



Water Storage Investment Program Project Screening

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Agenda

- Welcome and introductions.
- Overview of screening process and requirements.
 - Q&A
- Review of 2021 schedule and important dates.
- Wrap up.

Background

- Currently, \$64 million in WSIP funds available.
- Statute contains a January 1, 2022, deadline for project eligibility.
- Projects must meet eligibility requirements to access funding.
- Project screening allows a project to establish eligibility.
- Application process would occur later.

Background - Eligibility Requirements

By January 1, 2022, the following must occur:

- Draft environmental document released for public review;
- 75% commitment of non-public benefit cost share received;
- Feasibility studies complete; and
- Commission makes findings.

Commission findings

Project eligibility depends on two Commission findings:

- The project is feasible; and
- The project will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.

Successful screened projects

- Eligible for funding - added to potential project pool for second solicitation.
- Pending Commission decision on second solicitation, screened projects would be able to apply for WSIP funds.
- While some screening information is cursory, consider the full application.
 - Plausible quantifiable public benefits.
 - Staff available to answer questions.

Information for Screening

Screening form is located on website
cwc.ca.gov/Water-Storage

- Form provides general information about project.
- Includes requirements needed for Commission findings.
- Links can be provided.
- Documents can be attached.
- When complete, email to cwc@water.ca.gov

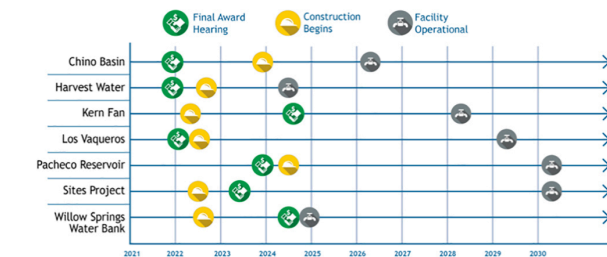
Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program: Funding the Public Benefits of Water Storage Projects

Proposition 1 of 2014 dedicated \$2.7 billion for investments in water storage projects. The California Water Commission is administering the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) to fund the public benefits associated with these projects.

In July 2018, the Commission made maximum conditional eligibility determinations (MCEDs), which is the amount of Proposition 1 funding available to a given project, for eight projects that collectively would boost California's water storage capacity by 4.3 million acre-feet. The projects range from expanding existing reservoirs to boosting groundwater storage to building 21st century surface storage facilities. Since July 2018, one project withdrew from the WSIP and the Commission adjusted the remaining projects' MCEDs.

Through a rigorous selection process, the Commission chose the eight projects based on the public benefits their projects will provide, such as flood control, ecosystem improvement, water quality improvement, emergency response and recreation. Applicants must now complete the remaining Proposition 1 requirements, including final permits, environmental documents, contracts for the administration of public benefits, and commitments for non-Proposition 1 funding.

Throughout this process, the Commission will continue to meet with the applicants, state agencies and stakeholders to review the status of each project. Once an applicant has obtained all the necessary permits, documents and contracts, the Commission will hold a final award hearing.



+ Proposition 1, Chapter 8 Conditional Amounts

+ Program Overview Information

+ Applicant Resources

- Project Screening

The California Water Commission's WSIP is accepting screening information for water storage projects that provide public benefits as defined by [Proposition 1, Chapter 8](#). Proposition 1 includes a statutory deadline of January 1, 2022, by which time project proponents must have completed a feasibility study, have draft environmental documentation made available for public review, have received commitments for at least 75 percent of the non-public benefit cost share of the project, and have their project found feasible by the Commission. Any project submitted would need findings by the Commission no later than the December 2021 regularly scheduled Commission meeting. It is recommended and encouraged that project proponents submit screening proposals to Commission staff no later than October 22, 2021. If the Commission moves forward with additional regulations and a second solicitation, only projects successful in the screening process would be eligible to apply.

- [Screening Form](#)


For information about other State funding opportunities, please visit the [Department of Water Resources' Grants and Loans page](#) or the [California Financing Coordinating Committee website](#).

Information for Screening

Types of documents that will satisfy screening requirements:

- **Feasibility studies** – See Section 3.5 of Technical Reference.
- **Draft environmental** – Should cover proposed construction of project and be made publicly available.
- **Cost share commitments** – Can be letters from beneficiaries, JPA documentation showing participation, or other agreements.
- **Description** of how project would advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.

Information for Screening


Water Storage Investment Program Screening Form

Completed screening forms, additional documentation or attachments, and questions about the screening form or process should be submitted via email to cwc@water.ca.gov. If any documents are too large to be submitted via email, please contact staff at cwc@water.ca.gov to arrange an alternate submission method. Please include the relevant project name in the subject line of all emails related to this screening form. Submission of this form is for informational purposes only and entirely voluntary.

Project Information

Project Name:

Project Type (select one):
☐ Conjunctive Use ☐ Groundwater Storage ☐ Local Surface Storage ☐ Regional Surface Storage
☐ Surface Storage Project Identified in the CALFED ROD

Applicant Name:

Applicant Type (select one):
☐ Public Agency ☐ Nonprofit Organization ☐ Public Utility ☐ Federally Recognized Indian Tribe
☐ State Indian Tribes Listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List
☐ Mutual Water Company

Applicant Point of Contact:
Name: _____
Title: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Project Description (suggested length one paragraph):

Project Location:
County: _____
Latitude and longitude: _____

Total Project Cost:

- Questions before submitting? Commission staff is available.
- Completed forms will be available on CWC website.
- Commission staff will review materials and make recommendation to the Commission for findings.

Timelines from submittal to Commission

Commission meeting date	Last day to submit materials	Agenda posted with staff recommendation
September 15, 2021	July 30, 2021	September 3, 2021
October 20, 2021	August 27, 2021	October 8, 2021
November 17, 2021	September 24, 2021	November 5, 2021
December 15, 2021	October 22, 2021	December 2, 2021

Screening to Funding Timeline

Projects screened	End of 2021
Commission decides on second solicitation	Early 2022
Any needed rule making	2022
Application preparation	First half of 2023
Application review, Commission decisions	Second half of 2023/early 2024

Questions?

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