

Governor's 2004-05 Budget Proposal: Resources Bonds

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Resources Bonds— Proposed Expenditures



The Governor's 2004-05 Budget, as revised by the April Finance letters, proposes about \$1 billion in expenditures from various resources bonds. Figure 1 breaks down these expenditures by programmatic area:

Figure 1 Governor's 2004-05 Budget: Proposed Resources Bond Expenditures		
By Programmatic Area (In Millions)		
CALFED Bay-Delta Program	\$322.5	
Conservancies and the Wildlife Conservation Board	165.1	
State Parks	111.3	
Safe Drinking Water and Water Security ^a	108.5	
Local Water Projects ^b	102.8	
Local Parks	78.4	
River Parkways and Sierra Nevada Cascade Programs	48.1	
Various Water Programs ^b	21.8	
Farmland Conservancy	12.0	
Fuels Management and Urban Forestry	8.7	
Fishery Restoration	8.5	
California Conservation Corps	8.4	
Various Other	8.4	
Total	\$1,004.5	
a Department of Health Services.		
b Non-CALFED.		



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The Governor's 2004-05 Budget, as revised by the April Finance letters, proposes about \$1 billion in expenditures from various resources bonds. Figure 2 breaks down these expenditures by bond measure:

Figure 2 Governor's 2004-05 Budget: Proposed Resources Bond Expenditures		
By Bond Measure (In Millions)		
Proposition 50 ^a	\$457.5	
Proposition 40 ^b	264.5	
Proposition 13 ^c	202.7	
Proposition 12 ^d	56.1	
Proposition 204 ^e	8.9	
Other	14.8	
Total	\$1,004.5	
 a Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach b California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Pa c Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, d Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and C e Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Fund, 1996. 	rks, and Coastal Protection Fund, 2002. , and Flood Protection Fund, 2000.	



Resources Bonds— Highlights of Governor's Proposal and Issues

- Generally, the Governor's bond proposal—substantially submitted with the April Finance letters—provides funding for most programmatic areas previously funded from bond funds. However, the Governor's budget proposal includes no capital outlay funding for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. (The Department of Finance is conducting an audit of the conservancy.) Apart from this, there are no major policy shifts reflected in the proposal.
- The Governor's budget proposal deviates from longterm bond expenditure plans previously submitted to the Legislature in cases where a substantial amount of funds from prior appropriations remain unexpended. In such cases, the bond funds will be drawn down over a longer period of time than originally planned. (Accordingly, the April Finance letters propose a substantial amount of reappropriations.)
- An important legal, fiscal, and policy issue relates to whether Proposition 50 bond funds should be available for allocation to *private* water companies. The administration is currently reviewing this issue.