

Proposition 1, a water bond measure, passes

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Gov. Jerry Brown, flanked by Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, left, and then-Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, right, holds up the measure he signed to place a water plan on the November ballot on Aug. 13, 2014. (Rich Pedroncelli / Associated Press)

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Voters approve \$7.5 billion water bond

Proposition 1 has passed, AP reports. It authorizes state officials to borrow \$7.12 billion and repurpose \$425 million in bonds approved earlier to pay for new water projects.

The measure includes \$2.7 billion for storage projects, such as dams; \$800 million for cleaning up contaminated underground water; and \$725 million for water recycling projects.

In addition, \$1.5 billion will be dedicated to the protection and restoration of wildlife habitat and watersheds.

The borrowing will be repaid from the state budget.

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The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that it will cost an average of \$360 million a year to pay off the bonds over about 40 years.

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