

## State Budget Update

The State is facing a \$25.4 billion budget deficit. Governor Jerry Brown has proposed a budget that includes a mix of cuts and tax extensions to address this deficit. In late February, the Senate and Assembly had each adopted a budget framework based on the Governor's proposal.

The Legislature is expected to have a final budget proposal to the Governor by March 10, 2011. The final proposal is expected to include language regarding proposed tax extension measures that may appear on a June 2011 special election ballot, as well as cuts to be taken if the tax extensions are approved by the voters.

A final State Budget will not be signed until after the special election when the Governor and the Legislature understand the outcome of the special election. Without approval of the proposed tax extension measures a balanced budget is expected to rely exclusively on cuts to state programs.

Outlined below are some major issues related to the budget:

- The budget proposes delaying all General Obligation bond sales until fall 2011, which is estimated to provide a savings of \$248 million. This delay is not expected to impact the State's existing commitments
- The Budget proposes an \$11 million General Fund cut to the Department of Parks and Recreation in the year 2011-2012, and a \$22 million cut in future years
- The Budget proposes a major realignment of government functions shifting power from the state to local agencies to provide essential services and associated fiscal responsibility. This realignment would include a phasing out of Redevelopment Agencies beginning in 2011-2012
- The Budget proposes putting an initiative on the June 2011 Special Election ballot that would extend current tax rates for five years. Extension of the current tax rates will lessen the cuts necessary to achieve a balanced budget for fiscal year 2011-2012



### **Bond Update**

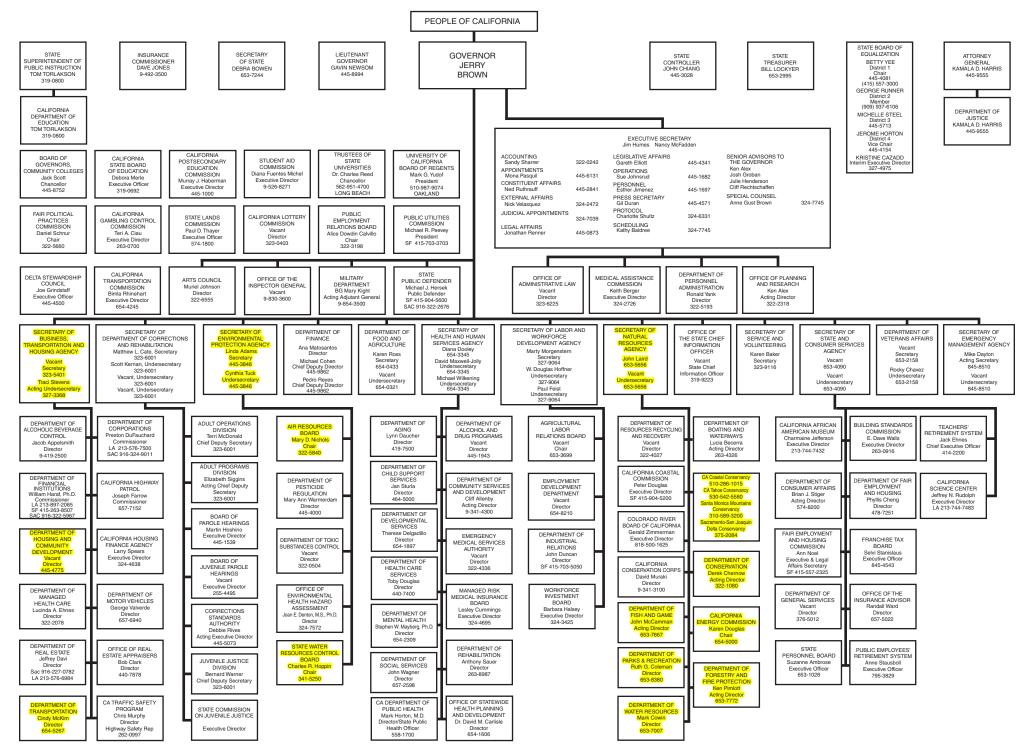
#### **Back ground**

- In December 2008 the Department of Finance issued a stop work order on bond funded resources project due to the State's inability to sell general obligation bonds and need to preserve cash (also known as the bond freeze)
- Prior to the freeze, bond-funded resources projects were allowed to move forward using loans from the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA), which would be repaid through subsequent bonds sales
- Following the freeze, a new process for supporting bond-funded resources projects
  was developed. This process requires that bonds be sold before a project moves
  forward and that cash be available to the agency before a commitment is made

