

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 41**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member La Malfa  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aghazarian, Berryhill, Gaines,  
Maze, and Villines)**

December 4, 2006

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An act to relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 41, as introduced, La Malfa. Water resources: bond proceeds.

The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, a bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program.

This bill would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds derived from these bond acts, consistent with the intent of the voters, be expended in the most cost-efficient and effective manner and, to the greatest extent possible, to address this state's critical lack of adequate surface water storage. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (1) For years, California has failed to address adequately the  
4 need for increased water storage to meet the state’s residential,  
5 business, agricultural, environmental, and water quality needs.

6 (2) According to the Department of Water Resources, by 2020  
7 California will fall short of meeting its water needs in critically-dry  
8 years by 6.2 million acre-feet.

9 (3) Our population will increase by an amount that is equivalent  
10 to the current population of Michigan by 2020, or a city the size  
11 of Long Beach each and every year.

12 (4) The CALFED Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000,  
13 identified five major dam projects that could provide significant  
14 new surface water to California.

15 (5) Two projects, Temperance Flat in Fresno County and Sites  
16 Reservoir in Colusa County, hold the greatest promise for providing  
17 new surface shortage. Environmental documentation for both  
18 projects is expected to be completed by 2008.

19 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds derived from  
20 the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006  
21 and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood  
22 Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which  
23 laws the voters approved at the November 7, 2006, statewide  
24 general election, be expended, consistent with the intent of the  
25 voters, in the most cost-efficient and effective manner and, to the  
26 greatest extent possible, to address this state’s critical lack of  
27 adequate surface water storage.