

Proposition 4

Funding opportunities for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from California's 2024 Climate Bond



**Delta
Stewardship
Council**

A CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY

- On November 5, 2024, the California voters approved a \$10 billion general obligation climate bond: the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, also known as Proposition 4. (Prop. 4)
- Of the \$10 billion total, Prop. 4 identifies \$179 million in direct allocations to projects or organizations working in the Delta region.
- Depending on their implementation, other Prop. 4 funds not specifically allocated to the Delta could be distributed to Delta projects and programs, with the potential to impact the region's resilience.
- As identified at the August 2023 DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee meeting, there is a \$2.4 billion need in the Delta for already defined projects and programs that address flood protection, ecosystem restoration, and access.¹

The Passage of Prop. 4 and What it Means for the Delta

Prop. 4 projects range from drinking water improvements to wildfire prevention, with specific allocations for tribal communities and disadvantaged communities.

¹ (August 2023). DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee Meeting. Sacramento, CA.
<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/dpiic/presentations/2023-08-16-DPIIC-RSC-Meeting-Presentations-ADA.pdf>.

Some allocations prioritize key Delta issues broadly, such as flood control, levee repair, regional water management, habitat restoration, and outdoor recreation, but they are not explicitly earmarked for the Delta. Interagency coordination and awareness around the rollout of these funds can support critical efforts in the region.

Funding Breakdown²

Funds Allocated Specifically to Delta Projects and Programs

Amount	Uses	Controlling Agency
\$29,000,000³	For the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy "...to reduce the risks of climate change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources, and increase public access, ..." (Pub. Resources Code, § 93020.)	Delta Conservancy
\$150,000,000⁴	For projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to improve existing levees to increase flood protection and improve climate resiliency.	Department of Water Resources

Funds not Specifically Allocated to the Delta That Could Support Delta Projects and Programs

Amount	Uses	Controlling Agency
\$250,000,000⁵	For projects related to the systemwide evaluation, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, expansion, or replacement of levees, weirs, bypasses,	Natural Resources Agency and its departments, boards, and conservancies

² The Governor has proposed a multiyear spending plan to implement the bond, including appropriations totaling \$2.7 billion in 2025-26. Listed funds do not represent all Prop. 4 allocations, just those most applicable to the Delta region.

³ Up to 5 percent of the allocation may be directed towards community access projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, and vulnerable populations.

⁴ At least 40 percent of the allocation is required to benefit disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations.

⁵ Ibid.

	and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control.	
\$10,000,000	For the Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Program. (Stats. 2022, ch. 249; stats. 2023, ch. 12.)	Natural Resources Agency
\$100,000,000	For projects related to integrated regional water management to improve climate resilience on a watershed basis. Includes revision of guidelines for the integrated regional water management program to address impacts associated with climate risk.	Department of Water Resources
\$75,000,000	For competitive grants for regional conveyance projects or repairs to existing conveyances. Priority shall be given to projects that provide one or more of the following benefits: (a) Improvements in regional or interregional water supply or water supply reliability. (b) Increased groundwater recharge or mitigation of conditions of groundwater overdraft, salinity intrusion, water quality degradation, or subsidence. (c) Adaptation to the impacts of hydrologic changes. (d) Improvements in water security from drought, natural disasters, or other events that could interrupt water supplies. (e) Providing safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.	Natural Resources Agency; Department of Water Resources
\$15,000,000	To improve water data management and to implement Water Code section 144 to reactivate existing stream gages and deploy new gages.	State Water Resources Control Board; Department of Water Resources
\$50,000,000	For the Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program for fishery	Wildlife Conservation Board

	enhancement projects and programs that support reintroducing salmon into cold water habitat in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers watersheds.	
\$870,000,000	For grant programs to protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources and habitat and achieve the state’s biodiversity, public access, and conservation goals.	Wildlife Conservation Board
\$200,000,000	For the reduction of climate impacts on disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations and the creation, protection, and expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities.	Natural Resources Agency and its departments, boards, and conservancies
\$105,000,000	For improvements in climate resilience of agricultural lands and ecosystem health and allocated to eligible projects as follows: (a) For grants to promote improvements in soil health and carbon drawdown. (b) For the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (Stats. 2014, ch. 2.) to promote on farm water use efficiency with an emphasis on multi-benefit projects. (c) For projects providing meaningful and direct benefits to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.	Department of Food and Agriculture
\$200,000,000	For the creation, expansion, and renovation of safe neighborhood parks in park-poor neighborhoods in accordance with the competitive grant program of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008. (Pub. Resources Code, § 5640 et seq.)	Department of Parks and Recreation