

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

# Drought Response Grant Programs

Water Commission Briefing, March 2023



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# Introduction

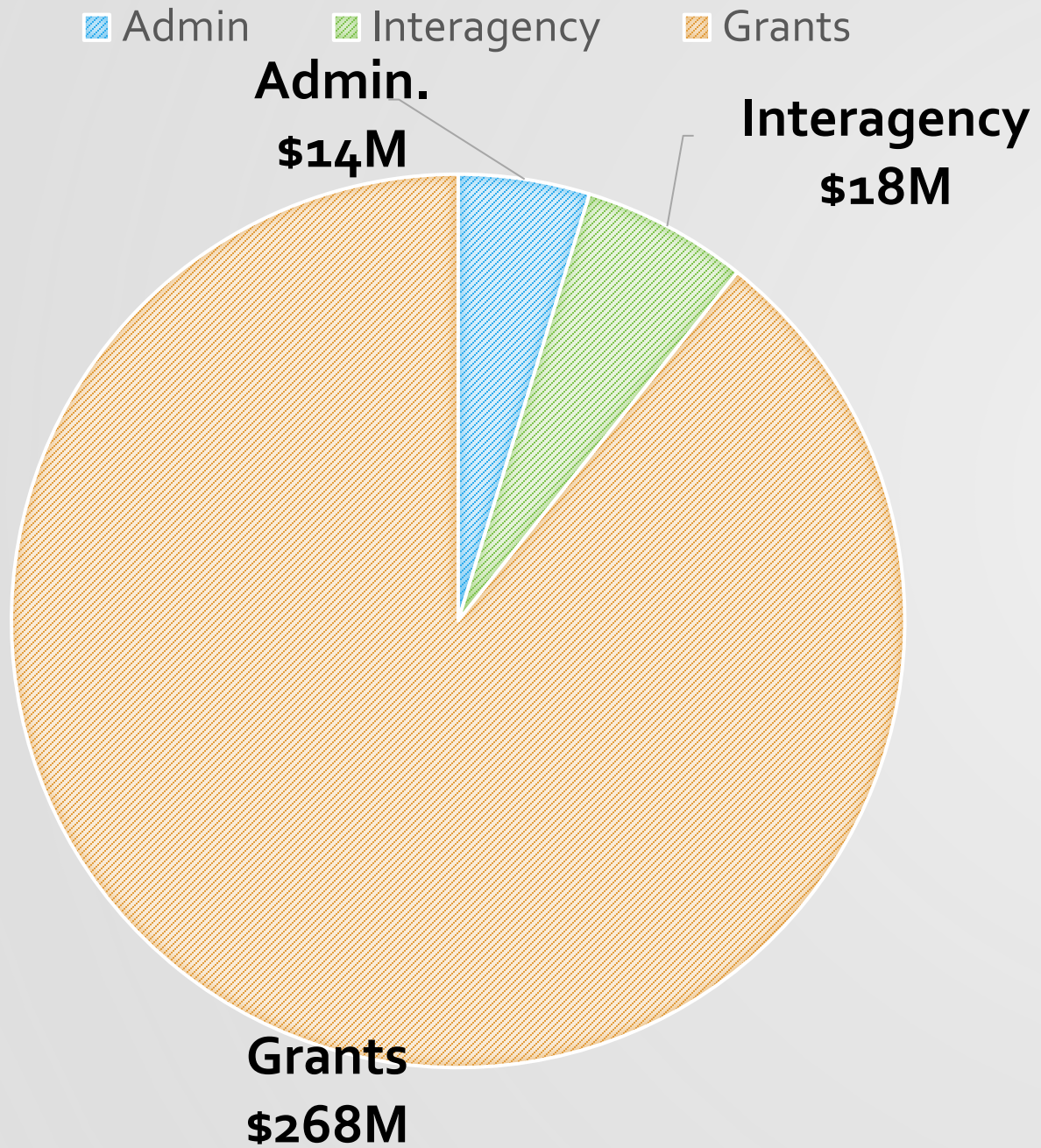


