

Support \$41 Million in Budget Funding to Advance the Human Right to Water



Our coalition supports the following budget actions taken by the budget subcommittees:

1. **BUDGET ACTION: \$10 million (General Fund)** in addition to proposed funds in the Governor's Budget for the Department of Water Resources to provide emergency drinking water support for small communities, including addressing private wells.
2. **BUDGET ACTION: \$10 million (General Fund)** to address the lack of drinking water access and water quality issues in schools.
3. **BUDGET ACTION: \$50 million (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund)** for drought actions, appliance rebates and water conservation and efficiency. At least \$20 million dollars of this allocation should target small, disadvantaged communities and low- income households to improve water system efficiency, repair leaking pipes and other infrastructure, install meters, and replace outdated appliances.
4. **BUDGET ACTION: \$1.3 million (General Fund)** for lead-related programs and improved drinking water data collection and management to track access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation (wastewater) in CA.

Over one million Californians are impacted by unsafe water annually, and almost 13,000 Californians have completely run out of water during this drought. Over the last two years, the state has committed significant resources through Proposition 1 and Cleanup and Abatement to address water challenges statewide, yet California's small, disadvantaged communities continue to lack the safeguards, tools, and resources to improve their situation. An ongoing source of sustainable funding is needed to secure safe, clean and affordable drinking water and sanitation (the Human Right to Water) for all Californians. However, a substantial and immediate investment now through the 2016-2017 budget is critical to meeting those needs.

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