

**CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**AUGUST 9, 2006 - Communications**  
Apodaca, Vasquez

**AUGUST 28, 2006 - Board Meeting**

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ACTION CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SUMMARY

Over the past few months, staff has updated the Board on Proposition 84 (Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006) and Prop 1E (Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Act of 2006).

Proposition 84 would provide \$5.4 billion in funding for all of the major natural resource protection and water programs at the state level, in addition to the \$37 billion infrastructure package approved by the Governor and legislature in May. The funds would address several critical areas, including water quality, integrated regional water management, flood control, rivers and coastal protection. The water and resource bond initiative was developed by a coalition of conservation groups in consultation with ACWA's Infrastructure Task Force and has a long list of statewide supporters which include Metropolitan and ACWA. Of the \$5.4 billion, approximately \$2.7 billion would be used to fund water programs. The latest field poll showed 49% voters' support with favorable approval ratings from both Democrats and Republicans.

Proposition 1E, which is also supported by Metropolitan and ACWA, is a statewide ballot measure that would authorize \$4.1 billion in funding to repair and maintain levees, as well as improve the flood control system in the state. Since 1996, \$400 million has been allocated specifically for flood management purposes from the state's general obligation bond. A law passed earlier this year provides \$500 million from general fund for emergency levee repairs and other flood management-related costs. The Department of Water Resources estimates the cost of repairs and upgrade of the Central Valley flood control system and levees in the Delta between \$7-\$12 billion.

The two measures were discussed at the Communications Committee meeting, and the Committee members recommended that staff bring a formal action to the Board in support of Propositions 84 and 1E.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Communications Committee on August 9, 2006. The Committee recommended agendaizing this item to the August 28, 2006 Board meeting Action Calendar for consideration.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board takes the following positions:

- "Support" - Proposition 84: Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006
- "Support" - Proposition 1E: Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Act of 2006

EXHIBITS:

None.

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