Proposition 68
California Parks, Environment, and Water Bond

Proposition 68 would authorize $4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. The state legislature passed the California Clean Water & Parks Act (SB5) with bipartisan support, and it will appear on the June statewide ballot.

Specific Funding Allocations for the Bay Area
- $21.25 million for San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program (Coastal Conservancy)
- $20 million for restoration grants to match Measure AA (Coastal Conservancy)
- $14 million for the Ocean Protection Trust Fund (Coastal Conservancy)
- County, city, and special district funding for local parks (per capita and other programs)
- $3 million for Los Gatos Creek and Upper Guadalupe River (Natural Resources Agency)
- $3 million for Russian River (Natural Resources Agency)

Summary of Funding Categories with Bay Area Eligibility*

State and Local Parks, Greenways, and River Parkways
- $725 million for the creation and expansion of parks in “park-poor neighborhoods”
- $290 million in funding for local parks (per capita and other programs)
- $218 million in funding to “create, expand...and improve state parks and park facilities”
- $30 million for trail and greenway investments (Natural Resources Agency)
- $25 million for recreational programs and parks in rural communities (State Parks)

Ocean, Bay, and Coastal Protection
- $20 million for coastal forests
- $35 million for marine protected areas and sustainable fisheries
- $5 million for coastal dune, wetlands, and estuary protection
- $30 million for “lower cost coastal accommodation grants”
- $75 million for California Ocean Protection Trust Fund

Climate Preparedness, Habitat Resiliency, Resource Enhancement, and Innovation
- $443 million to various agencies including:
  - $48 million for wildlife corridors and open space (Wildlife Conservation Board)
  - $115 million for fishery and riparian restoration projects (Dept. of Fish and Wildlife)
  - $60 million for agricultural land conservation and stewardship (Dept. of Conservation)
  - $50 million for “ecological restoration of forests” including urban forests (CalFire)

*Statewide funding programs that could benefit Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District