



SB 5 – What’s in it for RCDs?

On the final night of the 2017 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed SB 5 (de Leon) – a \$4 billion parks, natural resources and water bond. SB 5 will be on California’s June 2018 ballot for approval by the voters. If passed, there are many programs that may benefit RCDs across the state. Below is an overview of some of the key programs contained in the bond measure.

California Department of Food and Ag

- \$10 million to CDFA for grants to improve climate change resilience through innovative farm practices
- \$20 million to CDFA for SWEEP

Department of Conservation

- \$20 million to DOC to enhance working lands for innovative farm practices that improve climate change resilience. Funding can be used for RCD projects pursuant to Division 9 as well as the California Farmland Conservancy program. *(Up to 50% of the funds can be allocated to RCD projects, we will need to work with DOC on this)*

CalFIRE

- \$50 million for climate preparedness, habitat resiliency, resource enhancement and innovation projects.
 - \$15 million goes to the Urban Forestry program

Wildlife Conservation Board

- \$70 million General purpose funds – can be used for habitat restoration or acquisitions
- \$60 million for fish passage improvement projects
- \$60 million to increase water retention, quality or supply in the Sierra Nevada region

Department of Fish and Wildlife

- \$25 million to restore rivers and streams in support of fisheries and wildlife

State Conservancies

- River Recreation, Creek, and Waterway Improvements:
 - \$16 M for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program
 - \$10 M to the Lower American River Conservancy Program
 - \$6 M to Baldwin Hills Conservancy
 - \$27 M to California Tahoe Conservancy
 - \$7 M to Coachella Mountains Conservancy
 - \$12 M to Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
 - \$12 M to San Diego River Conservancy
 - \$30 M to San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy
 - \$6 M to San Joaquin River Conservancy
 - \$30 M to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - \$30 M to Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Coastal Conservancy:
 - \$20 million for coastal forests
 - \$85 million for protection and restoration of coastal watershed resources.