

# **PV WATER FUNDING PRESENTATION**

**Working toward sustainable and economically efficient  
management of the valley's water resources**

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Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

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# PV Water Funding Presentation

- Current Funding
- Anticipated Funding Opportunities
  - State
  - Federal
- Funding Needs
- Maximizing Funding Eligibility and Competitiveness

# Successful History of Funding

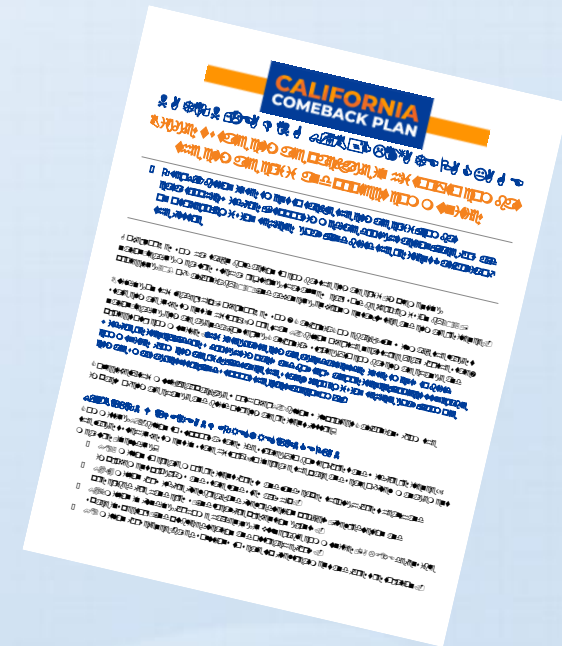
March 3, 2020  
Disk Filter Installation

- Current Grants/Loans
  - DWR Prop 84 Drought Grant
    - Blend Well, K-1, and F-Pipelines
    - DRIP Program
  - SWRCB Prop 1 Grant/SRF Low-Interest Loan
    - Closing out Phase 2 Disk Filter Project
    - Considering Phase 3 UV Disinfection
  - DWR Prop 68 SGM Planning Grant
  - USBR Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant for Telemetry Equipment



# Unprecedented State Funding Opportunities

- Regular state funding programs continue with supplemental funding or are delayed so state agencies can distribute \$15B+ Climate Package
- Investment to tackle the climate crisis, combat catastrophic wildfires, **support immediate drought action**, race forward on our zero-emission vehicles goals, and build the resilient California of the future
- Grant guidelines for the various funding programs are starting to be released



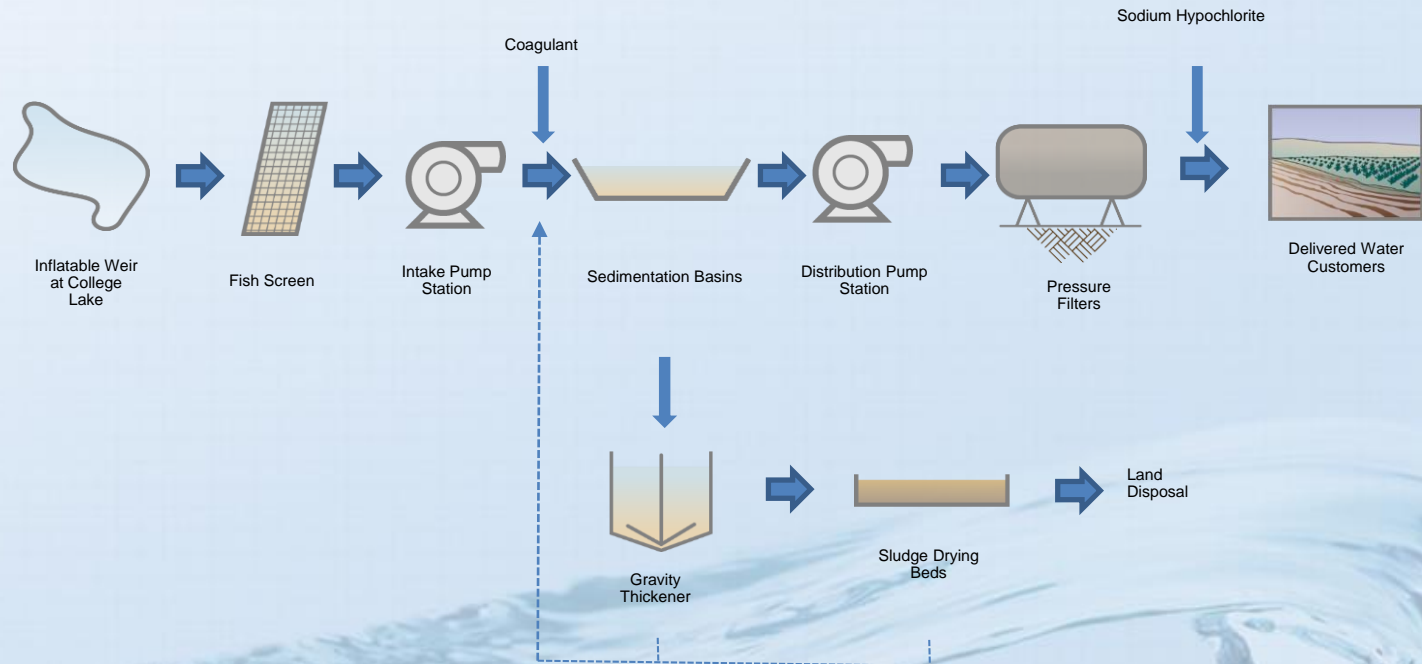
# Unprecedented Federal Funding Opportunities

- Regular funding programs continue plus...
- \$3.5(?) Trillion Federal Infrastructure Bill
  - Funding likely to go to existing competitive grant programs like the Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency
  - Biden Administration released “Climate Action Plans” for 20 Federal Agencies that will play a role in grants
- Directed Spending (Earmarks) requested earlier this year (EPA STAG Grants)
  - Non-Competitive, requests submitted by elected representatives
  - Small grants but free money (~\$1M)

# Funding Needs

- College Lake Integrated Resources Management
- Watsonville Slough System MAR
- Harkins Slough Project Enhancements

## College Lake



# We Need to Be Ready to Take Advantage of These Opportunities

- Get approvals on Facility Plans, Feasibility Studies, etc.
- Review and comment on draft funding guidelines and priorities
- Demonstrate Readiness – environmental, real estate, etc
- Engage Lobbying Services
  - Re-establish relationships with funding agencies and political committees
  - Initiate or intensify communications with elected officials
  - Familiarize funding agencies and elected officials with projects and funding needs
  - Anticipate funding opportunities and priorities

# Questions? Next Steps?