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[Jerry Brown, legislative leaders to announce drought aid](#)

Gov. **Jerry Brown** and legislative leaders on Wednesday will unveil plans to spend roughly \$680 million on efforts to alleviate the impacts of California's drought.

The proposal elaborates on a plan Senate leader **Darrell Steinberg** had been working to [expedite approval of water recycling and stormwater reuse](#) projects by adding emergency food and housing assistance to farmworkers who will be out of work due to the drought, according to sources familiar with the legislation.

Today's announcement -- set for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services at Mather Field -- comes five days after [Brown joined President Barack Obama on a visit to Fresno](#) to talk to farmers about the drought and tout federal assistance including money for livestock losses, watershed protection and summer food programs.

Steinberg's Senate Bill 731 would direct roughly \$475 million toward local governments that are ready to build drought alleviation projects. The money would come from Proposition 84, a water bond voters approved in 2006.

The bill also calls for spending roughly \$50 million -- largely from a housing bond voters approved in 2006 -- to provide emergency food and shelter to people who are out of work because the farms they normally work on are fallow due to drought.

Another roughly \$40 million from cap-and-trade funds would be spent on water efficiency projects that save energy, while roughly \$80 million from a 2006 flood bond would be available for projects that prevent flooding while making more water available for dry times, such as infrastructure to capture storm water.