# 2021 Urban and Multibenefit & 2022 Urban Community Programs

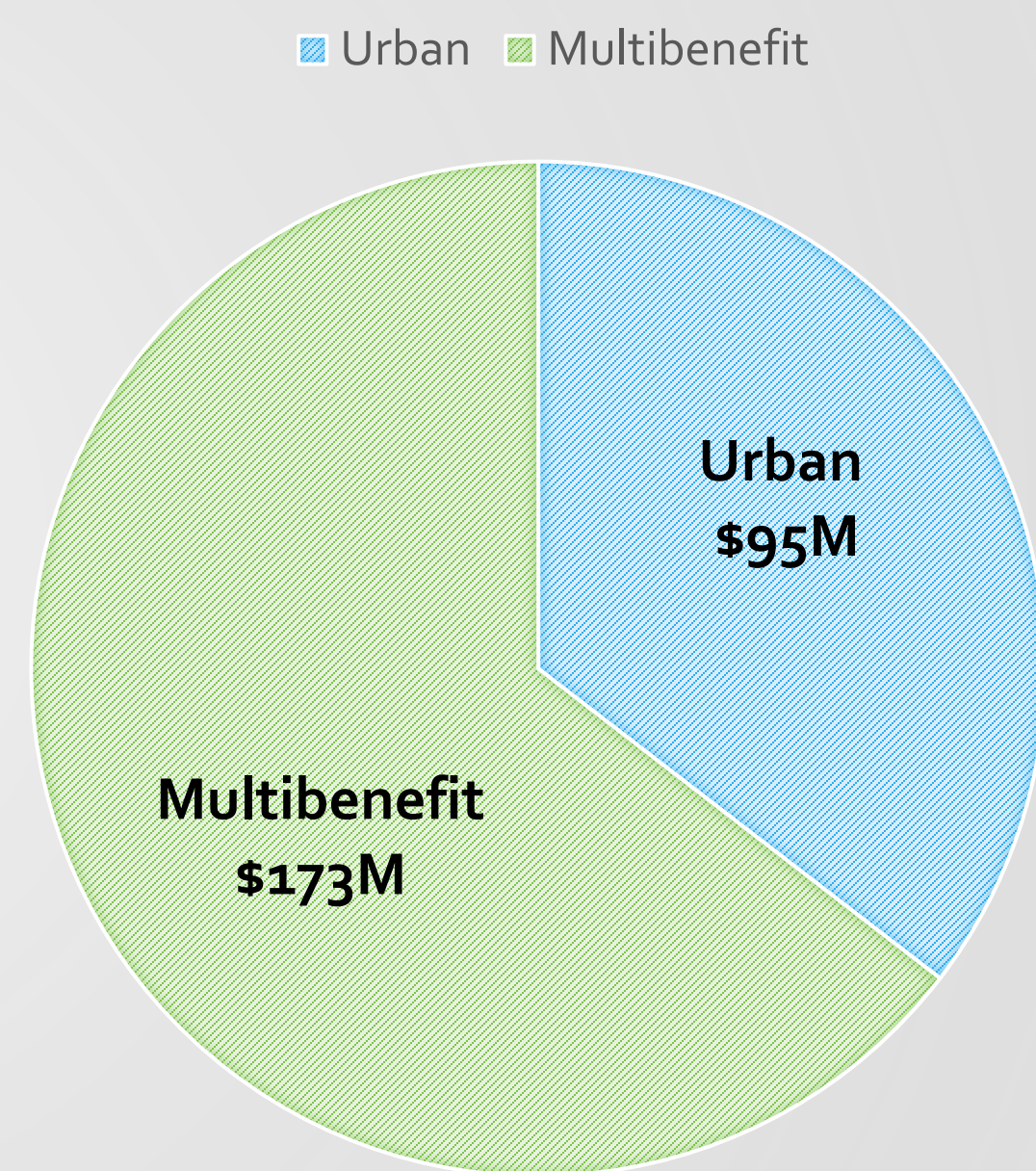


# 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Program

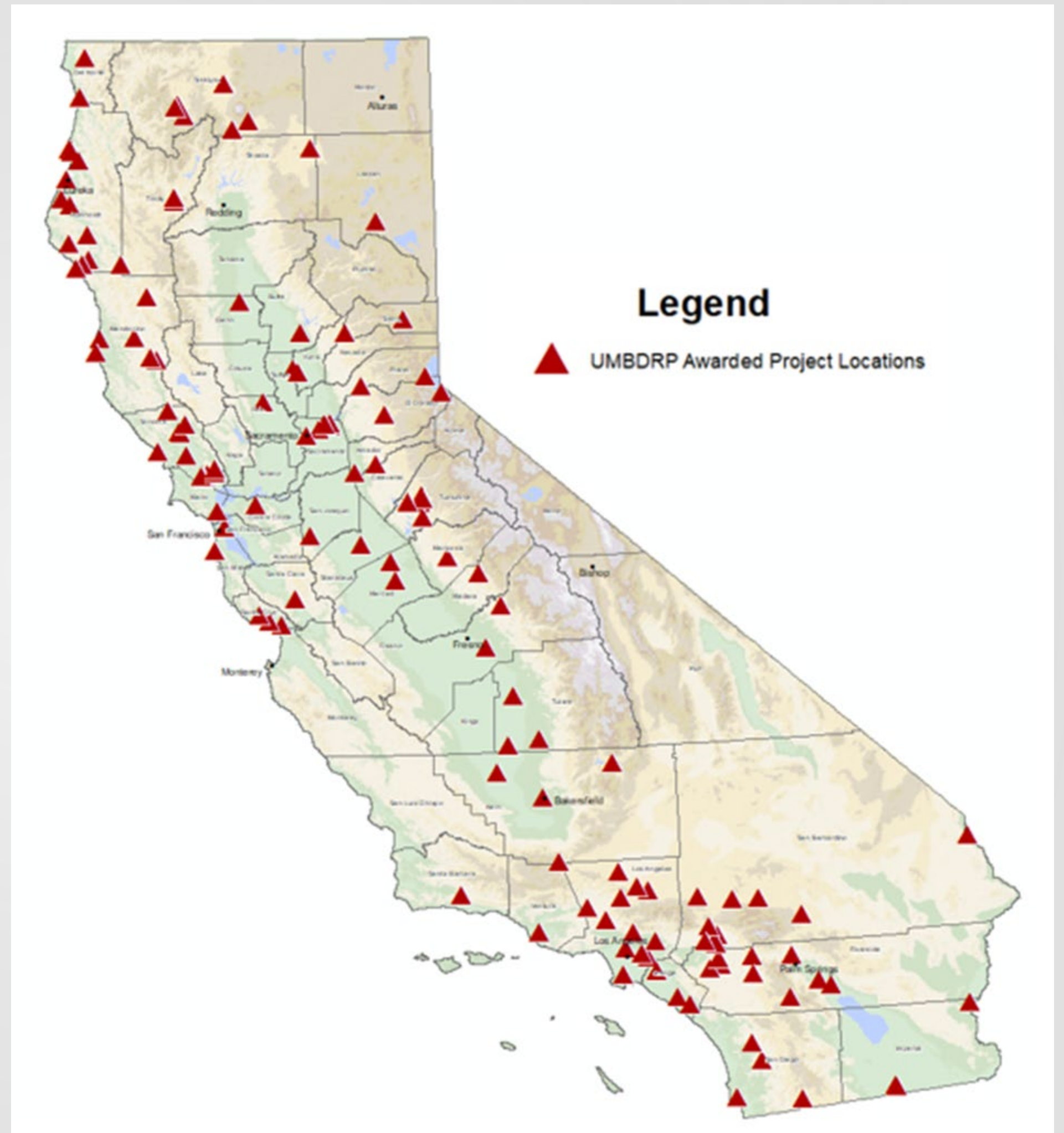
OVERALL FUNDING BREAKDOWN (\$300 M)



GRANT FUNDING (\$268 M)



