



**County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item Submittal**

From: Board of Supervisors: Third District
(831) 454-2200

Meeting Date: February 27, 2018

Recommended Action:

Adopt resolution in support of Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

Executive Summary

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 will appear on the June 2018 statewide ballot. Passage of the bond would provide new opportunities for the County of Santa Cruz to obtain much needed additional resources for our Parks, Water and Climate Action programs.

Background

Last fall, the Legislature adopted and the Governor signed Senate Bill 5 (SB 5), a \$4 billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the June 2018 ballot entitled the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018. SB 5 is the first legislatively authorized bond for parks, resources and environmental improvements since 2002. Investments in California's urban, suburban and rural park and resources-related landscapes support our core values and provide important environmental, health and economic benefits.

If the voters approve Proposition 68, local governments will receive funding for local park improvements and will be eligible for numerous grants to fund water, local parks, coastal and climate resiliency projects.

Among the many important investments Proposition 68 makes:

- \$200 million for per capita funding to assist all of California's communities in underwriting priority park-related improvements
- \$725 million for competitive grants for safe neighborhood parks
- \$218 million for restoration of existing state park facilities, addressing a greater than \$1 billion backlog in deferred maintenance which will translate into greater tourism and visitor opportunities in adjacent communities
- \$443 million for competitive grants for climate adaptation and resiliency programs
- \$175 million for coastal and ocean protection resources
- \$250 million for competitive grants for clean drinking water programs
- \$550 million for flood protection and repair
- \$290 million for competitive grants and loans for drought and groundwater regional sustainability

Analysis

Santa Cruz County has a long history of environmental leadership and supporting this proposition will benefit our parks, our water resources and help support climate resiliency projects. This bond will benefit Santa Cruz County residents and all Californians. Our natural environment is priceless and it is critical that we protect it and invest in it.

Financial Impact

None.

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Attachments:

- a Resolution in Support of Proposition 68
- b SB 5 (Chapter 852, Statutes of 2017), De León