

**Meeting Date:** 10/14/2014

**Report Type:** Staff/Discussion

**Report ID:** 2014-00733

**Title:** Consideration of City Position on Proposition 1, Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Pass a Resolution supporting Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

**Contact:** Bill Busath, Interim Director, (916) 808-1434; Jim Peifer, Supervising Engineer, (916) 808-1416, Department of Utilities

**Presenter:** Randi L. Knott, Director of Government Affairs, (916) 808-5771, Office of the City Manager

**Department:** Department Of Utilities

**Division:** Government Affairs - Utilities

**Dept ID:**

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

---

**City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form

Joe Robinson

10/3/2014 4:57:54 PM

**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Bill Busath - 9/25/2014 12:41:49 PM

## Description/Analysis

**Issue Detail:** On August 13, 2014, the California State Legislature approved and Governor Brown signed a proposed \$7.5 billion state water bond measure, known as Proposition 1, which replaced Proposition 43, an \$11.1 billion proposed water bond originally approved during the Governor Schwarzenegger administration. The \$7.5 billion Proposition 1 will appear on the November 4, 2014 statewide ballot for consideration by California's voters. Proposition 1 contains amendments that brought the proposition to a "water tunnel neutral" posture and has language that protects existing water rights and does not diminish, impair, or otherwise affect area of origin protections.

**Policy Considerations:** If voters approve Proposition 1 in November, staff would expect the various grant processes to be started by the relevant state agencies in early to mid-2015. This may provide opportunities for the City to compete for Proposition 1 state grant funds for water infrastructure projects and conservation projects.

**Economic Impacts:** Not Applicable

**Environmental Considerations:** Not Applicable

**Sustainability:** Not Applicable

**Commission/Committee Action:** Because this item is in alignment with the City's adopted State Legislative Platform, staff is bringing it directly to the City Council without prior Law & Legislation Committee review.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council consider and adopt a position of support for Proposition 1. Passage of Proposition 1 may provide opportunities for the City to compete for grant funds for water infrastructure projects.

**Financial Considerations:** Not Applicable

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not Applicable

## RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 1, THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. California is in a severe, multi-year drought and faces a growing list of challenges associated with aging infrastructure, climate change, population growth, and other factors.
- B. Water managers and top leaders including Governor Jerry Brown agree that we need a comprehensive, statewide water plan to create a more resilient water system and meet the coequal goals of improved water supply reliability and ecosystem health.
- C. The Legislature has approved and Governor Brown has signed the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, which will appear as Proposition 1 on the November 4 ballot and provide much-needed funding to advance a statewide comprehensive water plan.
- D. If approved by voters, the measure would provide \$7.545 billion in bond funding for new surface and groundwater storage projects, regional water reliability, sustainable groundwater management and cleanup, water recycling, water conservation, watershed protection, and safe drinking water, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

##### Section 1.

The City of Sacramento supports Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, on the November 2014 ballot.