

Legislation Text

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Previous Discussion Updates

- ACWA Outreach Alert Opposition of SB 845 (Water Tax)
  - Staff is following legislative activities on this topic. The following is an update report for the Commission.
  - From Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) on Monday, June 10, 2019:

On Sunday June 9, the 2019 Conference Committee on the Budget approved a safe drinking water funding solution for disadvantaged communities in California that do not have access to safe drinking water. The solution, which does **not** involve a water tax, will be put in place through the enactment of the 2019-'20 State Budget and related trailer bill language. Following is the proposal in a nutshell.

In the first year, Fiscal Year 2019-'20, the safe drinking water funding solution will be funded with \$100 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and \$30 million from the General Fund. This will be part of the 2019-'20 Fiscal Year State Budget

After the first year, the funding will be 5 percent of the GGRF continuously appropriated - capped at \$130 million per year. Beginning in Fiscal Year, 2023 -'24, the agreement includes General Fund funding as a backstop if 5 percent of the GGRF is less than \$130 million in any year. The funding will sunset in 2030.

Trailer bill language will set up a fund and provide the framework for the funding program.

The Legislature will take up the budget late this week.

- Questions Posed at Previous Commission Meeting:
  - ➤ There were none.