

# FACT SHEET

## Surface Water Supply Project Financing

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### REGIONAL SURFACE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Due to diminishing groundwater supply and declining groundwater quality, the costs for supplying drinking water to the customers in the Cities of Ceres and Turlock are continuing to increase. One of the goals of the Regional Surface Water Supply Project (RSWSP) is to provide a resilient supply of reliable quality water to help stabilize these costs over the long-term.

*The SRWA's Regional Surface Water Supply Project will deliver a long-term, sustainable water source that will allow for integrated use of groundwater and surface water, and diversify the water supply portfolios for both Ceres and Turlock*



### COST COMPARISON (PER GALLON)



**Bottled Water - \$14.08**  
(typical 16.9 oz)



**Project Water - \$0.0032**



# REGIONAL SURFACE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT COST AND FINANCING

Designing and constructing this Project is estimated to cost \$230 million. The approximate Project Partner costs are estimated to be: City of Ceres \$77 million, City of Turlock \$147 million, and Turlock Irrigation District \$6 million. This cost estimate includes funding for design and construction of the raw water pumping facility, the raw water transmission main, the water treatment plant, and finished water transmission mains for both Ceres and Turlock. Costs don't include local system improvements in both cities to integrate this new treated water supply within the distribution systems.

Obtaining the funds necessary for the Project requires careful planning by the technical team and SRWA Board of Directors. The Project team has and continues to pursue a number of

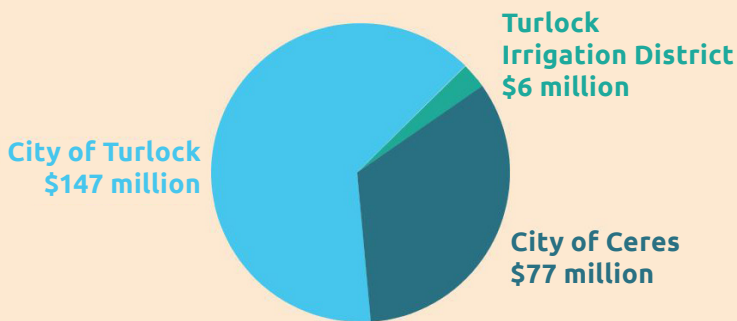
funding options, including both state and federal grants and low interest loans. SB5/Proposition 68, the Water/Parks Bond, was passed by California voters in June 2018 and included \$27.75 million in grant funding for the SRWA Project. SRWA was awarded a Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management grant for \$5.8 million. SRWA was also awarded a roughly \$185 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program low interest loan at an interest rate of 1.2%. When compared to traditional municipal financing, this loan saves Ceres and Turlock rate payers nearly \$100 million over the 30-year term of the loan.

Even with the anticipated funding from grants and low interest loans, the cost to build and operate the

Project required the Cities of Turlock and Ceres to increase water rates from their respective residential, commercial and industrial customers. In late 2017, both cities completed the Proposition 218 process and approved the proposed rate increases. The rate increases associated with the RSWSP will fund the cost to provide the Cities of Ceres and Turlock with the additional benefits of improved drinking water quality, drought resistant water supplies, increased system reliability, and improved aquifer replenishment. The SRWA is communicating with adjacent communities, including many disadvantaged communities, in hopes of providing them with good quality, reliable surface water from this Project.

*THE SRWA IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY AND OBTAIN OTHER METHODS OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT TO DECREASE RATE IMPACTS TO CUSTOMERS. THESE EFFORTS INCLUDE PURSUING BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS.*

## PARTNER COSTS \$230 MILLION TOTAL



**SRWA HAS OBTAINED \$33.5 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS VITAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT. SRWA CONTINUES TO SEEK ADDITIONAL PROJECT PARTNERS, INCLUDING DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE REGION.**

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