



A Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund For California



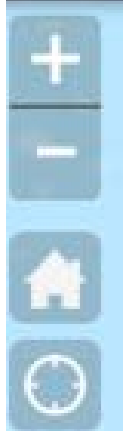
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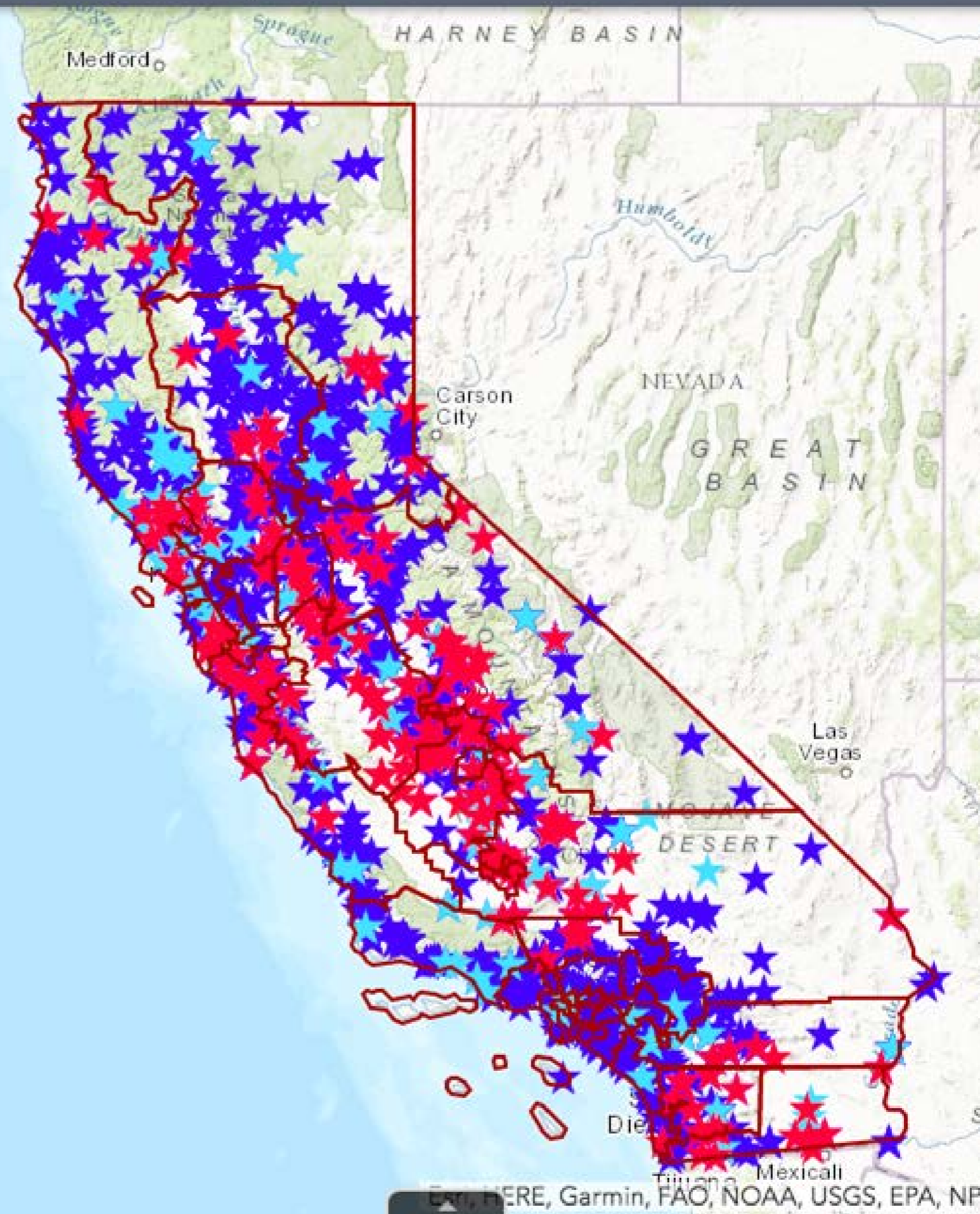
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More than 1 million Californians impacted by unsafe drinking water each year

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The Operations and Maintenance Gap

Safe drinking water requires effective water treatment systems.



Effective water treatment systems require operations (power, chemicals, supplies and people to run the facilities) and maintenance (keeping facilities in good repair).



