



# The North State Strongly Supports The Water Bond: Proposition 1

With California in the middle of its worst drought in 200 years, now is the time in Northern California to improve our regional water supplies for future generations. The water bond on the November 4 ballot provides a once in a generation opportunity for voters to provide additional water right protections for Northern California and funding to help advance the public benefits in water infrastructure we need to serve our farms, cities, and environment. **Proposition 1 deserves our support.**

This year we have seen the impacts when we do not have surface water supplies in Northern California—hundreds of millions of dollars of lost farm production; diminished wildlife habitat; reduced urban supplies and lost recreational opportunities. Additionally, without our surface supplies, there is additional pumping of our precious groundwater resources in the region.

For these reasons, every Northern California legislator supported Proposition 1, both Republicans and Democrats. Moreover, the water bond is supported by water suppliers, agricultural organizations, the North State Water Alliance, local governments (Regional Council of Rural Counties, California Association of Counties, the League of Cities) and major environmental and conservation organizations (Nature Conservancy, Audubon California, Ducks Unlimited, American Rivers etc.). It is rare in California to have such a broad and diverse group supporting any proposal, particularly when it involves our precious water resources.

We need to plan for the future and save our precious water resources when there is a surplus so that we will be able to access these water supplies during dry periods. The water bond has \$2.7 billion for much needed water infrastructure in California, which could include the construction of Sites Reservoir near Maxwell. Here, water would be diverted from the Sacramento River and its tributaries through existing canals during surplus times into an off-stream reservoir, so the water would be available for use later in the same year or stored across years for drier periods of time, such as this year.

The protection of water rights and additional off-stream water storage are critical to provide water security for Northern California and the entire state, particularly during future droughts. There are few guarantees with respect to California water. The only guarantee that we are aware is that voting “no” and failing to pass the water bond (Proposition 1) will lead to less water security in the North State; additional groundwater pumping from our precious aquifers and the assurance that both the economy and the environment in Northern California will suffer in future dry years.

Don't let this inaction and paralysis happen.

On November 4, we urge you to vote **“YES”** on **Proposition 1**.

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**Bryce Lundberg**  
Chairman

Northern California Water Association

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**Jamie Johansson**  
Second Vice President

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