

Drought

Project Description

Activities include \$40 million to address drought impacts in the West, but primarily in California, including projects to facilitate the delivery of Federal water to Reclamation contractors through water transfers and exchanges, installation of groundwater wells to supply water to wildlife refuges and provide water to agricultural and urban contractors, installation of rock barriers in the Sacramento Delta to meet water quality standards during low flows, and installation of temporary water lines to save permanent trees and vines.

Project Benefits

Activities to minimize losses and damages resulting from drought conditions will:

- Improve water accountability and powerplant efficiencies, thus saving taxpayer dollars.
- Fund Endangered Species Act mitigation efforts to benefit the giant garter snake in California to facilitate water transfers and exchanges.
- Pump groundwater to satisfy required water deliveries to wildlife refuges, thereby freeing up water for municipal and industrial and agricultural water contractors.
- Provide critical municipal supplies to urban customers, small communities and tribes impacted by drought.
- Increase water flow data and improve monitoring of hydrologic conditions to allow water users to closely control water diversions and consumptive use.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$40 million.

For more information

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