

Benefits for Orange County from Water Bond Initiative (www.waterbond.org)

Wastewater Recycling: \$400 million. Many agencies in Orange County will have a project eligible for these funds.

Groundwater Desalination: \$400 million. These funds could be used along the coast to treat groundwater basins contaminated by seawater, or for saline inland groundwater basins.

Water Conservation for urban areas: \$300 million. All Orange County water agencies will be eligible for these funds.

Flood control reservoir repair: \$100 million. These funds could be used for any additional work needed at Prado Dam.

Stormwater management for water supply and water quality improvement. All Orange County agencies can compete for the State Water Resources Control Board allocation of \$400 million, and coastal districts can compete for the \$40 million allocated to the Coastal Conservancy.

Funds available for better watershed management:

Coastal Conservancy: \$135 million. All of Orange County is coastal, and should be eligible for these funds.

Santa Ana River watershed improvement program of the Coastal Conservancy: \$30 million

River Parkways: \$70 million all rivers and streams in Orange County are eligible for these funds.

Natural Community Conservation Plan implementation: \$60 million. All Orange County HCPs and NCCPS are eligible to receive these funds.

Wildlife Conservation Board watershed improvement projects: \$240 million. All Orange County eligible.

State Parks watershed restoration and water systems: \$150 million. Orange County is eligible to receive these funds..

Department of Conservation watershed restoration and ag land program \$60 million. All Orange County eligible.

Ocean Protection \$100 million. Orange County is eligible to receive these funds.

Salton Sea habitat and dust control \$200 million. Since Orange County is reliant on Colorado River, having these funds to help implement the QSA will firm up MWD water supplies.

Urban Streams \$50 million. All Orange County streams eligible.

Urban Forestry \$20 million. All Orange County cities are eligible.

Cal Fire fire and watershed mitigation \$50 million. All Orange County watersheds are eligible.

Land management for water supply. \$100 million. All Orange County watershed are eligible.

Conservation Corps \$40 million. The Orange County Conservation Corps is eligible.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation \$640 million. All Orange County GSAs areas would be eligible for funding in this category.

Waterfowl enhancement \$280 million. There are waterfowl areas in all Orange County that would be eligible for these funds.

Use of fees paid pursuant to AB 32 (greenhouse gas reduction) Fees currently paid by Metropolitan Water District would be used in part for water and energy conservation projects within Orange County. This will amount to as much as \$50 million per year in future years.

There are additional funds which would be spent north of Orange County, but which would be of major benefit to Orange County. These include

Oroville Dam Repair \$200 million. To the extent that these costs end up falling on State Water Project contractors, this program would save MWD \$100 million. These savings would be passed along to the MWD member agencies in proportion to their use of SWP water, including MWDOC.

Fisheries restoration \$1.15 billion. Export of water to Orange County from the Delta from the State Water Project is restricted due to fish flow requirements, largely for rare and endangered species. Fisheries habitat restoration in tributaries to the Delta, and in the Delta itself, should increase populations of these fish, thus relieving pressure to reduce Delta exports.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. \$300 million. These funds will go to improving watershed health and water productivity of the watersheds which are the source of a much of Orange County's water.