

# SECURING LONG TERM RELIABLE STORM WATER FUNDING

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# Challenges Facing Stormwater Agencies

- Water quality regulations
- Aging infrastructure
- Sufficiency and stability of revenues to cover costs
- Public awareness/funding support

# Challenges Facing Storm water Agencies – CA State Legislation

- Proposition 218
  - > Property-related fees approved by public hearing followed by either:
    - 50% + 1m aided ballot approval
    - 2/3rds electorate approval
  - > SB 231: storm water fees may be approved by public hearing only
    - May be used to fund supply and groundwater costs
    - Does not apply to other costs like trash, green infrastructure

# Resolving Stormwater Funding Challenges

1. Determine funding priorities and develop a detailed cost basis
  - > Develop stormwater management plans and capital improvement plans to:
    - Assess current condition of system and current costs
    - Determine necessary projects, order of importance
    - Make cost projections
  - > Include ongoing O & M costs associated with capital
  - > Focus on what the public is willing to support

# Resolving Stormwater Funding Challenges

## 2. Explore options to fund enterprise costs

	Temporary	Stable
Insufficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants/Loans</li> <li>Public/Private Partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Fees</li> <li>Development Impact Fees</li> <li>Water/Sewer/Trash Fees</li> </ul>
Sufficient		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater Fees</li> <li>Parcel Tax</li> <li>Special Benefit Assessment</li> <li>General Fund Revenues</li> </ul>

Increase intergenerational equity through financing options

# Establish a Stable Source of Revenue

Fees	Taxes	Assessments
<p>Benefit based</p> <p>California: send a notice to all ratepayers, hold public hearing followed by written ballot vote</p> <p>50% + 1 property owner approval OR 2/3rds voter approval</p>	<p>Not strictly benefit based</p> <p>California: 1% assessed value ceiling on property tax</p> <p>California, Parcel Tax: 2/3rds voter approval</p>	<p>Benefit based</p> <p>Usually tied to a specific project or area</p> <p>California: send a notice to all ratepayers, hold public hearing followed by written ballot vote</p> <p>50% + 1 property owner approval</p>

# The Case for Stormwater Fees

- Equitably recover costs from all customer classes
  - > Develop a nexus between costs and customer demand
  - > Other sources of revenue may inequitably distribute costs
- Clear communication to customers
- California: mailed ballot option may be more attainable than electorate voting

# Services that can be Included in the Stormwater Program

Drainage System  
Maintenance

Public Outreach and  
Communications

Regulatory Compliance

Street Sweeping

Pesticide, Herbicide and  
Rodenticide Programs

Plan Review

Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection

Design

Inspections

Storm Drain Marking  
Programs

Land acquisition

Erosion Control Programs



# Thank you!

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