



WATER NEWS

Understanding Proposition 4: California's Climate Bond Initiative

California is grappling with the increasing impacts of climate change, multi-year droughts, severe heat events, catastrophic wildfires, and rising sea levels. The state Legislature has introduced a bond measure called Proposition 4 aimed at bolstering efforts to address environmental challenges and invest in sustainable infrastructure for climate resilience and adaptation projects across the Golden State. West Basin plays a critical role in supplying water to cities and businesses across Los Angeles County, and our agency values providing information on water-centric policies that affect you, the people we serve. As you head to the polls to vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, here are some facts to help you understand this statewide ballot proposition.



What is Proposition 4?

Proposition 4 - The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 is a \$10 billion bond measure designed to provide financial resources for climate resiliency projects including initiatives to mitigate the effects of climate change, enhance the state's infrastructure, and promote sustainable practices.

Key Focus Areas

- **Water Infrastructure (\$3.8 billion):** The bond supports investments in water conservation and water resources management projects. This includes enhancing water quality, the efficiency of water use, water recycling, and increasing the state's capacity to capture and store water.
- **Wildfire Resilience (\$1.5 billion):** To combat California's increasingly severe wildfire devastations, funds are allocated for improving wildfire prevention measures, including the creation of firebreaks, forest management, and community fire preparedness programs.
- **Ecosystem Restoration (\$1.2 billion):** Recognizing the importance of healthy ecosystems in combating climate change, the bond includes provisions for restoring critical habitats and supporting biodiversity.

Proposition 4 stands as a significant opportunity to shape California's climate response strategy. Comprehensive information to inform your vote can be found in: [League of California Cities: A Guide to Proposition 4](#).

UPCOMING WEST BASIN EVENTS



- » **Garden Design Class**
November 20, 2024
- » **Rain Barrel Distribution Events**
November 16, 2024 - Inglewood
November 23, 2024 - El Segundo
December 7, 2024 - Gardena
December 14, 2024 - Lomita
January 11, 2025 - Malibu
January 25, 2025 - Rolling Hills Estates

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2024 Water Harvest Festival: Fun for All and All for Fun!

West Basin welcomed more than 1,200 attendees at the District's annual Water Harvest festival filled with fun activities including stage shows, prize drawings, Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility tours, a costume contest, food, and entertainment focused on promoting the importance of water sustainability and conservation. This year's festival marked the 25th anniversary of the Water Harvest event. The cool crisp fall weather made a perfect day for families to spend outside enjoying water education activities. Take a look through the online photo gallery filled with pictures from the event below.



 **COMMUNITY PHOTO ALBUM**
Click to view featured photos from recent events!

“ We're grateful to host such an impactful event that continues to empower new generations to value sustainable practices and have fun along the way. ”
Desi Alvarez, West Basin Board President

Conservation Tip The Power of Rain Barrels



As the seasons change, consider adding a rain barrel to your garden! These eco-friendly containers capture rainwater from your roof, providing a sustainable source for watering plants and gardens. By using rainwater, you can reduce your reliance on municipal water and lower your utility bills. Plus, it helps prevent runoff and erosion and conserves water. Did you know West Basin hosts free rain barrel giveaways for people in our service area? Join the movement toward sustainability and create an eco-friendly water source for your plants.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RAIN BARREL DISTRIBUTION EVENTS

westbasin.org/rain-barrels

SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT

How West Basin is Connected to the Intuit Dome

Intuit Dome, which opened August 15, 2024, uses West Basin's high-quality recycled water for landscape irrigation and flushing toilets, becoming one of the largest dual-plumbing systems in LA County. Watch this Instagram reel to get a behind-the-scenes look at the project that saves nearly 36,000 gallons of drinking water every day.



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