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President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Help Safeguard Water Supplies in 12 States and Puerto Rico

Investments will restore aquatic habitats and watersheds and support disaster recovery efforts

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WASHINGTON -- The Department of the Interior today announced a \$36.1 million investment, including \$26.7 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds, to safeguard local water supplies in the wake of record drought across the West.

Twenty-seven projects in 12 states and the first-ever in Puerto Rico will be awarded funding to advance quantifiable and sustained water savings by protecting watersheds impacted by wildland fire, restoring aquatic habitats and stream beds, and advancing other environmental restoration projects to mitigate drought-related impacts. These investments will be leveraged through partnerships with local communities to address regional water challenges, including projects to address damage left by the Caldor Fire in California and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. These funds follow a [\\$25.5 million investment](#) announced last month allocated for 14 water efficiency projects across eight western states.

"President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is advancing locally-led initiatives to address severe and historic western drought," said **Assistant Secretary for Water** **Trujillo**. "Through the Water Smart program funded under this law, we are

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of regional challenges to increase water reliability and accessibility for families, farmers and Tribes. Today's investment will conserve water, restore riparian habitat and stream function, and improve watershed health to benefit local supplies and the surrounding environment."

"Adequate and safe water supplies are fundamental to the health, economy and security of the country. By restoring ecosystems and improving the health of rivers and watersheds, we can provide more local communities reliable access to water," said **Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton**. "These grants invest in water management projects that will directly benefit plant and animal species, fish and wildlife habitat and ecosystems."

Overall, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$8.3 billion to address water and drought challenges for the nation's western water and power infrastructure by repairing aging water delivery systems, securing dams, completing rural water projects, protecting aquatic ecosystems and fulfilling Indian Water Rights Settlements.

The funding announced today is part of the \$160 million in WaterSMART grants provided by the Law in 2022. Local governments in states set to receive funding must complete their project within three years. Through a 25 percent cost-share, a total of \$56.2 million in federal and non-federal investments will be leveraged to support selected projects.

For more than 100 years, Reclamation and its partners have developed sustainable water and power solutions for the West. This Department's WaterSMART Program focuses on collaborative efforts to plan and implement actions to increase water supply sustainability, including investments to modernize infrastructure.

More information about the Environmental Water Restoration Projects is available on [Reclamation's website](#).

Recipient	State	Title	Federal Funding
Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District	AZ	Roosevelt Watershed Protection and Forest Thinning Project	\$560,250
Marin Municipal Water District	CA	Lagunitas Creek Stream Channel Restoration Project	\$1,400,000
San Bernadino Valley Municipal Water District	CA	Anza Creek Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Restoration Project	\$2,000,000

Resource Conservation District of Monterey County	CA	Salinas River Arundo Eradication Project Phase V	\$1,479,262
El Dorado County Water Agency	CA	Post Caldor Fire Watershed Restoration for Securing Water Supply for the Grizzly Flats Community	\$1,875,000
The Nature Conservancy	CO	Modernization of the Maybell Irrigation District's Diversion from the Yampa River in Colorado	\$1,920,900
Trout Unlimited	CO	Pagosa Gateway Project	\$375,000
State of Hawai'i DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife	HI	Protecting Forests for Water Supply Sustainability in Kohala Hawaii Phase 1	\$996,487
State of Hawai'i DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife	HI	Protecting Forests for Water Supply Sustainability in Kohala Hawaii Phase 2	\$931,783
Friends of the Teton River, Inc.	ID	Reconnecting Canyon Creek	\$2,000,000
Board of Control for Triangle Irrigation and Wood River	ID	Board of Control Diversion 45 Stabilization and Fish Passage Remediation	\$629,000
The Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	ID	Battle Creek Ecological Restoration at Sowo Gahni	\$1,999,711
Sun River Watershed	MT	Muddy Creek Restoration and Resilience Project Phase I	\$1,769,323
Southern Nevada Water Authority	NV	Las Vegas Wash Riparian Restoration Project	\$900,500
Rogue Valley Council of Governments	OR	Bear Creek Fish Passage Barriers Removal	\$784,151

East Fork Irrigation District	OR	Oanna & Yasui Sublateral Efficiency Project	\$2,000,000
Curry Watersheds Nonprofit	OR	Sixes Riverbank Restoration and Estuary Enhancement	\$268,789
Protectores de Cuencas Inc	PR	Accelerating Recovery and Increasing Resiliency of Coastal Wetlands in Punta Tuna Natural Reserve in Maunabo Puerto Rico	\$509,694
Cameron County Water Improvement District No. 10	TX	Pipeline Improvements and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge Water Management Improvements	\$1,500,000
Cache Water District	UT	Lower Logan River Trapper Park River Restoration Project	\$2,000,000
Trout Unlimited	UT	Weber River Ecological Resiliency Project	\$1,864,032
Trout Unlimited	UT	Paris Creek Hydropower Decommissioning and Instream Flow Restoration	\$900,798
Kittitas Reclamation District	WA	South Branch Piping	\$2,000,000
Clallam Conservation District	WA	Irrigation Efficiency and Improvement Project	\$1,535,937
Clallam County	WA	Dungeness Reservoir Irrigation Conveyance Improvement Project	\$1,813,275
Wyoming Game and Fish Department	WY	New Fork River Gas Wells River Restoration and Fish Habitat Improvement	\$100,000
Deaver Irrigation District	WY	D52 Lateral Piping and Shoshone River Sediment Reduction Project	\$2,000,000

More information, including details about other current opportunities to apply for funding available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is available on [Reclamation's WaterSMART program webpage](#).



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