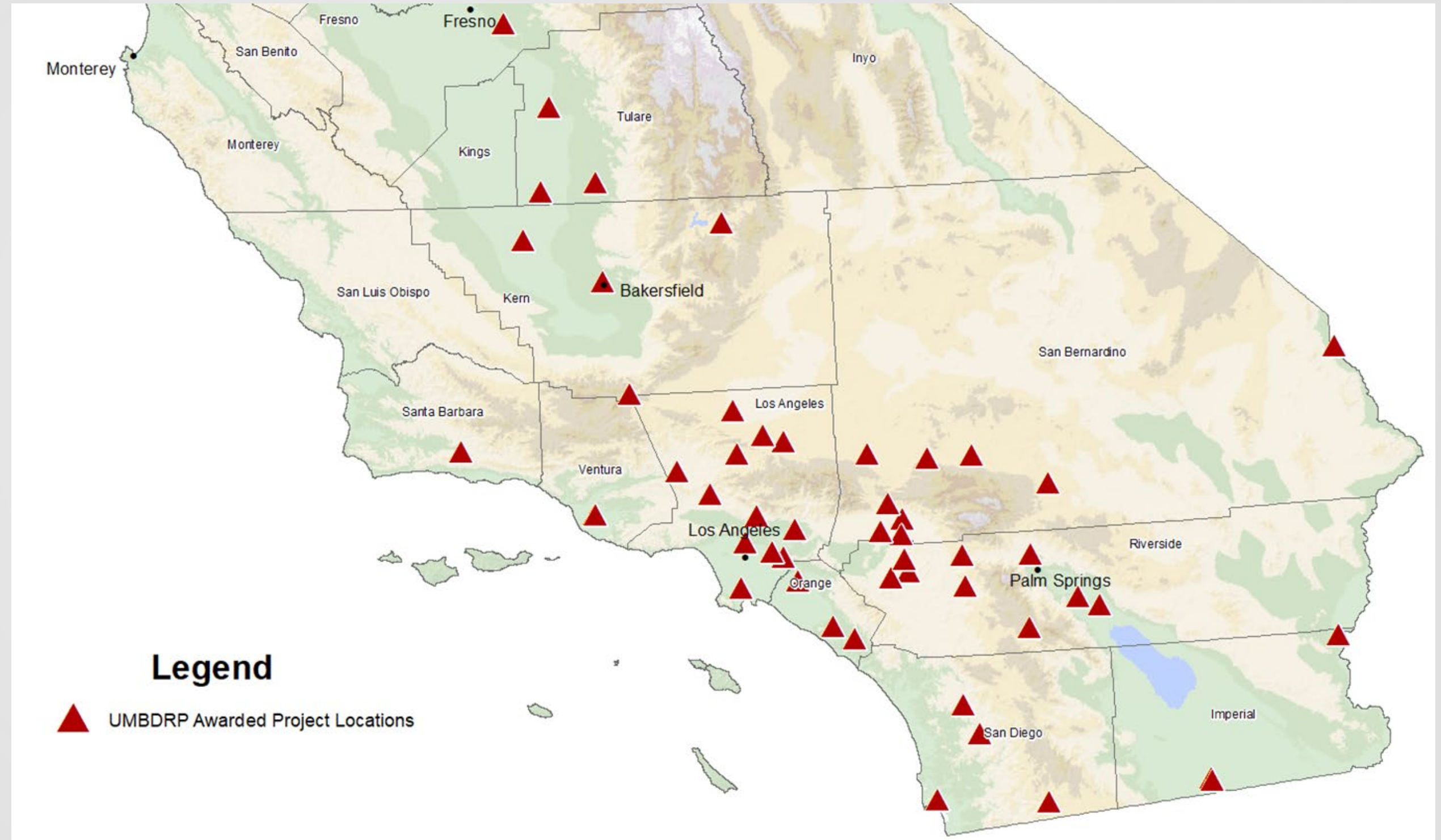
# 2021 Award Map



# 2021 Northern California



# 2021 Southern California

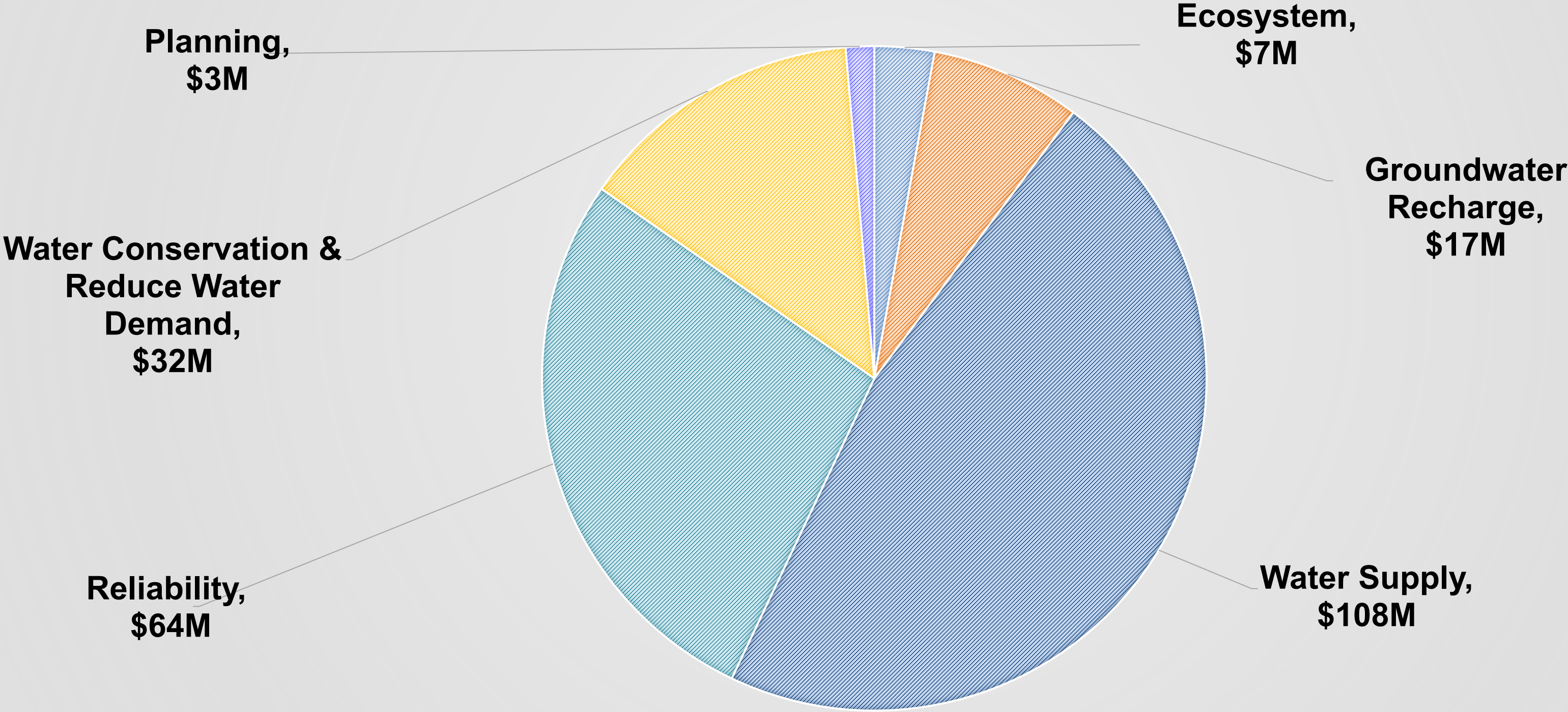




# Primary Benefits

## ALL PHASES OF AWARDS

■ Ecosystem ■ Groundwater recharge ■ Water Supply ■ Reliability ■ Water Conservation & Reduce Water Demand ■ Planning



