

Environmental FAQ's on Proposition 3, the November Water Bond



California Water Bond 2018

DOES PROPOSITION 3 FUND ANY NEW ABOVE GROUND STORAGE OR CONVEYANCE THAT WOULD DRAW FURTHER ON STRESSED ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS OF RIVER WATER?

Proposition 3 funds crucial repair and safety for existing facilities – no new dams, canals or tunnels:

Proposition 3 **does not fund any new dams.**

Proposition 3 **does not provide any funding for Delta tunnels** and explicitly bans funding from going towards the tunnels or accompanying environmental mitigation.

Proposition 3 provides for **repair of critical flood control and water conveyance facilities** on which many people depend for reliable delivery of water, productive agriculture, and recharge of groundwater reserves during wet years. These are responsible investments whose costs all state residents should share, like the wastewater recycling, water conservation, and groundwater cleanup voters have supported paying for with state funds. Repairing existing infrastructure reduces the need for new potentially environmentally damaging projects.

DOES PROPOSITION 3 UNDERWRITE ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING AGRICULTURAL WATER USE PRACTICES?

Proposition 3 funds crucial agricultural water conservation projects that don't harm endangered species.

The Bond text includes this explicit requirements for conservation projects:

"86032(g) No project may cause adverse impacts to fish or wildlife without mitigating those impacts below a level of significance. The cost of mitigation may be included in grant funds."

This is stronger mitigation than required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Endangered Species Act or the California Endangered Species Act.

DOES PROPOSITION 3 USE GGRF MONEY CONTRARY TO ITS INTENDED PURPOSES?

Proposition 3 increases protection for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

To ensure that climate change goals are met, the Bond directs GGRF funding for increased water agency electricity costs required to offset carbon impacts and directly reduce greenhouse

gases, instead of allowing the diversion of these funds to other purposes. The bond also prioritizes projects that benefit disadvantaged communities in most categories of spending.