



Green Vision Workshop

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State Funding: Outlook & Opportunities

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Presentation Overview

- State Budget and Bonds
- Overview of State Organization
- Available Funding
- Key State Funding Programs
- Potential Future Funding





State Budget

- \$25.4 billion budget deficit for 2011/12
- Governor proposed a mix of cuts and tax extensions
- Budget NOW only requires majority vote
- June 2011 special election ballot will require a 2/3rds vote
- Final State Budget final after the special election





Bond Update

- Bond freeze started in December 2008
- Things are moving again
- New system - Funds distributed in a prioritized order
- Next general obligation bond sale in spring 2011



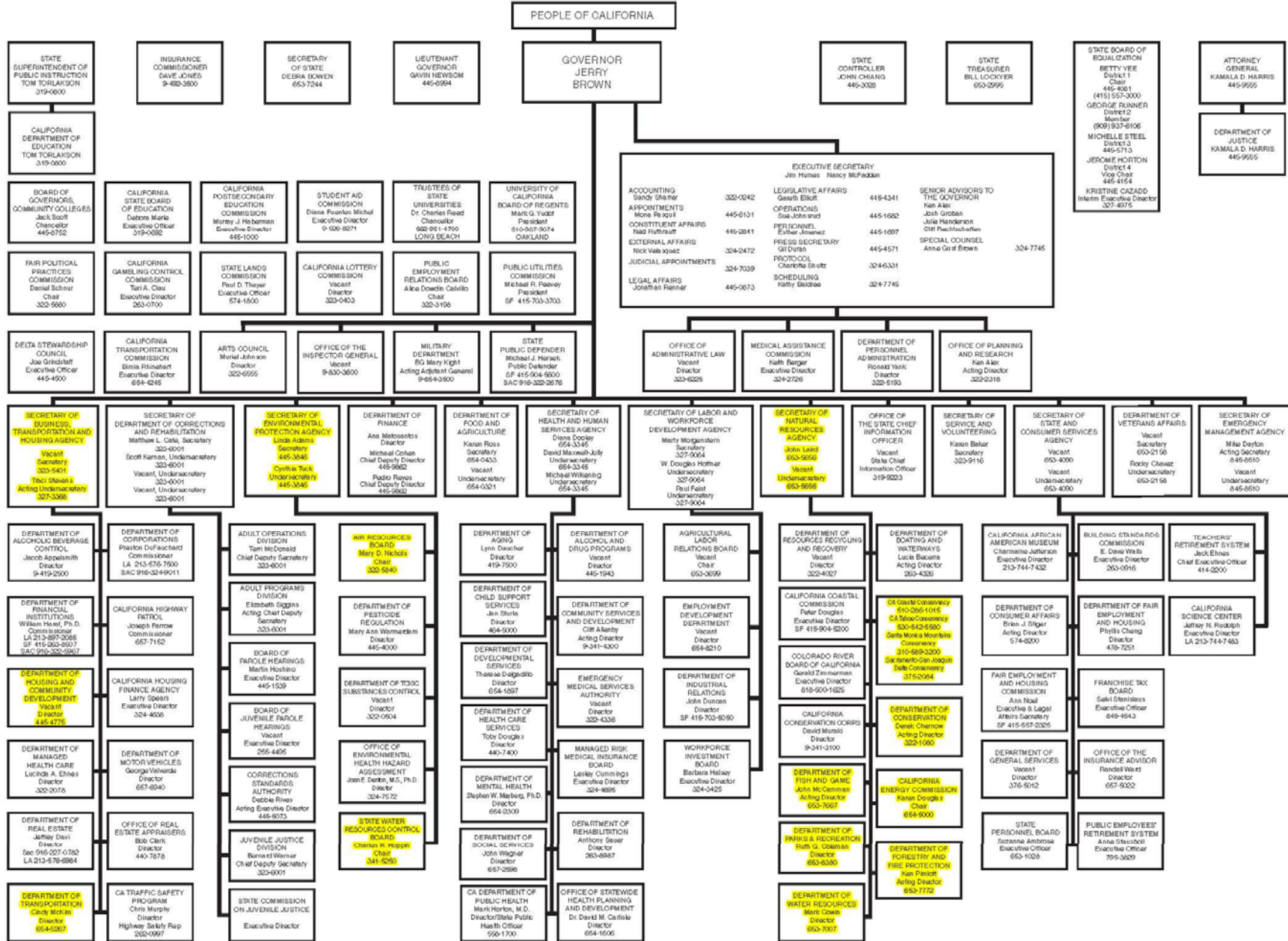


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Key State Funding Programs

- River Parkways Program
- Urban Streams Restoration Program
- Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program
- State Coastal Conservancy
- Wildlife Conservation Board
- Sustainable Communities Planning
- Urban Greening Grant Program
- Stormwater-Flood Management





River Parkways Program

AGENCY: Natural Resources Agency

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Application deadline anticipated this fall

CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84

CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$28.4 million in the 2009/10 State Budget, last of funding from Proposition 84

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Local public agencies
- State agencies
- Nonprofit organizations





River Parkways 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 criteria:

- 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





Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program

AGENCY: Department of Parks and Recreation

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2011

CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84

CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE:
Approximately \$184 million

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Cities, counties, and districts
- Joint powers authorities
- Nonprofit organizations





Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program

This program provides funding for development of new recreational opportunities in underserved communities.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Land acquisition combined with park development
- Rehabilitation of overused parks to provide new recreational opportunities