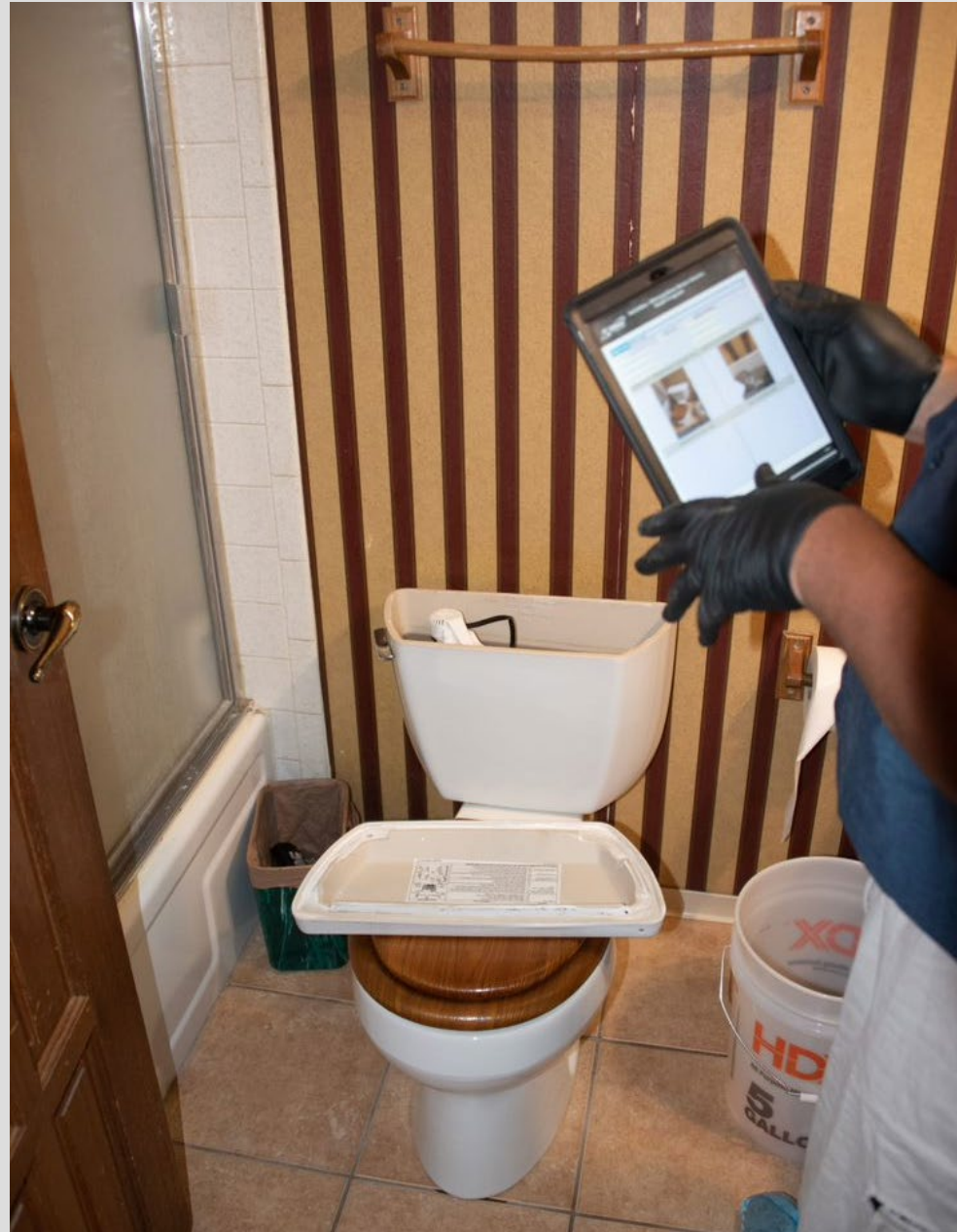
# Lake Cachuma Emergency Pumping Facility Secured Pipeline Project



- \$2.25M Grant
- Completed in Nov. 22
- Allows access to 18K acre feet of additional water