### **Challenges**

- Long-term bond costs increase under the new bond sale process, because the State incurs debt-service costs earlier than under the former bond sale process using the Pooled Money Investment Account
- After a successful bond sale, the Department of Finance is distributing cash to agencies based on priority and need; however, it is unclear what the priorities are
- The new bond sale process has led to a great deal of uncertainty and confusion amongst stakeholders, state agencies, and funding partners

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Below is a breakdown of the current or anticipated availability of funding for a variety of programs that may assist with acquisition, habitat restoration, and development of parks, greening, and recreational amenities.

Agency	Program	Remaining Funds	Notes
	Wildlife Restoration Fund	\$883,000	Please contact the Wildlife
	Habitat Conservation	\$ 70.5 million	Conservation Board directly to
Wildlife	Fund	. 44	determine which program is most suitable for your project.
Conservation	Prop 12	\$ 11 million	suitable for your project.
Board	Prop 40	\$ 98.4 million	
	Prop 50	\$ 95.6 million	
	Prop 84	\$ 339.9 million	
	Prop 12	\$ 14.8 million	Please contact the State Coastal
Coastal	Prop 40	\$ 5.3 million	Conservancy to determine which
Conservancy	Prop 50	\$ 2.7 million	program is most suitable for your project.
	Prop 84	\$ 93 million	•
Resources Agency	River Parkways (Prop 84)	\$28.4 million	The Resources Agency anticipates requesting proposals for the River Parkways Program in fall 2011. This will likely be the final funding cycle for the program.
	Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program	\$ 10 million	This program receives an annual appropriation through the State Budget Process.
	Sustainable Communities Planning (Prop 84)	\$ 44.5 million	
Strategic Growth Council	Urban Greening PROJECTS (Prop 84)  Urban Greening PLANNING (Prop 84)	\$ 46.8 million  Of the funds remaining up to \$13.7 million may be used for Urban Greening PLANNING grants	The Strategic Growth Council has requested concept proposals for the Urban Greening Program.  · Concept proposals for Urban Greening PROJECTS will be accepted from April 1 through April 30, 2011.  · Applications (no concept proposals) for Urban Greening PLANNING grants will be accepted April 1, 2011 through May 15, 2011.
Department of Parks and	Nature Education Facilities (Prop 84)	\$ -	Funds are exhausted

Agency	Program	Remaining Funds	Notes
Recreation	Statewide Parks Program (Prop 84)	\$ 184 million	The Department of Parks and recreation will be hosting workshops regarding this program beginning in February.  Applications for this program are due July 1, 2011. This will be the final funding cycle for the Statewide Parks Program.
	Habitat Conservation Fund	Approximately \$2 million available annually	
	Land and Water Conservation Fund	Approximately \$1.5- \$2 million annually	Amount available depends on federal appropriation
	Recreational Trails Program	Approximately \$3-5 million annually	Amount available depends on federal appropriation
Department of Fish	Fisheries Restoration Grant Program	Approximately \$10-15 million available annually	Amount available depends on federal appropriation and state matching funds
and Game	NCCP Local Assistance Grants	Approximately \$550,000-\$600,000 annually	Amount available depends on annual state appropriation
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		Approximately \$4 million remains to be appropriated	It is unclear how much of this funding will be available for projects.
Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy		Approximately \$2 million remains to be appropriated	It is unclear how much of this funding will be available for projects.
Sierra Nevada Co	onservancy	\$ 10 million	
	Integrated Regional Water Management - Implementation Grants	\$ 472.5 million	
Department of Water Resources	Integrated Regional Water Management - Planning Grants	\$10 million	
Resources	Flood Corridor Program	\$ 75 million	The Department of Water Resources is currently accepting applications for this program. This will likely be the final funding cycle

