



Water Storage Investment Program: Harvest Water Program Update

Introduction

The California Water Commission (Commission) administers the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) to fund the public benefits associated with water storage projects using funds from the Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), codified at Water Code section 79750 *et seq*, and supplemented by funds from Proposition 4, the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4).

The Harvest Water Program is one of the five WSIP projects. It is a conjunctive use project to store and manage groundwater while improving stream flow, enhancing groundwater-dependent ecosystems, sustaining agricultural lands, and improving regional water supply reliability. This project, once constructed, will provide reliable, high quality recycled water to agricultural lands and existing habitats in southern Sacramento County.

In June 2023, the Commission awarded \$291.8 million in WSIP funds to Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) for the Harvest Water Program. In March 2025, to account for inflation, the Commission increased SacSewer’s final funding award by \$73 million for the Harvest Water Program, for a total award of \$364.8 million.

Background

The Harvest Water Program is the largest agricultural water recycling project in California. When complete, the program will supply billions of gallons of recycled water each year and bring the following benefits to the Sacramento region:

- Recycled water used in lieu of groundwater pumping for irrigation, expanding groundwater storage by 370,000 acre-feet.
- 50,000 acre-feet per year of reliable recycled water used to irrigate more than 16,000 acres of agricultural lands.
- Groundwater conditions improved to provide a healthy water supply to more than 5,000 acres of riparian and wetland habitats.

After breaking ground in 2024, SacSewer continues construction on the Harvest Water Program’s pumping station, and installation of nearly 42 miles of new pipeline and service connections that will deliver recycled water from the EchoWater Facility near Elk Grove to agricultural lands and existing habitats in southern Sacramento County.

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This agenda item is related to Goal One of the [Commission's Strategic Plan](#), which calls on the Commission to implement the WSIP to achieve public benefits.

Meeting Overview

At this meeting, Jofil Borja, Harvest Water Administrative Program Management Office and Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Manager at SacSewer and Erik Ringelberg, Regional Vice President for California, Freshwater Trust, will provide an update on the Harvest Water Program.

Following the project representatives' remarks, the Commission will hear Tribal and public comment on the information presented. Commissioners will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

This is an informational item.

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