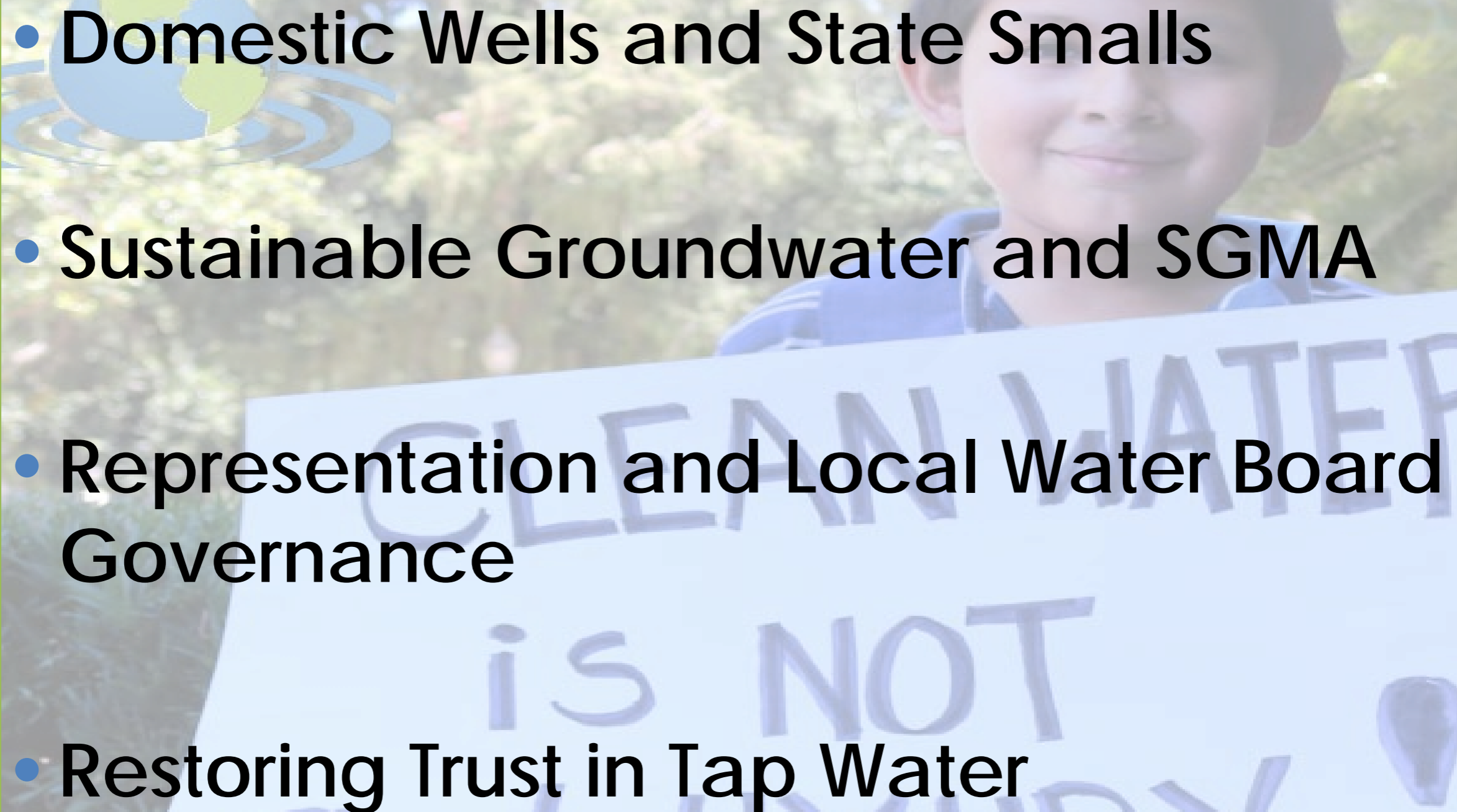
Effective operations and maintenance requires reliable, sustainable, multi-year funding.



The Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund cannot fill the gap.

Small, rural, and/or disadvantaged communities cannot fill the gap.

The California General Fund cannot fill the gap.

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- **Domestic Wells and State Smalls**
 - **Sustainable Groundwater and SGMA**
 - **Representation and Local Water Board Governance**
 - **Restoring Trust in Tap Water**

Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund

- Initially introduced as SB 623 (Monning)
- New special Fund: permanent source of funding for drinking water needs
- Cover funding gaps (esp. O&M)
- Promote cost-effective, resilient solutions

Prioritizes:

- Disadvantaged communities and low-income domestic well users that consistently fail to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water
- Non-capital costs that can't be covered by other sources of \$

Permanent Sources of Funding

- Increase to the existing fertilizer mill fees and fees on dairy producers to address nitrate impacts
 - Estimated to raise \$30M annually for 15 years and \$10M annually after that
- New safe drinking water fee assessed monthly on drinking water bills
 - The monthly safe drinking water fee is capped at a maximum of \$.95 cents for most water users
 - Exemption from the fee for low-income households (under 200% of the federal poverty level)

Combined fees will raise an **estimated total of \$140 million annually** for the first two years, and thereafter can be kept consistent or reduced by the State Water Board based on the annual need assessment

Fees CANNOT be adjusted to exceed the caps identified in statute.

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Protections and transparency:

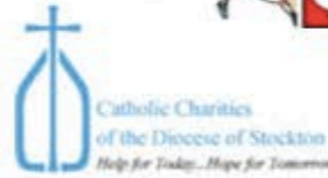
- Fees are CAPPED
- Annual needs assessment
- Fund implementation plan developed and adopted in consultation with a broad multidisciplinary stakeholder group
- Regular public review and assessment of the Fund



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