

# EPA Stormwater Funding Forum

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# Stormwater is.....



Groundwater Supply



Regional Flood Protection

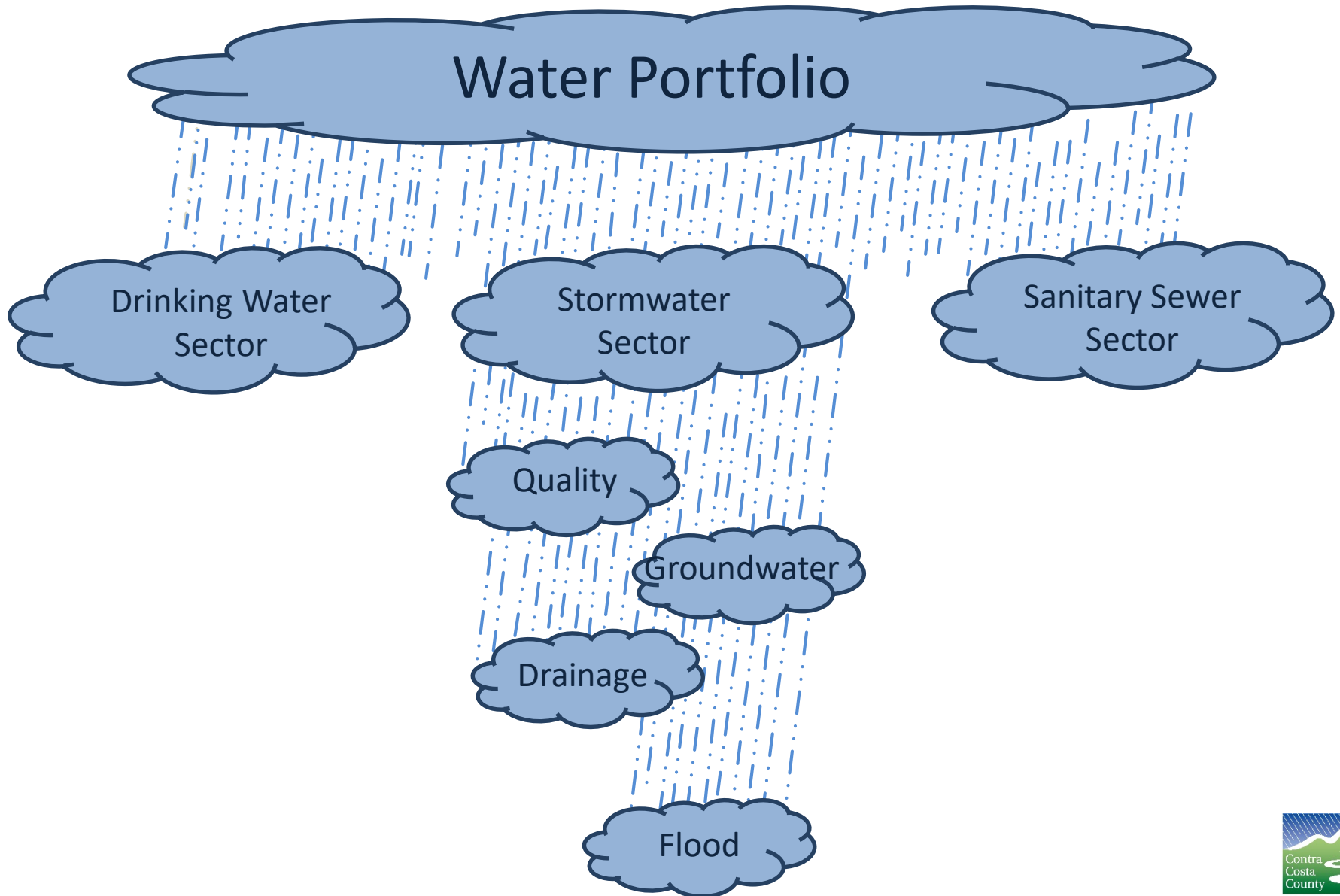


Community Drainage

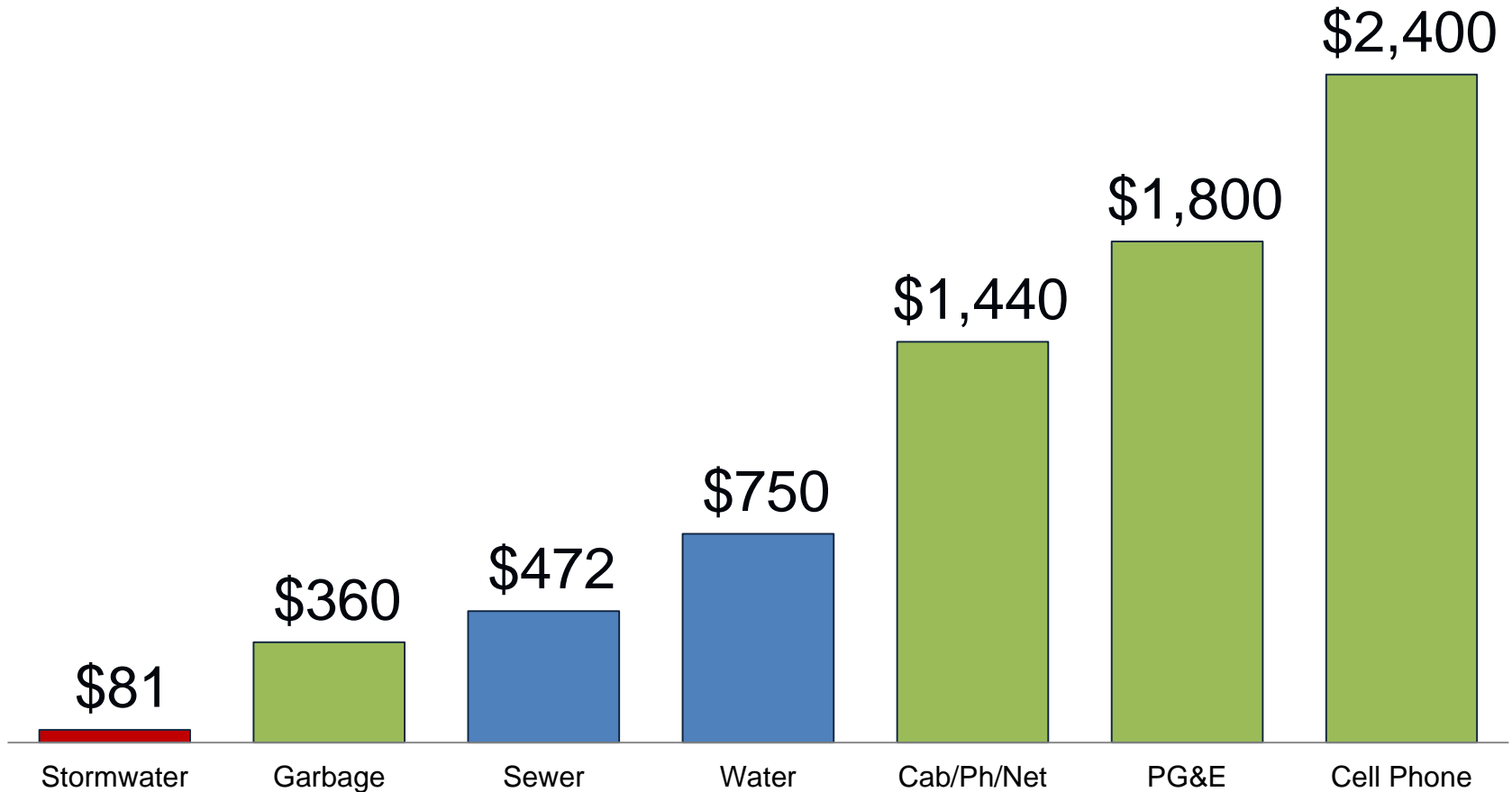


Stormwater Quality

# Anatomy of California Water Portfolio



# Society's Investment in Stormwater



Annual Costs Based on \$500,000 home/family in Walnut Creek

# MRP 2.0 Costs (Contra Costa)

- Worse case scenario: \$200 million total costs
- Most likely scenario: \$65 million total costs
- Annual revenue is \$3 million
- Program cost increases
- Infrastructure construction cost increases
- Infrastructure maintenance cost increases
  - \$1,800 per FTCD annual cost
  - \$3,000 per treated acre (\$2 per SF) annual cost

# Stormwater Funding Options

- Bonds/grants (not a long-term solution)
- Statewide ballot measure
  - Stormwater is a “utility”
  - Raise revenue similar to water and wastewater districts
  - Local control
- Expand/clarify legislative intent

# Statewide Ballot Measure

- Modify Article 10 of the Constitution
- No modification to Article 13
- Direct changes to Proposition 13 will not be successful
- Several statewide associations still interested in this option
- Success requires political and popular support

# Expand Legislative Intent

- Funding must comply with 218 exemption for water or sewer
- Stormwater is not water or sewer per the courts
- Expanding/clarifying legislative intent will help future court decisions
- 1997 Omnibus Act includes guidelines for implementing Proposition 218



# Current Legislative Efforts

- Senate Bill 231 (Herzberg)
  - Modifies the Omnibus Act
  - Includes “stormwater” in the definition of “sewer”
  - If enacted, requires a court decision to “consummate” the change in legal precedence