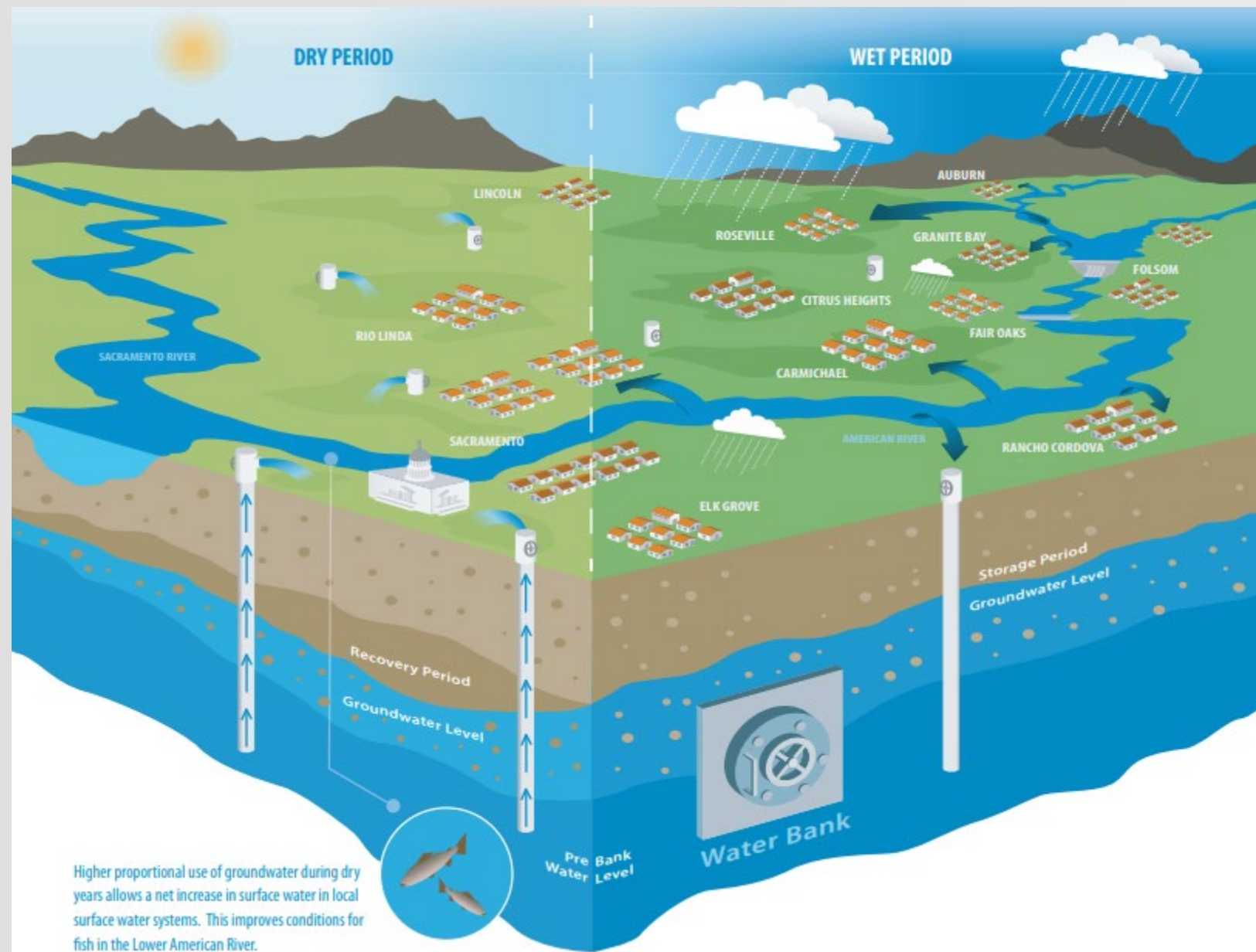
# Metropolitan Residential Direct Installation Program



- \$2.5M Grant
- As of September 2022
  - 4,200 toilets
  - 11,079 showerheads
  - 989 smart irrigation controllers
  - 12K aerators



# Regional Water Authority Water Bank



- \$660K Grant
- Over a dozen suppliers will utilize the bank
- First federal water bank in the region



# Sanctuary Forest Streamflow Augmentation



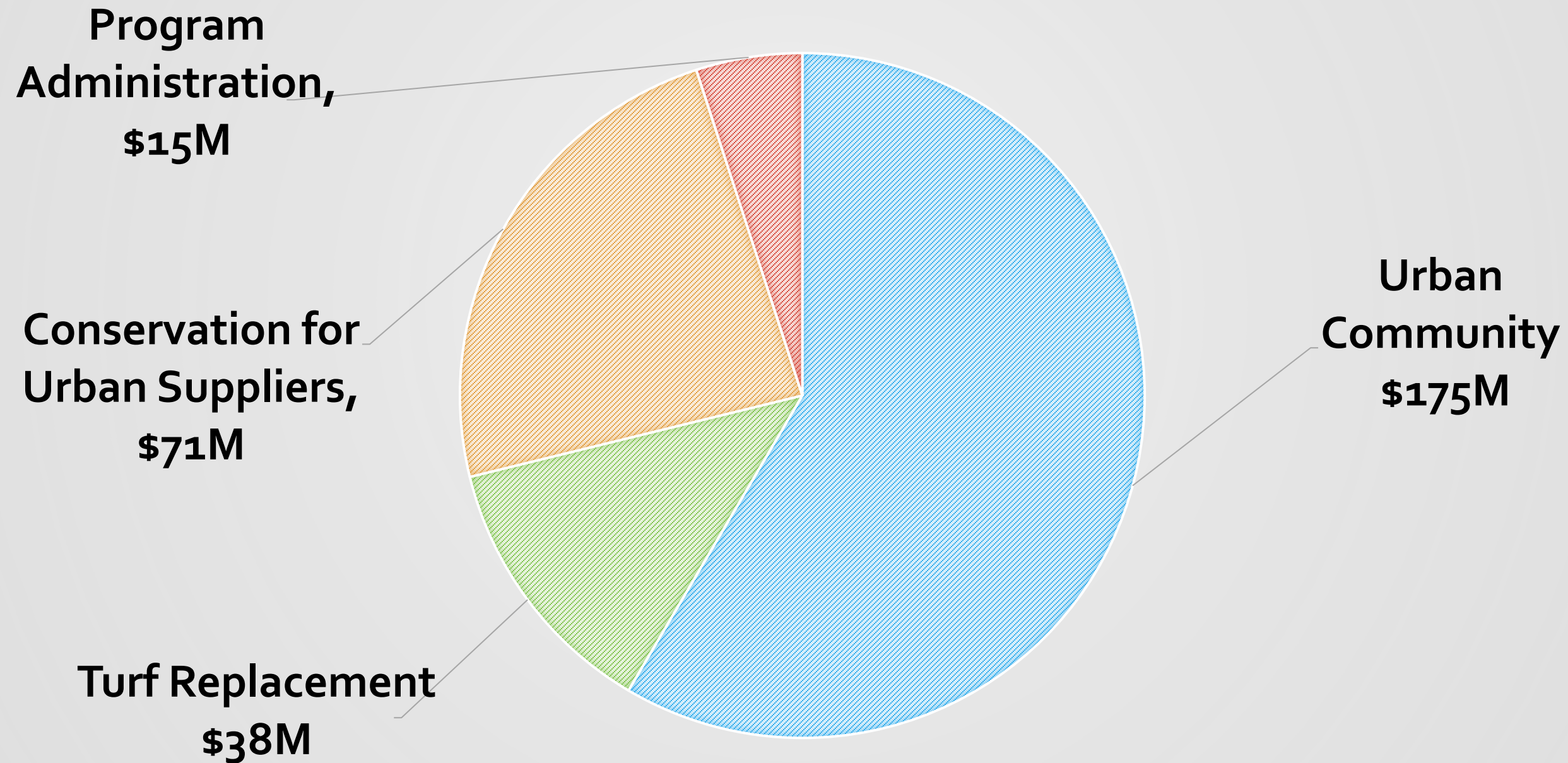
- \$3.6M Grant
- Will build 10 off channel ponds
- Increases flows 12 cubic feet per second and provides an emergency source of water for fire fighting