Agency	Program	Remaining Funds	Notes
			for this program.
			Applications must be submitted by February 25, 2011.
	Stormwater Flood Management	Approximately \$212 million	The deadline to submit proposals to the Department of Water Resources for this funding is April 15, 2011.
	Urban Streams Restoration	Approximately \$9 million	
State Water	Storm Water Grant Program	\$ 90 million	
Resources Control Board	Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Approximately \$200- 300 million annually	
	Clean Beaches Initiative	\$ 13 million	
	Leading Edge	\$ 3.2 million	The distribution of these funds between programs will be
CALFIRE Urban	Education		determined by Calfire when the solicitations are released.
	Management Plan		
Forestry	Inventory		
	Green Trees for the Golden State		
	Leafing Out (small grants)		
Department of	Watershed Coordinator Program (Proposition 84)	\$ -	Funds are exhausted
Conservation	Watershed Coordinator Program (Proposition 50)	\$ -	Funds are exhausted
	Infill Infrastructure Grant Program	\$ -	Funds are exhausted
Housing and Community Development	Housing Related Parks Program	\$ 200 million	The Department of Housing and Community Development is accepting applications for a portion of the remaining funds, approximately \$25 million.
			Applications for the program are due by March 9, 2011.

Agency	Program	Remaining Funds	Notes
	Bicycle Transportation Account	Approximately \$7.2 million	This program receives an annual appropriation through the State Budget Process.
CalTrans	Transportation Enhancement	Approximately \$75 million annually	
	Safe Routes to School Program	Approximately \$45 million semi-annually	
	CA Safe Routes to School Program	Approximately \$20-25 million annually	
U.S. Environmental	Brownfields Assessment Grants	Approximately \$35 million nationwide	Funding availability dependent on annual appropriation
Protection Agency	Brownfields Clean Up Grants	Approximately \$35 million nationwide	Funding availability dependent on annual appropriation



# Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008

**Application Deadline: July 1, 2011** 

AGENCY: Department of Parks and Recreation	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
	This program will provide funding for the acquisition and development
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	of new parks and rehabilitation or expansion of overused parks.
July 1, 2011	This program is intended to provide new recreational opportunities to
CURRENT COURCE OF EUNDING. P 04	underserved communities. Acquisition must be combined with
CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84	development of a new recreational feature to be eligible.
CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: Approximately \$184 million	
will be available for the second and final grant cycle	
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:	
Local public agencies	
<ul> <li>Nonprofit organizations</li> </ul>	
CONDITIONS:	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:
Grant Range: \$100,000 - \$5 million	Land acquisition combined with park development
W.15.	Rehabilitation of overused parks to provide new recreational
Match Requirement: Matching funds are not required	opportunities
	Examples of Recreation Features:
	• athletic fields and courts
CONTACT INFORMATION:	• community centers
Viktor Patino, Policy Development	• community gardens
Phone: (916) 651-8598	• gymnasiums
E-mail:vpati@parks.ca.gov	<ul> <li>non-motorized neighborhood and regional recreational trails</li> </ul>
	open space and natural areas
http://www.nowks.co.gov/2Dogo.id_26025	• performing arts venues

