

TFG's Grant and Advocacy Report to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

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Who We Are

Meet Our Team



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The Water Agency's TFG Team



- TFG represents approximately 200 public and private entities in 34 states plus two national organizations
- TFG has a strong history supporting the water resource needs of our clients
- TFG has a 40-year history working with water and irrigation districts in California including the Sites Project Authority, Western Municipal Water District, and the West County Wastewater District

SGPWA Priority Projects

- County Line Road Recharge Project
- Brookside West Recharge Project
- Backbone Pipeline Project
- City Creek Tunnel Project
- EV charging for District Fleet
- Precipitation Stations

Advocacy Efforts



- Submitted Community Project Funding requests for the City Creek Pipeline Project in Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026.
- Met with Congressional offices - including Senators Padilla and Schiff as well as Representatives Calvert, Ruiz, and Aguilar - to advocate on behalf of funding requests.
- Submitted a policy proposal to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting to authorize an infrastructure study and development project for water projects throughout the San Gorgonio Pass service area.
- Developed advocacy materials to support funding and policy requests for use by SGPWA and federal government staff.

Grant Efforts

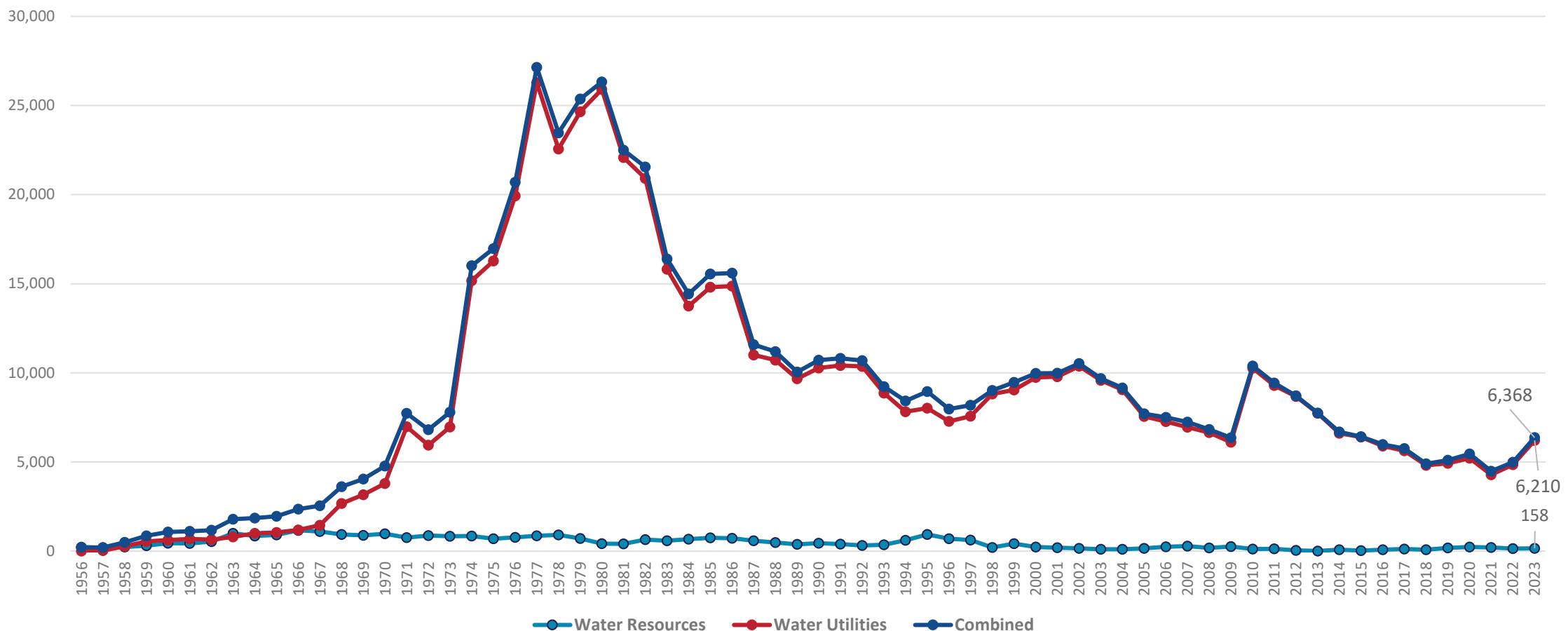


FUNDING OPPORTUNITY	RELATED SGWPA PROJECT	SUBMISSION DATE	ASK AMOUNT	STATUS
WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant	Brookside West Recharge	16-Oct-23	\$400,000	Awarded
WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program	Large Scale Turf Replacement Project	22-Feb-24	\$476,855	Not Awarded
WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects	County Line Recharge Basin and Turnout Project	6-Nov-23	\$5,219,186	Not Awarded
Google Water Efficiency and Quality: Infrastructure Projects	County Line Recharge Basin and Turnout Project	30-Sep-25	\$1,500,000	Under Review

Trends in Federal Funding



Federal Grants and Loan Subsidies for Water Infrastructure, 1958 to 2023 (Millions of 2023 dollars)