# 2022 Urban Community Program

GRANT FUNDING (\$300 M)

Urban Community   Turf Replacement   Conservation for Urban Suppliers   Program Administration



Per GLs at least \$85M must be spent on Underrepresented Communities

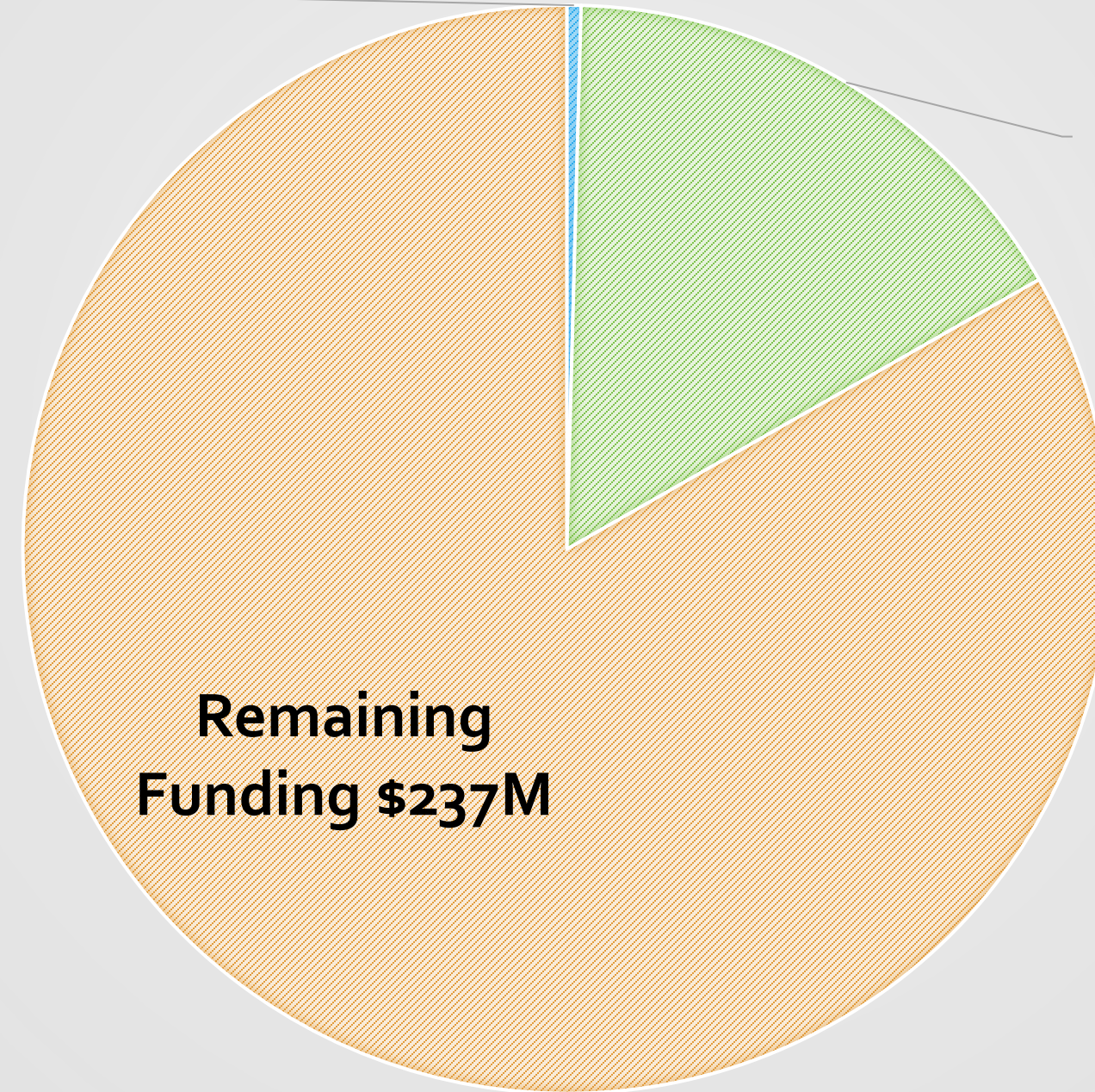


# 2022 Awards

Coalinga January Awards Spring Awards

Coalinga  
\$1.2M

January Awards  
\$46M



# Schedule for Remaining Awards

- Applications Received: 152 for over 350 projects
- Total Funding Requested: \$1.8B
- Remaining Funding: \$232M





# Small Community Drought Relief Program



# Overview

- Funding
- Program Objectives
- Eligible Applicants & Beneficiaries
- Progress to Date



# Total Funding - \$321M

- 2021/22 Funding - \$200M
- 2022/23 Funding - \$121M
  - Regular Program - \$100M
  - Tank Program - \$21M

**\$303M Committed so far leaving \$18M for Emergencies & Water Hauling**  
**Over \$200M in Applications Still Outstanding**



# Program Objectives

1. Provide immediate and near-term financial and technical support to help small communities survive this and future droughts
2. Allows for immediate and temporary measures:
  - a. Hauled water
  - b. Temporary community water tanks
  - c. Bottled water
  - d. Water vending machines
  - e. Emergency water interties
3. Implement near-term and resilient infrastructure projects:
  - a. Reliable water supply sources
  - b. Water system storage
  - c. Replace aging and leaking pipelines
  - d. Backup power sources for system operation



