History of 2014 Water Bond

- Authorized as part of the 2009 Delta Reform Act comprehensive package for placement on 2010 ballot
- Rescheduled to 2012 ballot by Legislature, due to general economic conditions
- Moved to 2014 by Legislature due to competing measures and continued concerns with CA economy
2014 Water Bond
$11.14 Billion

- Groundwater Protection and Water Quality: $1.0 B
- Recycling and Conservation: $1.25 B
- Conservation and Watershed Protection: $1.785 B
- Statewide Water System Operational Improvement: $3.0 B
- Drought Relief: $0.455 M
- Water Supply Reliability: $1.4 B
- Delta Sustainability: $2.25 B
Metropolitan’s 2014 Water Bond Priorities

- Fund state’s share of public benefits to support coequal goals
  - Habitat restoration beyond any mitigation
  - Improvements consistent with BDCP
- Fund public benefits associated with Delta sustainability
  - Flood protection
  - Water quality
  - Other stressors
Metropolitan’s 2014 Water Bond Priorities (cont’d)

- Fund multi-benefit projects to reduce future reliance
  - In urban and agricultural areas
  - Special consideration for disadvantaged communities

- Fund statewide system improvements
  - Competitive surface and groundwater storage projects
  - CA Water Commission (CWC) to develop public benefit criteria
Voter Polling

- Water conditions and drought raising awareness and support among voters

Univision Poll (December 2013)
- 80% of Hispanic/Latino voters say protecting environment and clean air and water very important
- Survey of Hispanic/Latino voters on $11 billion bond on Nov. 2014 ballot
  - 71% yes – 19% no – 10% undecided
Voter Polling (cont’d)

Fairbank Poll (1/30/14 – 2/9/2014)

- School bond feasibility survey
- Included assessment of water bond
- 82% of likely voters believe water supply challenges so severe immediate investments are necessary
- Support for $11 billion water bond among likely voters:
  - 54% yes – 32% no – 10% undecided
- 75% of likely voters would vote for water bond even if school bond on same ballot
Voter Polling (cont’d)

Public Policy Institute of California

Released March 26, 2014

Surveyed bond on November ballot

All adults surveyed

60% yes - 23% no – 16% undecided

Among likely voters

50% yes – 32% no – 19% undecided

Stronger support in Central Valley than Bay Area

Ballot title not tested
Clean Water Jobs Coalition
- ACWA, CBIA, Latino Water Coalition, Nature Conservancy and Western Growers
- Multiple surveys envisioned
- First survey tested existing bond, title and summary and likely support/opposition positions
- Second survey tested “price points”
2014 Water Bond

Voter polling will help guide decisions:
- Timing of election
- Voter attitude and priorities
- Overall dollar amount

Secretary of State deadline: June 26, 2014
Changes to bond (other than election cycle) require 2/3 vote of Legislature
Legislative leadership
Brown Administration?
Pending Water Bonds

Assembly

- AB 1331 (Rendon, D-Lakewood)
- AB 1445 (Logue, R-Marysville)
- AB 2043 (Conway, R-Tulare and Bigelow, R-O’Neals)
- AB 2554 (Rendon, D-Lakewood)
- AB 2686 (Perea, D-Fresno)
Pending Water Bonds (cont’d)

Senate

- SB 848 (Wolk, D-Davis)
- SB 927 (Cannella, R-Ceres and Vidak, R-Hanford)
- SB 1080 (Fuller, R-Bakersfield) — SPOT BILL
- SB 1250 (Hueso, D-San Diego) — SPOT BILL
- SB 1370 (Galgiani, D-Stockton)
Repeals existing bond

$8.2 billion general obligation bond

- $1 billion clean and safe drinking water
- $1.5 billion for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed restoration
- $2 billion for regional water security
- $1.2 billion for Delta sustainability
- $2.5 billion for surface and groundwater remediation and storage

Metropolitan position: Pending
Repeals existing bond

$8.035 billion general obligation bond

- $495 million for drought relief, wastewater treatment and safe drinking water
- $1.19 billion for regional water reliability
- $1 billion for groundwater protection and water quality
Funding allocation (continued):

- $1.05 billion for water recycling and advanced treatment
- $1.5 billion for Delta sustainability
- $3 billion for surface and groundwater remediation and storage

Metropolitan position: Support If Amended
AB 2686 (Perea)  
As Amended May 1, 2014

- Repeals existing bond
- $10.6+ billion general obligation bond
  - $3 billion for water storage
  - $2.25 billion for Delta sustainability
  - $1 billion for clean and safe drinking water
  - $1.5 billion for watersheds
  - $1.85 billion for regional water security
  - $1 billion for groundwater remediation
  - Unspecified amount for recycled water

Metropolitan position: Support If Amended
SB 848 (Wolk) As Amended June 10, 2014

- Repeals existing bond
- $10.5 billion general obligation bond
  - $3.02 billion for safe drinking water
  - $3.18 billion for water quality
  - $1.3 billion for Delta sustainability
  - $3 billion for water system operational improvements

Metropolitan Position: Oppose Unless Amended