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· picnic areas

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• play grounds and tot lots

• swimming pools and aquatic features



## **River Parkways Program**

Application Deadline: Anticipated Fall 2011			
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AGENCY: Resources Agency  APPLICATION DEADLINE: Anticipated Fall 2011  CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84  CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$28.4 million in the 2009/10 State Budget	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program provides funds for multi-objective river parkway projects.  Eligible projects must include a public access component and meet at least two of the following cirteria: • Provide compatible recreational opportunities • Protect, improve, or restore riverine habitat • Provide open space for flood management • Convert existing developed riverfront land into a river parkway • Provide interpretive enhancement and conservation activities		
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:  • Local public agencies  • State agencies  • Nonprofit organizations			
CONDITIONS: Grant Range: No specified minimum or maximum grant amount Match Requirement: Matching funds are not required	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:  • Trail development for walking, biking, or equestrian activities  • Removal of invasive or exotic plants along the stream or river corridor that damage habitat  • Land acquisition to expand public access, or accomodate periodic flooding along the river parkway  • Removal of abandoned structures on the river parkway to provide open space and public access  • Installation of interpretive signage and construction of small scale		
CONTACT INFORMATION: Polly Escovedo, Grants Administrator Phone: (916) 651-6481 E-mail:polly.escovedo@resources.ca.gov  Penny Harding, Grants Administrator Phone: (916) 651-7590 E-mail: Penny.harding@resources.ca.gov	information kiosks  • Acquisition of land that will be managed to increase the size and quality of existing Riparian Habitat		
http://resources.ca.gov/bonds_riverparkways.html			
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## **Storm Water Flood Management**

Application Deadline: April 15, 2011			
AGENCY: Department of Water Resources  APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2011	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program funds stormwater flood management projects that meet all of the following requirements: • Have a nonstate cost share of at least 50% • Are not part of the State Plan of Flood Control • Are designed to manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage and provide other benefits (e.g. groundwater re-charge, water quality improvements, ecosystem restoration, etc) • Comply with regional water quality control plans • Are consistent with the applicable Integrated Regional Water Management Plan		
CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 1E			
CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: Approximately \$212 million will be available for the first round of Storm Water Flood Management grants			
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: • Local public agencies • Nonprofit organizations			
*Applicants must be from regions accepted through the 2009 Region Acceptance Process.			
CONDITIONS: Grant Range: Maximum grant amount is \$30 million per project  Match Requirement: A 50% non-state match of funds is required	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: - Groundwater recharge - Water quality improvement - Ecosystem restoration - Reduction of instream erosion and sedimentation		
CONTACT INFORMATION: Joe Yun, IRWM Program Coordinator Phone: (916) 651-9222 Email: jyun@water.ca.gov			
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/			
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## **Sustainable Communities Planning Grants**

Application Deadline: Anticipated Fall 2011			
AGENCY: Strategic Growth Council and Department of Conservation APPLICATION DEADLINE: Anticipated Fall 2011	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program will provide funding to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve the following objectives:         • improve air and water quality,         • promote public health,         • promote equity,         • increase housing affordability,         • increase infill and compact development,         • revitalize urban and community centers,         • protect natural resources and agricultural lands,         • reduce automobile usage and fuel consumption,         • improve infrastructure systems,         • promote water conservation,		
CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84  CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: Up to \$22.3 million will be available for this grant cycle	<ul> <li>promote energy efficiency and conservation, and</li> <li>strengthen the economy.</li> </ul>		
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:  • Cities  • Counties  • Councils of Governments  • Metropolitan Planning Organizations  • Regional Transportation Planning Agencies  • Joint Powers Authorities  • any combination of eligible applicants listed above			
CONDITIONS: Grant Range: Applications will generally be limited to a maximum of \$1 million and a minimum of \$100,000.  Match Requirement: Matching funds are not required but will make an application more competitive.  CONTACT INFORMATION: Bruce Gwynne, Department of Conservation Division of Land Resource Protection (916) 322-3439 SGCsustainablecommunities@conservation.ca.gov	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:  • Specific plans/Infill plans/ Zoning ordinances  • Climate action plans  • Blueprint plans  • Transit oriented development plans  • Sustainable community strategies  • Regional Greenprint Plans  • Natural Community Conservation Plans  • Regional cap and trade plan or offset program		
http://www.sgc.ca.gov/planning_grants.html			

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### **Urban Greening Projects and Plans**

Application Deadline: Applicants will be required to submit a concept proposal form in order to be invited to submit a full proposal.