# Eligible Applicants

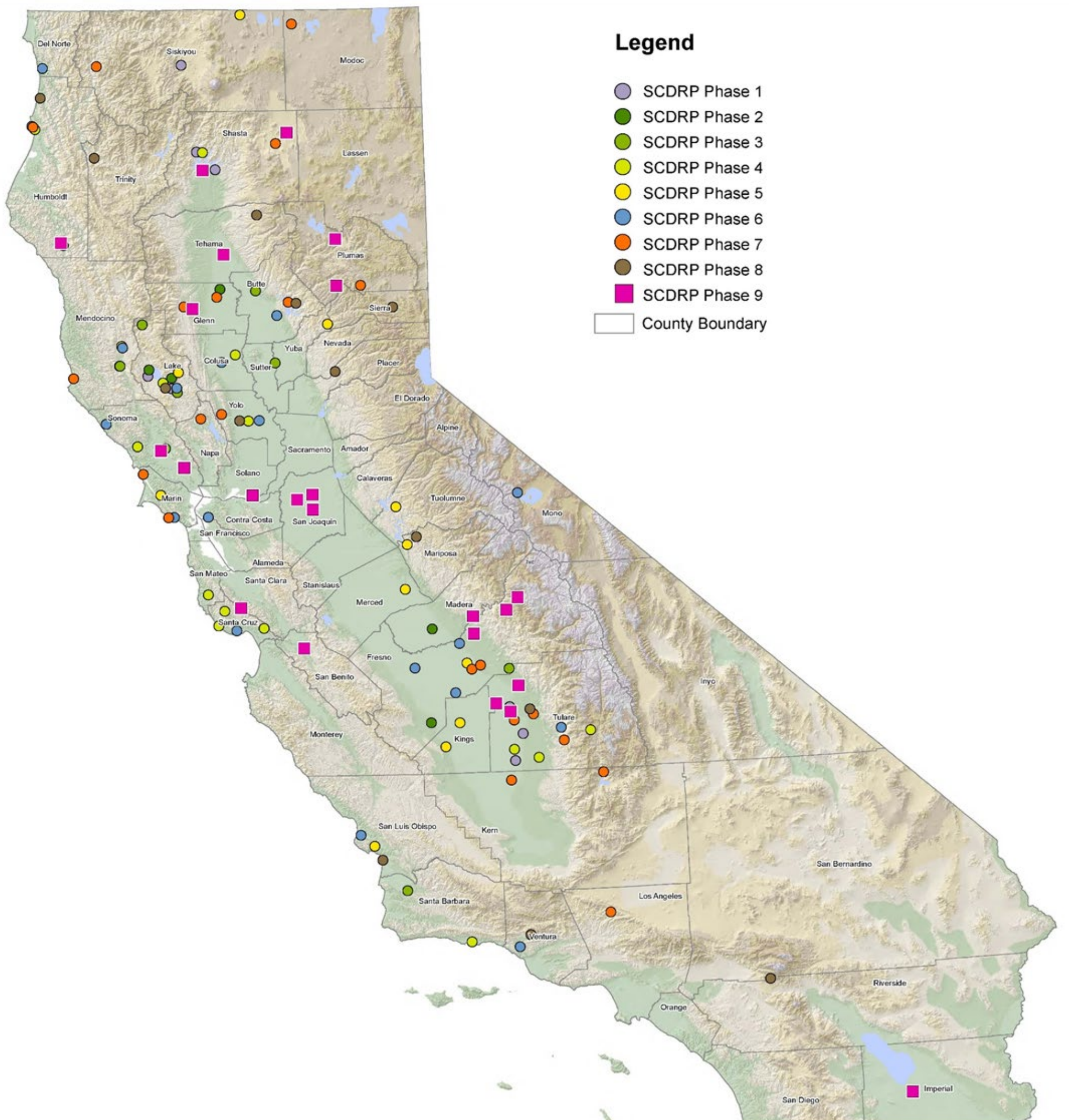
- Public agencies (e.g., Counties, cities)
- Public utilities
- Special districts (e.g., school districts, community service districts, irrigation districts, flood control districts, reclamation districts)
- Colleges and universities
- Mutual water companies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized Indian tribes
- State Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List



# Eligible Beneficiaries

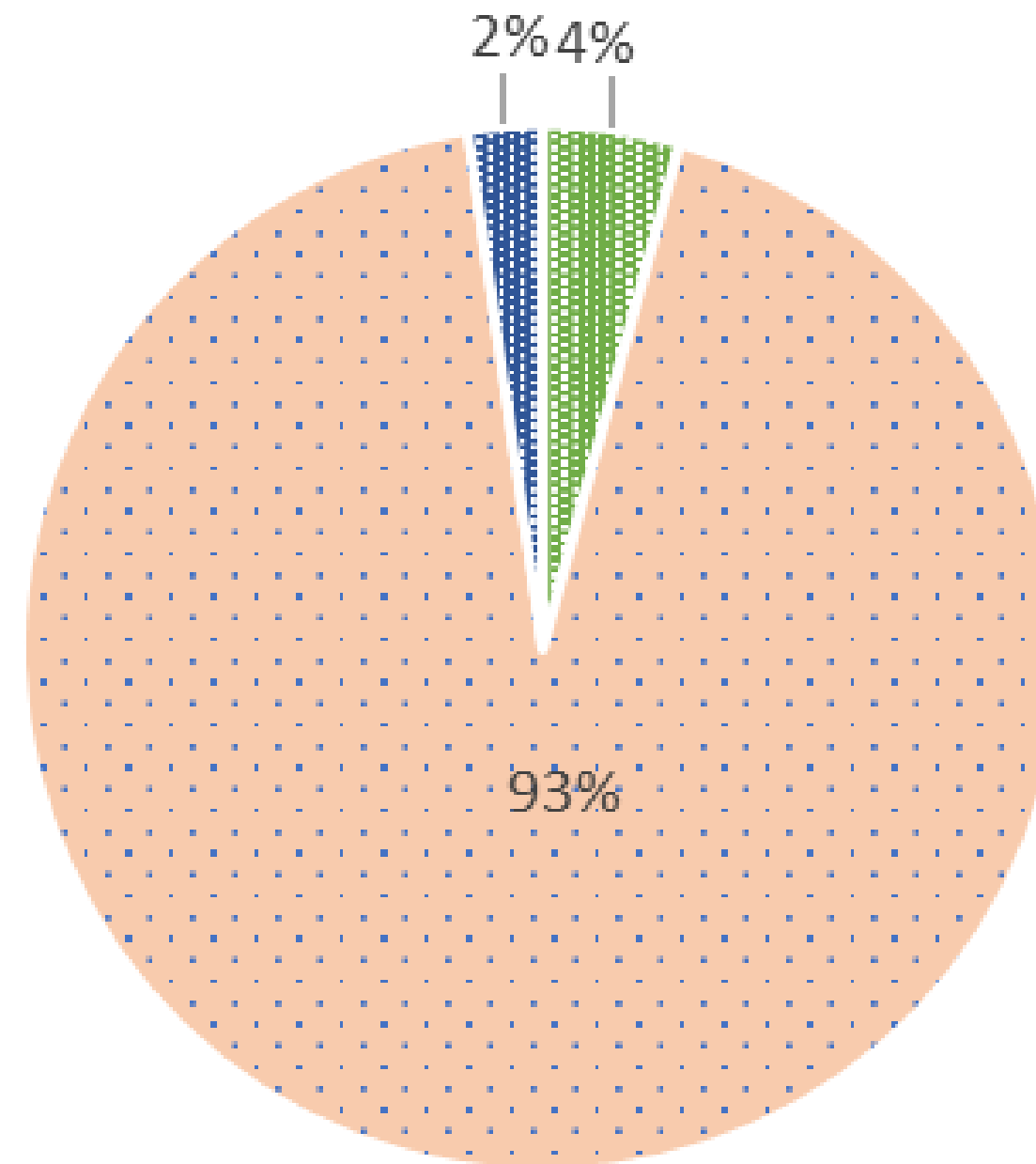
- Communities not supplied by an urban water supplier as defined in California Water Code (Sec 10617.)
- Urban water suppliers are those that provide drinking water with 3,000 connections or more or more than 3,000 acre-feet per year.





