

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2723

Introduced by Assembly Member De La Torre

February 22, 2008

An act to amend Section 75065 of the Public Resources Code, relating to water resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2723, as introduced, De La Torre. Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006: dual piping.

Existing law, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, (bond act) authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000, of which \$90,000,000 is made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for planning grants and planning incentives, including revolving loan programs and other methods to encourage the development of regional and local land use plans that are designed to promote water conservation, reduce automobile use and fuel consumption, encourage greater infill and compact development, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize urban and community centers. The Legislature may only appropriate funds for that purpose upon the enactment of legislation to implement that provision of the bond act.

This bill would provide that these funds may be expended by the department, upon appropriation for that purpose, for grants to cities, counties, and cities and counties for the development of dual water piping to allow for the delivery of potable and recycled water for

landscaping purposes to commercial, industrial, and residential buildings constructed on or after January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 75065 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 75065. The sum of five hundred eighty million dollars
4 (\$580,000,000) shall be available for improving the sustainability
5 and livability of California’s communities through investment in
6 natural resources. The purposes of this chapter include reducing
7 urban communities’ contribution to global warming and increasing
8 their adaptability to climate change while improving the quality
9 of life in those communities. Funds shall be available in accordance
10 with the following schedule:

11 (a) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall be
12 available for urban greening projects that reduce energy
13 consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and
14 provide other community benefits. Priority shall be given to
15 projects that provide multiple benefits, use existing public lands,
16 serve communities with the greatest need, and facilitate joint use
17 of public resources and investments including schools.
18 Implementing legislation shall provide for planning grants for
19 urban greening programs. Not less than \$20,000,000 shall be
20 available for urban forestry projects pursuant to the California
21 Urban Forestry Act, Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 4799.06)
22 of Part 2.5 of Division 1.

23 (b) The sum of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000)
24 shall be available to the Department of Parks and Recreation for
25 competitive grants for local and regional parks. Funds provided
26 in this subdivision may be allocated to existing programs or
27 pursuant to legislation enacted to implement this subdivision,
28 subject to the following considerations:

29 (1) Acquisition and development of new parks and expansion
30 of overused parks that provide park and recreational access to
31 underserved communities shall be given preference.

32 (2) Creation of parks in neighborhoods where none currently
33 exist shall be given preference.

1 (3) Outreach and technical assistance shall be provided to
2 underserved communities to encourage full participation in the
3 program or programs.

4 (4) Preference shall be given to applicants that actively involve
5 community based groups in the selection and planning of projects.

6 (5) Projects will be designed to provide efficient use of water
7 and other natural resources.

8 (c) (1) The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) shall
9 be available for planning grants and planning incentives, including
10 revolving loan programs and other methods to encourage the
11 development of regional and local land use plans that are designed
12 to promote water conservation, reduce automobile use and fuel
13 consumption, encourage greater infill and compact development,
14 protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize
15 urban and community centers.

16 (2) *Funds described in paragraph (1) may be expended by the*
17 *department, upon appropriation for that purpose, for grants to*
18 *cities, counties, and cities and counties for the development of dual*
19 *water piping systems to allow for the delivery of potable and*
20 *recycled water for landscaping purposes to commercial, industrial,*
21 *and residential buildings constructed on or after January 1, 2009.*