

Proposition 68 - Parks, Environment and Water Bond

On April 17, 2018 (Board Agenda Item No. 26), the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors approved a position of support for Proposition 68, a statewide parks and water bond, that will appear on the June 5, 2018 statewide ballot. Proposition 68 would authorize \$4 billion in bonds for a wide range of projects across urban, suburban and rural California aimed at drinking water and drought protection, wildlife and natural resource conservation, climate resilience and park access for all.

Proposition 68 includes competitive grant funding opportunities for parks and open space projects that may be available to Santa Clara County parks, and many of our regional partners.

Specific Funding Allocations for the Bay Area

\$21.25 million for San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program (Coastal Conservancy)

\$20 million for restoration grants to match Measure AA (Coastal Conservancy)

\$14 million for the Ocean Protection Trust Fund (Coastal Conservancy)

County, city, and special district funding for local parks (per capita and other programs)

\$3 million for Los Gatos Creek and Upper Guadalupe River (Natural Resources Agency)

\$3 million for Russian River (Natural Resources Agency)

Summary of Funding Categories with Bay Area Eligibility

State and Local Parks, Greenways, and River Parkways

\$725 million for the creation and expansion of parks in “park-poor neighborhoods”

\$290 million in funding for local parks (per capita and other programs)

\$218 million in funding to “create, expand...and improve state parks and park facilities”

\$30 million for trail and greenway investments (Natural Resources Agency)

\$25 million for recreational programs and parks in rural communities (State Parks)

Ocean, Bay, and Coastal Protection

\$20 million for coastal forests

\$35 million for marine protected areas and sustainable fisheries

\$5 million for coastal dune, wetlands, and estuary protection

\$30 million for “lower cost coastal accommodation grants”

\$75 million for California Ocean Protection Trust Fund

Climate Preparedness, Habitat Resiliency, Resource Enhancement, and Innovation

\$443 million to various agencies including:

- \$48 million for wildlife corridors & open space (Wildlife Conservation Board)
- \$115 million for fishery and riparian restoration projects (Dept. of Fish and Wildlife)
- \$60 million for agricultural land conservation and stewardship (Dept. of Conservation)
- \$50 million for “for ecological restoration of forests” including urban forests (CalFire)

For complete information on Proposition 68, visit the [Secretary of State website](#).