

Proposition 4: Overview

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

July 16, 2025

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

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

Office of Administrative Law Exemption

- **Office of Administrative Law Exemption* is Missing**

- This exemption would allow us to develop grant program guidelines, rather than go through a multi-year process to develop regulations
- DOF introduced a trailer bill with the January 10 budget to add the exemption but it has not been passed.

**90115. The Legislature may enact legislation necessary to implement programs funded by this division.*

DWR Updates

New DWR Grants Funded by Proposition 4

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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.
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2024 Climate Bond Funding (Prop 4) Resources

The Coastal Conservancy will allocate Climate Bond funding through our rolling pre-application solicitation. Information and application materials [can be found here](#).

2024 Climate Bond SCC Webinar – March 17, 2024

The Coastal Conservancy held a webinar about funding opportunities from the 2024 Climate Bond (Prop 4) on March 17.

[A recording of the webinar can be found here](#).

[Slides from the webinar can be found here](#).

[Q&A from the webinar can be found here](#).

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Grant Opportunities

WCB is seeking applications to protect, restore and enhance habitat, and provide access to nature throughout the state. Refer to [WCB's General Grant Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) to understand the kinds of projects we fund and how to develop a high quality pre-application. Send completed pre-application to WCBpreapps@wildlife.ca.gov. To be accepted by our system, the pre-application must be a MS Word document with the phrase "PreApp" or "Pre-App" in the file name. Please include all maps and photos in the same Word document. If you need to attach maps or photos as separate files, make sure they are in a .pdf file format only. For restoration project questions, email wcb@wildlife.ca.gov and for acquisition project questions, email landacquisition@wildlife.ca.gov.

Application Documents

- [WCB's Pre-Application \(Word\)](#)
- [WCB's General Grant Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)
- [Full Restoration/Development Application \(Word\)](#)
- [Full Restoration/Development Application Budget Worksheet \(Excel\)](#)

*Full applications should only be submitted if a pre-application has been submitted and an invitation to submit a full application has been received

Workshops and Webinars

- [Climate Bond \(Prop 4\) Funding Webinar \(Video\)](#)
- [Climate Bond \(Prop 4\) Funding Webinar Powerpoint \(PDF\)](#)

What's Next?



Legislature must approve
Proposition 4 appropriations



Legislature must approve and
OAL Exemption OR DWR
must go through rule making



Programs will start planning
and outreach