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California Water Commission
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SUBJECT: Water Storage Investment Program – Options for Available Funding

Dear Commissioners,

In July 2018, the California Water Commission (Commission) approved maximum conditional funding for 8 eligible projects. Additional funds became available in 2021 when the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project withdrew from the program. The Commission used a portion of these funds to increase the conditional award amounts for all projects that received less than their eligible amounts in 2018. All 7 remaining projects received a 2.5% inflation adjustment to better reflect current economic conditions. After these adjustments were made ~\$64M in Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) funds remain.

Currently, the Commission is entertaining options to disburse the, above described, remaining funds. This letter is being sent to encourage the Commission to consider allocating the remaining funds to the existing projects. These projects have been rigorously vetted through the application process and have recently met the statutory requirements for continued eligibility. Additionally, real time inflation rates are at an all-time high, and we believe it prudent to allocate these funds to existing projects to help ensure their success.

We look forward to our continued work with the Commission and welcome the opportunity to discuss potential mechanisms for the equitable disbursement of these funds amongst the 7 remaining WSIP Projects.

Yours sincerely,

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