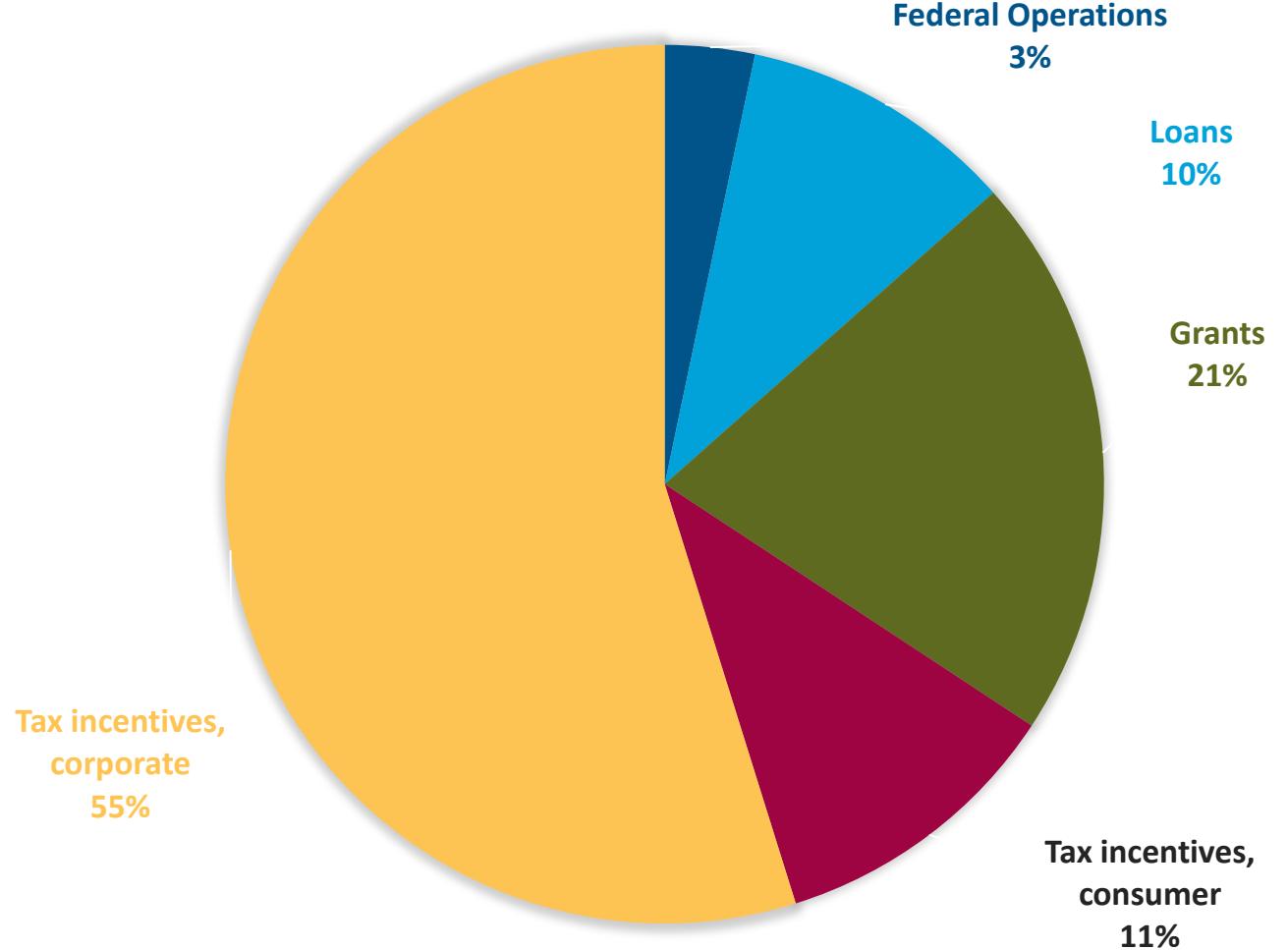
Source: Congressional Budget Office Public Spending on Transportation and Water Infrastructure, 1956 to 2023

Trends in Federal Funding



IRA Funding

\$369 billion in federal funding to accelerate clean energy, cut emissions, lower utility bills, and strengthen water and land resilience



Source: White House Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook

Federal Water Overall Funding Trends

- Legislation, appropriations and authorizations directly impacts spending levels
- 2021 – 2026 marks a historic expansion of funding investment mainly resulting from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
 - Investment mainly in existing programs
 - This is supplemental to the annual appropriations process for grant and loan programs
 - Funding is time-limited

Popular Competitive Water Programs



- **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program**
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program
- State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

Popular Competitive Water Programs



WaterSMART Programs

- Water and Energy Efficiency Grants
- **Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects**
- Environmental Water Resources Projects
- Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program
- Water Strategy Grants
- Project Design Grants
- **Drought Projects and Contingency Planning Grants**
- Cooperative Watershed Management Programs
- **Title XVI Water Reclamation and Resume Programs**
- Applied Science
- Large Scale Water Recycling Program

Upcoming Advocacy and Grants Activities

Q4 2025, 2026, and Beyond

- **Advocacy:** Schedule meetings with USACE Los Angeles District Office, USACE South Pacific Division Office, and Congressional Delegation.
- **Advocacy:** Submit and lobby for Water Resources Development Act policy request.
- **Advocacy:** Submit and lobby for SGPWA funding requests.
- **Grants:** Continue project readiness for identified suite of state and federal grants (expected release Q1 of 2026)
- **Grants:** Explore smaller, more targeted grant opportunities where SGPWA could be the lead applicant
- **Grants:** Expand funding research to include more alternative sources of funding (i.e. corporate, foundation) to circumvent federal funding stall



Thank you!

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