Maximum grant request is \$7 million





Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program

Six Project Eligibility Requirements:

- Critical lack of park space or significant poverty in proximity to proposed park
- Projects must create new recreational opportunities
- Projects must be designed for safe public use
- Projects must incorporate sustainable design principles
- Grant request and other committed funds must equal the total project cost
- Proposed parks must be accessible to seniors, families, and youth



State Coastal Conservancy

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Continuous

CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84

CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: Contact the State Coastal Conservancy for current funding availability

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Public agencies
- Nonprofit organizations





State Coastal Conservancy

Provided funding for projects that protect and enhance coast resources.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Acquisition
- Habitat restoration and enhancement
- Public access to coastal areas
- Development and rehabilitation of urban waterfronts





State Coastal Conservancy

- Opportunistic and Strategic
- Can assist in all stages of a project
- 6-12 month application process
- Work with local project manager
- Final decisions made by Board





Wildlife Conservation Board

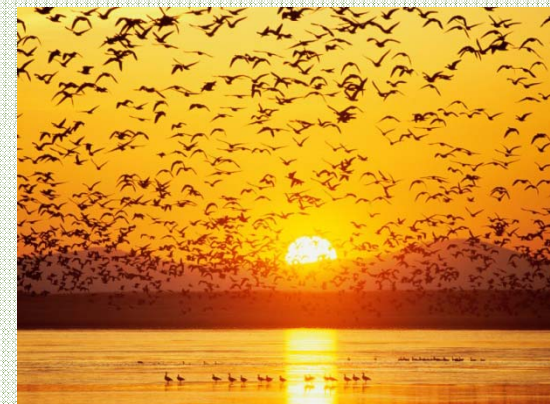
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Continuous

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





Wildlife Conservation Board

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Acquisition
- Public access
- Forest conservation
- Wetland and riparian restoration
- Oak woodlands management, restoration, and protection





Wildlife Conservation Board

- 6-12 month application process
- Work with Department of Fish & Game regional manager
- Final decisions made at quarterly Wildlife Conservation Board Meetings





Urban Greening

AGENCY: Strategic Growth Council

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Concept Proposals (new) anticipated May 2011

CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84

CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: The Strategic Growth Council anticipates awarding \$42 million over the two remaining cycles, including up to \$13.7 million available for developing urban greening plans.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Cities
- Counties
- Non-profit organizations





