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State Water Board Approves \$19 Million for Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought-Related Projects

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SACRAMENTO - Today the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved guidelines for \$19 million in funding to help public agencies, community water systems, not-for-profit organizations and tribal governments meet emergency drinking water needs.

On March 27, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed a \$1 billion emergency drought legislation package, including Assembly bills 91 and 92, which took effect immediately, allowing the State Water Board to act.

In an effort to distribute funds as quickly and efficiently as possible, the State Water Board will coordinate with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, Division of Drinking Water, Department of Water Resources, Office of Emergency Services (OES) and stakeholders to identify communities whose water supplies have been impacted by contamination or drought, and need financial assistance to maintain a safe drinking water supply.

“As we enter a fourth year of severe drought, more communities are likely to face difficulties with their water supplies and delivering safe drinking water,” said Darrin Polhemus, deputy director of the State Water Board’s Division of Financial Assistance. “These guidelines will help streamline the process of identifying communities with the most immediate need and who don’t have the necessary resources to respond to their situation, and in getting funds as quickly as possible to them to secure their drinking water supplies.”

For more information see the [resolution](#) approved by the State Water Board. Additional resources on this program can be found [here](#).

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