Proposition 50: Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002

What would it do?

Proposition 50 would authorize the state to sell \$3.44 billion in bonds for water quality, water supply reliability, and safe drinking water projects, as well as for coastal land acquisition and protection. The major allocations of the bond proceeds are as follows:

■ \$950 million would be directed to coastal protection, including \$750 million for wetlands acquisition, protection, and restoration, and \$200 million for watershed protection

■ \$825 million would be directed to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

■ \$640 million would go toward integrated regional water management

■ \$435 million would be directed toward safe drinking water programs, including small community drinking water system upgrades, contaminant removal and treatment, water quality monitoring, and drinking water source protection

■ \$370 million would be directed to clean water and water quality programs, such as water pollution prevention, water recycling, water quality improvements, river parkway projects, and coastal nonpoint source pollution control

■ \$100 million would go toward desalination and water treatment programs

■ \$70 million would be directed to the Colorado River Management, including ecosystem restoration and canal lining

■ \$50 million would be used on water security (protecting drinking water systems from terrorist attacks and other deliberate acts of destruction or degradation)

Is it good for kids?

Yes. Safe drinking water is essential to the health and well-being of our children, as is the protection of the state's water resources for future generation.

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