Urban Greening

Provides funding for urban greening project that provides multiple benefits, as well as creation of urban greening plans.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Urban forestry
- Local parks and open space
- Construction of permeable surfaces and collections basins
- Restoration and greening of urban streams
- 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



Urban Greening

- Revisiting guidelines at April 8th meeting
- May revise the definition of “urban” to broaden eligibility
- Send comments to urbangreening@resources.ca.gov





Sustainable Communities Planning

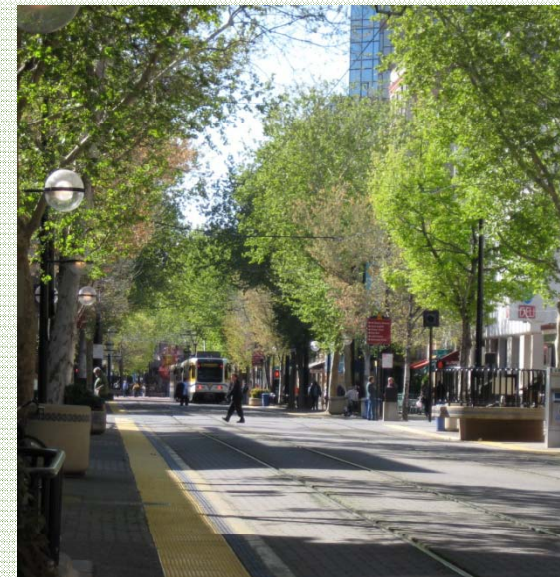
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Anticipated Fall 2011

CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 84

CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: Up to \$22.3 million will be available for this grant cycle

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Cities
- Counties
- Councils of Governments
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
- Joint Powers Authorities
- any combination of eligible applicants listed above





Sustainable Communities Planning

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



Sustainable Communities Planning

- Revisiting guidelines at April 8th meeting
- Send comments to SGCSustainablecommunities@conservation.ca.gov





Stormwater-Flood Management

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2011

CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING: Proposition 1E

CURRENT FUNDING AVAILABLE: Approximately \$212 million will be available for the first round of Stormwater-Flood Management grants

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Local public agencies
- Nonprofit organizations

*Applicants must be from regions accepted through the 2009 Region Acceptance Process



Stormwater-Flood Management

- Projects designed to manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage and provide other benefits (e.g. groundwater re-charge, water quality improvements, ecosystem restoration, etc)
- Must be consistent with the applicable Integrated Regional Water Management Plan



Stormwater-Flood Management

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Groundwater recharge
- Water quality improvement
- Ecosystem restoration
- Reduction of in-stream erosion and sedimentation





Stormwater-Flood Management

- Applicant Workshops - March 1-3, 2011
- Applications Due - April 15, 2011
- Draft funding recommendations - September 2011 (tentative)



Potential Future Funding

- Water Bond 2012
- New transportation funding scenarios
- Sustainable Communities
- Regional planning and implementation
- Integrated Resource Management
- Multiple Benefit Projects



Water Bond

Water Bond is Part of a Comprehensive Water Policy Package for the State:

1. Delta Governance and Protection
2. Statewide Water Policy
3. Water Bond (\$11.14 billion)



Water Bond

Regional Water Supply

\$1.35 billion

- IRWM
- Conveyance

\$1 billion
\$350 million

Watershed Protection/Ecosystem

\$1.785 billion

- State Coastal Conservancy

\$350 million

\$250 million for watershed projects
\$50 million for coastal Salmon restoration projects
\$50 million for Ocean Protection Act implementation



Water Bond

Wildlife Conservation Board

\$365 million

- \$100 million for water rights/refuges/wetlands
- \$215 million for watershed protection and restoration
- \$50 million for public infrastructure mitigation revolving fund

Natural Resources Agency

up to \$490 million

State Conservancies

\$370 million



Water Bond

Next Steps:

- On November 2012 Ballot
- Governor wants to revisit specifics
- Challenges
 - Environmental Community is split
 - Impact on General Fund/more state debt
 - Voter sentiment

Questions

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