AGENCY: Strategic Growth Council/ Natural Resources Agency

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applicants will be required to submit a concept proposal form in order to be invited to submit a full proposal.

- Concept proposals for Urban Greening PROJECTS will be accepted from April 1 through April 30, 2011.
- Applications (no concept proposals) for Urban Greening PLANNING grants will be accepted April 1, 2011 through May 15, 2011

CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84

CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$20 million

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

- Cities
- Counties
- Nonprofit organizations

#### CONDITIONS

Grant Range: No specified grant range unless applicant is seeking funds from the \$2 million set aside for Disadvantaged Communities. Requests for this targeted funding are limited to \$75,000.

Match Requirement: None

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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http://www.sgc.ca.gov/

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program will provide funding for the preparation, planning, and implementation of an urban greening project that provides multiple benefits including, but not limited to, a decrease in air and water pollution, a reduction in the consumption of natural resources and energy, an increase in the reliability of local water supplies, or an increased adaptability to climate change.

#### **EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:**

Eligible projects may include, but not be limited to:

- Developing an urban greening plan
- Increasing tree canopy
- Urban forestry
- Acquiring and/or developing local parks and open space
- Greening of existing public lands and structures, including schools
- Multi-objective stormwater projects, including construction of permeable surfaces and collection basins and barriers
- Restoration and greening of urban streams
- Development of community, demonstration, or outdoor education gardens and orchards
- Urban heat island mitigation and energy conservation efforts through landscaping and green roof projects
- Development of non motorized trails that provide safe routes for both recreation and travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers, and schools

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## Wildlife Conservation Board Funding

### Application Deadline: Applications are accepted continually

AGENCY: Wildlife Conservation Board	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
AGENCI. Within Conscivation Board	The Wildlife Conservation Board provides grants for the restoration
	and protection of wildlife areas, projects that provide public access t
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	facilities for wildlife viewing and other wildlife oriented purposes, a
Applications are accepted continually	
	protections of habitat through conservation easements or acquisitio
CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Propositions 40, 50, & 84	
CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: contact the Wildlife	
Conservation Board for current funding availability	
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:	
•Public agencies	
•Nonprofit organizations	
CONDITIONS: Grant Range: no specified minimum or maximum grant amount Match Requirement: matching funds are not required	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:  • Land acquisition  • Riparian habitat restoration  • Wetland restoration  • Forest conservation  • Ecosystem restoration on agricultural lands
	<ul> <li>Oak woodlands management, restoration, and protection</li> </ul>
	Rangeland, grazing land, and grassland management, restoration, protection.
CONTACT INFORMATION:	protection • Public access
For acquisition projects:	- 1 unite decess
Dave Means, Assistant Executive Director	
Phone: (916) 445-1095	
E-mail: dmeans@dfg.ca.gov	
http://www.wcb.ca.gov/	
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## **State Coastal Conservancy**

Application Deadline: Applic	cations are accepted continually
AGENCY: State Coastal Conservancy  APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications are accepted continually	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The State Coastal Conservancy provides grants for projects that propublic access to coastal areas, protect and enhance coastal resource agricultural lands, and restore urban waterfronts.
CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84  CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: Contact the State Coastal Conservancy for current funding availability  ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:  • Public agencies  • Nonprofit organizations	
CONDITIONS: Grant Range: No specified minimum or maximum grant amount Match Requirement: Matching funds are not required	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:  • Acquisition of land to protect coastal watersheds, and other natur resources  • Restoration and enhancement of wetlands, coastal watershed area and other coastal habitat areas  • Development of trails, and other facilities that provide public acces to coastal areas  • Development and rehabilitation of urban waterfronts that provide enhance economic opportunities for coastal areas
CONTACT INFORMATION: North Coast Regional Manager, Karyn Gear Phone: (510) 286-1015 E-mail: kgear@scc.ca.gov  San Francisco Bay Area Regional Manager, Amy Hutzel Phone: (510) 286-1015 E-mail: ahutzel@scc.ca.gov	

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