WaterSMART
Drought Response Program (PB FY17 Request: $4M)
WaterSMART - What’s New Drought Response Program

- New Drought Response Program initiated in FY 2015
- In 2017, new funding levels for Drought Resiliency Projects
  - Funding Level I: $300k
  - Funding Level II: $750k
The **East Bay Municipal Utility District** and other regional water management agencies within the Bay Area in California will develop a drought contingency plan.


The **Dolores Water Conservancy District in Colorado** will develop a drought contingency plan with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise, and the Montezuma Valley Irrigation Company.
Drought Response Program
Drought Resiliency Projects

Eligible Projects Include:

• Infrastructure Improvements
  – Modifying surface water intakes
  – New conveyance system components
  – Additional water storage
  – Recharge facilities
  – Capture and treat alternative supplies

• Decision Support Tools & Modeling
  – Tools to support water marketing
  – Tools to convey water supply information
  – Measurement

• Environmental Protection
  – Improve habitat
  – Install fish screens and ladders

Projects build resilience to drought
Projects supported by a drought plan are more competitive
Funding Level I: $300k
Funding Level II: $750k
Drought Response Program - Program Requirements

Eligible Applicants
- States, Indian Tribes, Irrigation Districts, Water Districts, Other organizations with water and power delivery authority

Cost Share
- 50% non-Federal cost-share required

Drought Projects
- Funding Group I: Up to $300k and completed within 2 years
- Funding Group II: Up to $750k and completed within 3 years

Drought Plans
- Up to $200,000 per plan
- Completed within 2 years