**127**  
**Awards to**  
**Date**

# Award Distribution - Projects

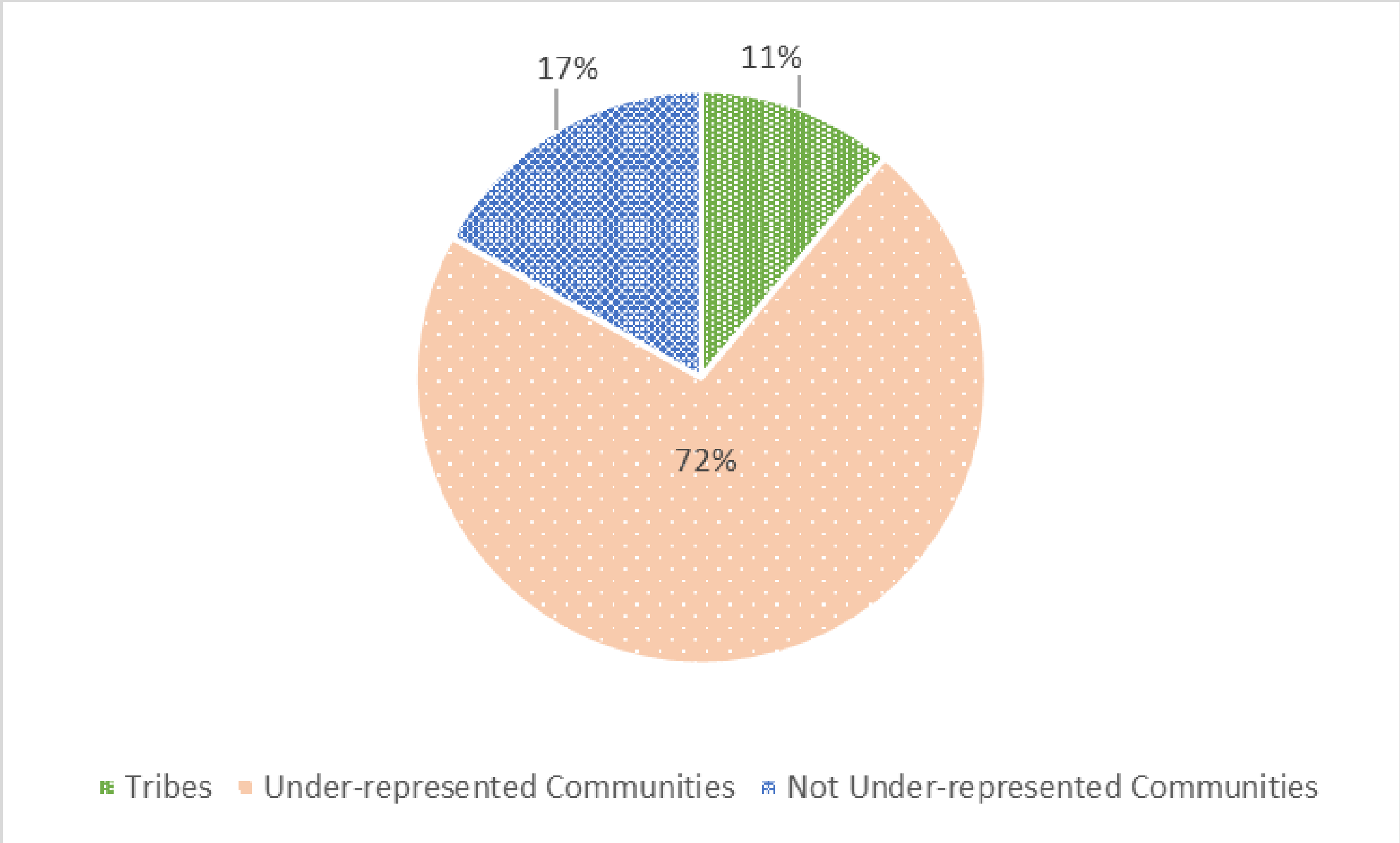


■ Water Hauling   ■ Infrastructure   ■ Technical Support





# Award Distribution - Beneficiaries



# Water Hauling

- ❑ Water Hauling in 9 Counties
- ❑ Mainly Northern Part of California
- ❑ 739 Households
- ❑ \$12M in Funding
- ❑ Water Tanks (2500-gal)



# Infrastructure Progress

- ❑ Ponderosa California Special District
- ❑ Tulare County
- ❑ Water Storage Tanks  
(20,000-gal)
- ❑ \$101,462



# Infrastructure Progress

- ❑ Clearlake Oaks County Water District
- ❑ Lake County
- ❑ Emergency Intake Works
- ❑ \$650,415



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