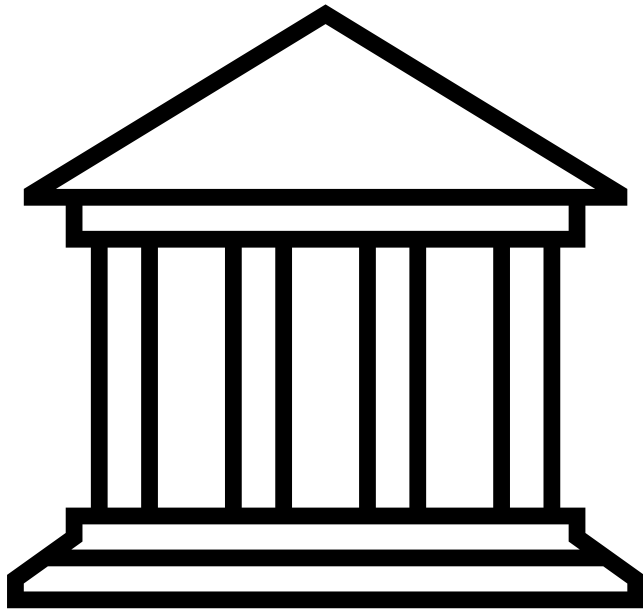
**Full Text:** [November 5, 2024, General Election Voter Information Guide - Proposition 4 Text of Proposed Laws](#)

# DWR's Portion of the Bond

Funding	Amount
Sustainable Groundwater (91012)	\$386.25M (\$25M for CA Tribes)
Brackish Desalinization (91016)	\$62.5M
Stream Gages (91017)	\$15M (DWR and SWRCB)
Conveyance (91018)	\$75M
Ag/Urban Water Conservation (91019)	\$75M
IRWM/Watershed Climate Resilience (91031)	\$100M
Riverine Stewardship (91032 c)	\$50M
Urban Streams (91032 e)	\$25M

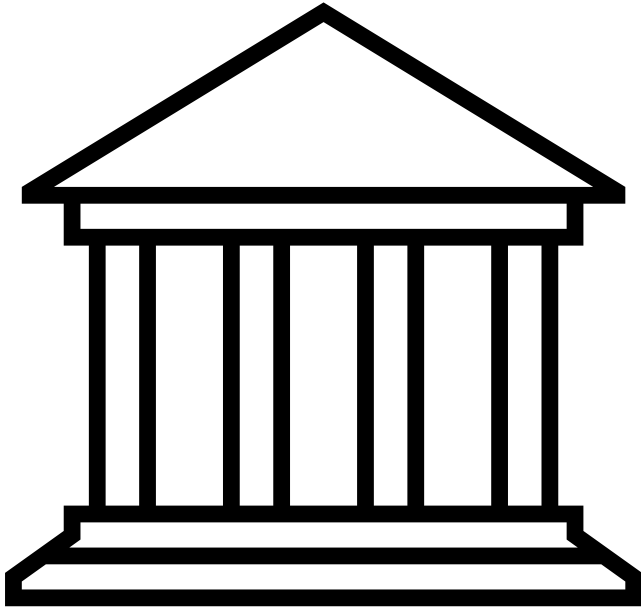
*DWR will also deliver funding for Flood Mgmt, Dam Safety/Reservoir Ops, Salton Sea, etc.*

# Overall Bond Authorities



- Set Aside: At least 40 percent of the total funds for vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities. At least 10 percent of the total funds to severely disadvantaged communities.
- Allows for 25% Advanced Payment for timely project initiation (no max project cost)
- Allows for reimbursement of indirect costs
- No cost share/match requirements in the bond

# Overall Bond Authorities Cont



- No Eligible Project List (meaning it will default to General Obligation Bond Law)
- No Eligible Cost List (meaning it will default to General Obligation Bond Law)
- Key Priorities/Preferences: (very few)
  - Priority to projects that leverage private, federal & local funding to produce greatest public benefit
  - Preference for projects that utilize California Conservation Corps (90150)

# How can DWR use the money?

7% for DWR Admin costs,  
or \$20M, whichever is  
less (90600a)

Up to 10% for technical  
assistance for DAC,  
SDAC, and vulnerable  
populations\*, and may be  
increased if there is  
need (90600b(1)(2))

