

Brown signs \$687 mil. drought-relief bill

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Gov. Jerry Brown on Saturday signed into law a \$687 million drought-relief package to deal with a water shortage he has called the worst in the state's modern history.

The legislation is intended to help residents, farmers and local communities, in part by tapping voter-approved bond money.

It includes measures to expand the recapture of storm runoff and the use and distribution of recycled water, as well as funding to secure emergency drinking water supplies for certain communities hard hit by the drought.

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