

★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 3 ★

Proposition 3 meets California’s urgent, critical need to secure a safe, reliable and clean water supply by

- Improving long term drought preparedness
- Providing safe drinking water to millions of Californians, including those in disadvantaged communities
- Increasing mountain water runoff we can capture and use
- Repairing existing canals that irrigate our food crops
- Repairing Oroville and other dams to keep people safe and hold more water
- Improving water quality in groundwater, rivers, lakes, and streams
- Using purified recycled water for industry and landscaping

We must secure our state’s future water supply by continued investment in water conservation, recycling, canals, pipelines and water storage facilities.

“California must be prepared for the next inevitable drought and flood, which will be worsened by climate change. Proposition 3 gets California ready for changes in water supply, water quality, and flooding. It invests in water conservation and recycling.”—*Betty Andrews, Water Resources Engineer*

“Proposition 3 will improve water quality in our ocean, lakes, rivers, and streams, and protect natural habitat for California fish, birds, and wildlife.”—*Professor Peter Moyle, Biology Scientist*

“A natural disaster would put our water supply at risk. By improving our water supply facilities, Proposition 3 will protect Californians from earthquakes, wildfires, floods, and landslides. It will also provide multiple benefits, including water for fish and wildlife habitat, farms, cities, and recreation.”—*David Guy, Northern California Water Association*

“California must use all water sources for a reliable water supply and improved water quality.”—*Charley Wilson, Southern California Water Coalition*

“Water quality of our rivers, lakes, bays and oceans will be improved by Proposition 3.”—*David Lewis, Save The Bay*

“We must capture stormwater and use it for water supplies, and prevent trash from being washed into rivers and the ocean.”—*Juliana Gonzalez, Ph.D., Water Resources Planner*

“Protecting and restoring watersheds improves water supply and quality.”—*Esther Feldman, Community Conservation Solutions*

“Damages from flooding and erosion will be reduced, while streams and rivers will be improved with green spaces and trails.”—*Ann Riley, Ph.D., Water Resources Planner*

“This measure will help protect our local food supply so we can continue to enjoy fresh fruit, rice, milk, and other locally grown farm products.”—*Carol Chandler, Peach Grower*

“Proposition 3 will improve the quality of our watersheds, helping prevent devastating wildfires, and recover from past wildfires.”—*Barbara Balen, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association*

“California’s environment and economy rely on a clean and reliable water supply. That’s why environmental and business organizations like the California Chamber of Commerce, Bay Area Council, Ducks Unlimited, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Natural Heritage Institute, and Valley Industry and Commerce Association support Proposition 3.”—*Alan Zarembeg, California Chamber of Commerce*

“California’s wildlife and communities depend upon reliable clean water. Prop. 3 provides safe drinking water and long-term drought relief by cleaning up contaminated waterbodies, restoring forests and wetlands, and improving fisheries and aquatic habitats.”—*Collin O’Mara, National Wildlife Federation*

Local water districts support Proposition 3 because it provides safe, reliable and clean drinking water.

Yes on 3!

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★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 3 ★

“Secure a safe, reliable and clean water supply” says the proponents’ argument. But the money thrown at a multitude of proposals will not produce one drop of new water.

New water comes from the sky—rain on the lowlands and snow on the mountains. The only way to collect and store rain and snowmelt is with suitably-placed dams on our major rivers. Prop. 3 doesn’t fund even one dam.

Not only that, but dams gradually fill with silt (rocks and dirt). Over time, they’re able to store less water, are dangerous if they collapse, and take time and money to remove the silt. Some older dams have been taken down for those reasons. Prop. 3 provides money to remove silt from one dam—just one. Other sections of the measure specifically forbid using funds to remove silt—

restrictions that make no sense if we’re trying to store water.

Prop. 3 claims to solve one of California’s major problems—our chronic shortage of water. Don’t be misled. Nothing in the measure will accomplish that. It’s basically a scheme to collect a lot of money for special interests.

We, our children, and our grandchildren will pay for it.

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