



Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) 2006 Infrastructure Bond Funding Recommendations

In order to meet the basic water infrastructure needs of economically disadvantaged, severely disadvantaged and small communities, both rural and urban in California the EJCW recommends the following:

Emergency Clean Water Grant Fund \$8,000,000

Reinstitute this previously funded program operated by the Department of Health Services (DHS) to provide emergency assistance to water systems unable to provide potable water. The Emergency Clean Water Grant Fund would provide financial assistance to public water systems to fund emergency actions by the department to ensure that safe drinking water supplies are available to all Californians who are served by public water systems.

Small Community Safe Drinking Water Program \$500,000,000

Continued funding of this DHS administered program started under Proposition 50 by helping small disadvantaged communities meet safe drinking water standards. Funds would be available to water systems with less than 10,000 service connections, at least one hundred eighty million dollars would be available to water systems with less than 1,000 connections. Grants would be available to assist small communities resolve drinking water quality and system infrastructure problems.

Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program \$200,000,000

Continue this successful Department of Water Resources (DWR) program previously funded under Proposition 13 and currently out of funds. The Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program (IRP) provides grants to replace leaking and failing water system components in disadvantaged communities.



Small Community Wastewater Grant Program **\$50,000,000**

Continue this program administered by the State Water Resources Control Board previously funded under Propositions 13, 40 and 50 that assists small disadvantaged communities in meeting their basic wastewater needs and complying with waste discharge requirements. Grants would go toward planning, design and construction works that eliminate health and pollution hazards related to failing onsite and community wastewater systems.

Urban Water Conservation Program **\$30,000,000**

Continue this successful program funded under previous bond issues administered by DWR and make changes to better serve small disadvantaged communities. This program would target procedures that save the most water in a cost effective manner for the neediest communities.

Treatment Research and Technology **\$10,000,000**

This program would allow DHS to continue and expand funding of research and facilitation grants for treatment of nitrate, arsenic, and other priority contaminants. At least 40% of funding would be earmarked for treatment technologies that have a low capital cost to construct and low cost to operate with priority given to demonstration projects that serve water to disadvantaged communities”

Flood Control **\$250,000,000**

25% of the \$1,000,000,000 in the Flood Control Account shall be held in reserve for flood control measures to benefit economically disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities.

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