

RESOURCES

The May Revision proposes an additional \$72.5 million in General Fund savings in the Resources area. These savings will be achieved by shifting funding for Colorado River water management projects and Habitat Conservation Fund projects to bond funds, as well as providing loans and transfers from various special funds to the General Fund. In addition, the May Revision proposes to provide funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation to ensure that all state parks remain open to the public and state beaches are staffed with seasonal lifeguards.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND SAVINGS

The May Revision proposes to shift \$13.5 million from the General Fund to Proposition 84 bond funds for Colorado River water management projects. Existing law committed \$235 million General Fund for various water management projects, including the lining of the All American Canal, to reduce California's annual use of Colorado River water. The Governor's Budget proposed \$13.5 million General Fund for this purpose. This amount represents the remaining balance of the state's commitment toward completion of the projects. Proposition 84 provides \$1 billion for integrated regional water management projects. The Colorado River water management projects are eligible for these funds.

The May Revision also proposes to shift \$20.4 million of the required annual transfer to the Habitat Conservation Fund from the General Fund to Proposition 1E bond funds. Proposition 117, approved by the voters in 1990, requires an annual transfer of \$30 million

to the Habitat Conservation Fund for the acquisition and restoration of habitat. The Governor's Budget proposed \$20.4 million General Fund toward this purpose, with the remaining amount funded from various other funds. Proposition 1E provides \$290 million for the enhancement of flood protection corridors, including projects that preserve the wildlife value of the properties. These funds are eligible to meet the Habitat Conservation Fund transfer requirement.

PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STATE PARKS

The May Revision proposes \$13.3 million in funding for the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Governor's Budget proposed a \$13.3 million General Fund reduction, which would have resulted in closing 48 state parks and reducing seasonal lifeguards at state beaches by a minimum of 50 percent. This proposal will provide \$11.8 million General Fund and \$1.5 million from increased state park fees to keep parks open. The fee increases will range from \$1 to \$2 at selected state parks where the effect on attendance would be minimal.

LOANS AND TRANSFERS FROM SPECIAL FUNDS

The May Revision proposes loans and transfers from various special funds to provide one-time funding to the General Fund to help close the budget gap. For funds within the Resources Agency, the total loans and transfers are \$30.4 million and \$8.2 million respectively.

LOANS FROM SPECIAL FUNDS — \$30.4 MILLION

- Renewable Resources Trust Fund—\$10.9 million
- Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund—\$13.0 million
- Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund—\$4.0 million
- California Waterfowl Habitat Preservation Account—\$2.5 million

TRANSFERS FROM SPECIAL FUNDS — \$8.2 MILLION

- Coastal Wetlands Account—\$4.7 million
- Environmental Water Fund—\$2.4 million
- California Water Fund—\$1.1 million