

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATES

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OVERVIEW



Funding Opportunities



State Bills

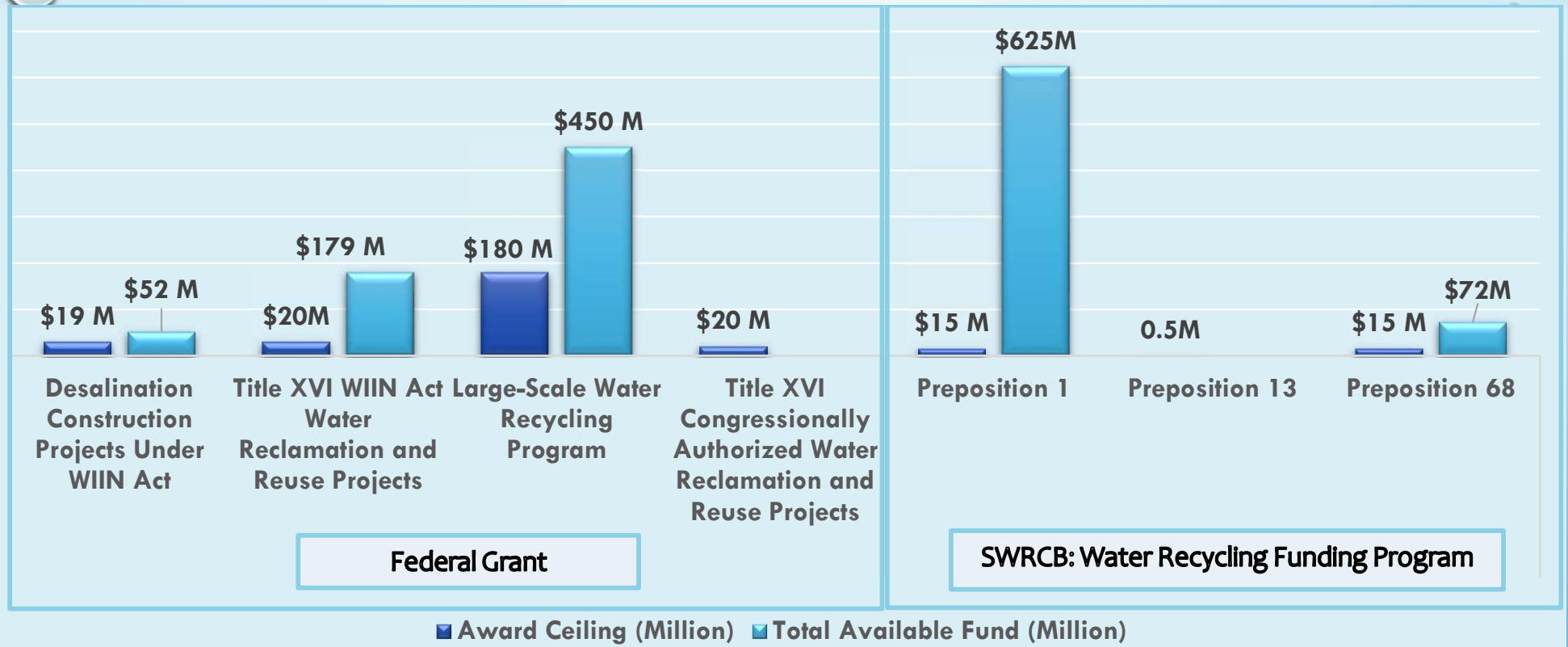


Federal Bills



State Regulations

FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



STATE BILLS

Bill	Topic	WR	Status
<u>AB 1845</u> <u>(Calderon)</u>	Design Build	Support	Passed
<u>AB 2387</u> <u>(E. Garcia)</u>	Climate Bond	Watch	Inactive: Died
<u>AB 2787</u> <u>(Quirk)</u>	Microbeads/ microplastics	Support	Inactive: Died
<u>AB 2811</u> <u>(Bennett)</u>	Onsite reuse/ dual plumbing	Oppose Unless Amended	Active: May be heard in committee on March 17
<u>AB 2247</u> <u>(Bloom)</u>	PFAS Source Database	Support	Inactive: Vetoed by the Governor



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STATE BILLS

Bill	Topic	WR	Status
<u>SB 991</u> <u>(Newman)</u>	Design Build	Support	Passed
<u>SB 1144</u> <u>(Wiener)</u>	Water Quality/Efficiency	Support	Active: Rejected by the Governor
<u>SB 1197</u> <u>(Caballero)</u>	Water Innovation	Support	Active: In Committee Process
<u>SB 230</u> <u>(Portantino)</u>	CEC Program	Support	Passed
<u>SB 12</u> <u>(McGuire & Stern)</u>	Local Government: Planning and Zoning	Watch	Inactive: Died



BILLS TO KEEP AN EYE ON



SB 903 (Skinner)

Phasing out the use of PFAS.

If approved, the bill would ban by 2030 non-essential use of PFAS in California.



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BILLS TO KEEP AN EYE ON



Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 13 Water Infrastructure Projects

- 2% of all state revenues from the General Fund diverted for water infrastructure projects
- Enacts the Water Infrastructure Bond Act of 2022
- Requires projects to include new or increased storage capacity, recycling of wastewater and stormwater
- Funding will continue to be set aside until a minimum of 5 million acre-ft annual water storage is met.

Bill was introduced in March 2023 and is currently in the Assembly.



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FEDERAL BILLS

Bill	Topic	WR	Status
<u>HR 5376</u> <u>(Yarmuth)</u>	Inflation Reduction Act – Climate and Energy Package	Support	Signed into Law.
<u>HR 7776</u> <u>(DeFazio)</u>	USACE authorization	Support	Signed into Law.
<u>S 4231</u> <u>(Feinstein)</u>	Reuse project grants	Support	In Senate
<u>S 4494</u> <u>(Cortez Masto)</u>	Reuse project requirements	Support	In Senate. Referred to Committee.
<u>S 914</u> <u>(Duckworth)</u>	Water infrastructure programs	Support	In House.
<u>S 953</u> <u>(Wyden)</u>	Funding for water-related programs	Support	In Senate.
<u>S 2334</u> <u>(Cortez Masto)</u>	Large-Scale Recycling and Reuse Projects	Support	In Senate. Referred to Committee.

REGULATORY UPDATE

Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Regulations

Regulations were adopted unanimously on December 19, 2023, by the Water Board.

This milestone has initiated the final series of rulemaking steps, which include:

- Submission of rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL)
- Approval by OAL
- Filing with the Secretary of State
- Signing of the regulations by the Secretary of State, making them effective

It is anticipated that the regulations will become effective in early summer of 2024.



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REGULATORY UPDATE

On-Site Reuse

- SWRCB is in the process of developing risk-based water quality standards for the onsite treatment and reuse of non-potable water for multifamily residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings (AB 2811).
- Staff plans to submit the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the OAL to start the rulemaking process by Spring 2024 with a projected board adoption in Fall 2024.
- WRCA opposes AB 2811 unless amended due to a lack of coordination with water and sanitation agencies and potential disruption of existing planning efforts.



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Thank You!



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