\*May provide workforce training and education, jobs for vulnerable populations



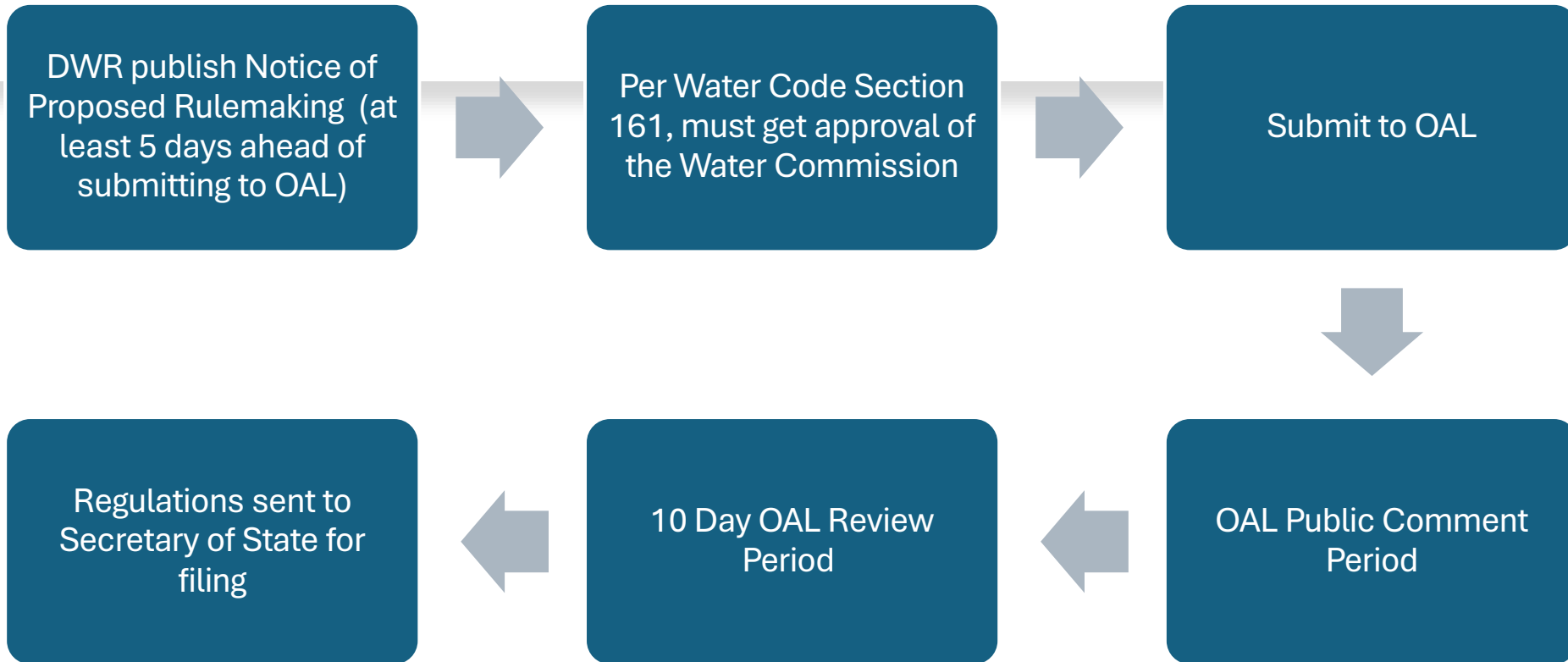
# Proposition 4 Emergency Regulation Authority

## AB-149 (Public Resources Trailer Bill)

In AB-149, the Legislature directed that implementation of the Proposition 4 program move forward under the emergency regulation process instead of relying on an exemption from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

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# Emergency Regulations





# What's Next?



DOF will work with our Budget office on setting up the appropriations, identifying what sections of the bond correspond to what items in the bill, etc



DWR is working through questions on the emergency rulemaking process and how this impacts programs.

# Stay up to Date

## New DWR Grants Funded by Proposition 4

Published: July 01, 2025

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will soon have new grant funding available to help advance California's climate resilience goals, made possible by Proposition 4 - the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. Approved by voters in November 2024, this \$10 billion general obligation bond will fund projects that address climate change and strengthen California's long-term resilience.

Proposition 4 provides vital funding to support **locally driven water infrastructure** and **climate adaptation projects**, including efforts to improve groundwater management and dam safety, protect riverine systems, and enhance flood preparedness across California.

DWR will administer multiple grant programs under Proposition 4, including but not limited to:

- [Urban Streams Restoration Program](#)
- [Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program](#)
- [Water Desalination Grant Program](#)
- [Watershed Resilience](#)
- [Flood Control Subventions Program](#)
- [Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program](#)

DWR is in the process of developing new grant programs with more information to be released in the future. DWR is committed to ensuring that all communities and interested parties have opportunities to engage in program development, provide feedback, and gain an understanding of how to apply for funding.

For information about DWR's grant programs and future funding opportunities:

- Sign up for DWR's [email notification lists](#).
- Check the [California Grants Portal](#) for upcoming grant opportunities.
- For assistance or questions about eligible funding, contact DWR's Project Services Office at [Funding@water.ca.gov](mailto:Funding@water.ca.gov).

# Questions About DWR Funding?

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