American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Water Infrastructure, and Advocacy

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What is ARPA?

- Pandemic Response
  - Health emergency and economic impacts
  - Pay for essential workers
  - Replacement of revenue
  - Investments in water, sewer, and broadband

- Funding for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments
  - $350 billion total
  - Disbursed based on populations
Local Disbursements

• State of California: $27 billion

• Counties:
  • Sacramento: $301,469,072
  • Placer: $77,370,739
  • El Dorado: $37,457,492
  • Sutter: $18,835,480

• Cities:
  • Sacramento: $112,313,331
  • Elk Grove: $21,944,605
  • Roseville: $17,644,859
  • Citrus Heights: $15,676,972
  • Yuba City: $15,615,517
  • Rancho Cordova: $15,588,333
  • West Sacramento: $11,773,300
  • Folsom: $8,375,645

½ funding distributed now, ½ funding distributed one year from now.
• Autonomy, with some guidelines

• Funds obligated by: December 31, 2024

• Projects completed by: December 31, 2026

• Uses that are not eligible include: offsetting tax cuts; deposits into pension/rainy day funds; funding debt services, legal settlements, or matching funds; general infrastructure spending unless under revenue loss provision*

• Reporting requirements

* Ineligible infrastructure spending are only items that are not included in the water, sewer, and broadband provision in ARPA.
Water and Sewer Infrastructure

• Projects should make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and/or to support wastewater and stormwater infrastructure

• Project must be a type that would be eligible under the EPA’s Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF and DWSRF)

  • CWSRF: Wastewater treatment plants, non-point pollution sources, infrastructure resilience to severe weather, green infrastructure, pollution protection of waterbodies

  • DWSRF: Distribution systems, replacement of lead pipes, development of new water sources, wells, aquifer storage and recovery, and consolidation of projects

• Cybersecurity for water and sewer infrastructure

• Subject to the funding entity, special districts may be eligible

• Projects on privately-owned infrastructure are eligible
RWA Engagement

• Focus on three central themes:
  • Clean drinking water
  • Drought response
  • Climate Resiliency

• Consolidation of a master list of projects that fit CWSRF and DWSRF projects and central themes

• Advocacy for water infrastructure with local and state entities, where appropriate