

Ballot argument, Proposition 3

Proposition 3 meets California's urgent, critical need to secure a safe, reliable and clean water supply by

- Improving long term drought preparedness
- Providing safe drinking water to millions of Californians, including those in disadvantaged communities
- Increasing mountain water runoff we can capture and use
- Repairing existing canals that irrigate our food crops
- Repairing Oroville and other dams to keep people safe and hold more water
- Improving water quality in groundwater, rivers, lakes, and streams
- Using purified recycled water for industry and landscaping

We must secure our state's future water supply by continued investment in water conservation, recycling, canals, pipelines and water storage facilities.

"California must be prepared for the next inevitable drought and flood, which will be worsened by climate change. Proposition 3 gets California ready for changes in water supply, water quality, and flooding. It invests in water conservation and recycling."

Betty Andrews, Water Resources Engineer

"Proposition 3 will improve water quality in our ocean, lakes, rivers, and streams, and protect natural habitat for California fish, birds, and wildlife."

Professor Peter Moyle, Biology Scientist

"A natural disaster would put our water supply at risk. By improving our water supply facilities, Proposition 3 will protect Californians from earthquakes, wildfires, floods, and landslides. It will also provide multiple benefits, including water for fish and wildlife habitat, farms, cities, and recreation."

David Guy, Northern California Water Association

"California must use all water sources for a reliable water supply and improved water quality."

Charley Wilson, Southern California Water Coalition

"Water quality of our rivers, lakes, bays and oceans will be improved by Proposition 3."

David Lewis, Save The Bay

"We must capture stormwater and use it for water supplies, and prevent trash from being washed into rivers and the ocean."

Juliana Gonzalez Ph.D, Water Resources Planner

“Protecting and restoring watersheds improves water supply and quality.”

Esther Feldman, Community Conservation Solutions

"Damages from flooding and erosion will be reduced ,while streams and rivers will be improved with green spaces and trails."

Ann Riley, Ph.D, Water Resources Planner

“This measure will help protect our local food supply so we can continue to enjoy fresh fruit, rice, milk, and other locally grown farm products. “

Carol Chandler, Peach Grower

“Proposition 3 will improve the quality of our watersheds, helping prevent devastating wildfires, and recover from past wildfires”

Barbara Balen, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

“California’s environment and economy rely on a clean and reliable water supply. That’s why environmental and business organizations like the California Chamber of Commerce, Bay Area Council, Ducks Unlimited, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Natural Heritage Institute, and Valley Industry and Commerce Association support Proposition 3”

Alan Zarembeg, California Chamber of Commerce

California’s wildlife and communities depend upon reliable clean water. Prop 3 provides safe drinking water and long-term drought relief by cleaning up contaminated waterbodies, restoring forests and wetlands, and improving fisheries and aquatic habitats.

Collin O’Mara, National Wildlife Federation

Local water districts support Proposition 3 because it provides safe, reliable and clean drinking water.

Yes on 3!

Signers

Dyan Whyte, Water Quality Scientist

Janet Santos Cobb, California Wildlife Foundation

Roberto Ramirez, Water Resources Engineer

Ballot Argument rebuttal Proposition 3

“Proposition 3 protects disadvantaged communities by providing funding for clean, safe drinking water. Proposition 3 moves us closer to guaranteeing every Californian’s basic human right to water.”
Susana de Anda, Community Water Center

Bonds finance schools, hospitals, and clean water, just like we use mortgages to buy homes. California's bond ratings are the strongest in years. This is a good time to invest.

Proposition 3 will repair Oroville Dam.

“Restoring our mountain and urban watersheds will improve their water storage capacity, and the quality of the water they produce. This is a key way we can capture stormwater that would otherwise be lost. Everyone from rural county residents to city dwellers will benefit.”
Cindy Montanez, TreePeople

"California’s agricultural bounty, including our fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, wine and hundreds of other crops, depends on a reliable and balanced surface and groundwater supply. Proposition 3 will provide that supply, while protecting the environment."
Joy Sterling, Iron Horse Vineyards

Proposition 3 provides enough water for 3 million families, family farmers, and California’s fish and wildlife.

Climate change will worsen the inevitable next drought. Proposition 3 gets California ready for drought without raising taxes.

“Proposition 3 creates good jobs throughout California by building and operating badly needed water projects.”
Bill Whitney, Contra Costa State Building and Construction Trades Council

Proposition 3 restores watersheds and reduces fire danger.

“We know how vulnerable California is to drought. The bond makes prudent investments to protect our water supply and to restore wildlife habitat.”
Senator Dianne Feinstein

Yes on 3!

Phil Angelides, former California State Treasurer
Howard Penn, Planning and Conservation League
Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, Fire chief