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**To:** [California Water Commission](#)  
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Dear CA Water Commission,

Dear Chair Quintero and Commission Members:

I urge you to reject requests from project proponents to change the Water Storage Investment Program's regulatory and financial requirements. The requested changes undermine the language voters approved in Proposition 1, increase the risk that these funds will be stranded, and make it more likely that the funds will fail to provide public benefits, such as strong environmental outcomes.

Changing the regulations to increase the amount available for early funding would be inappropriate given that some of the projects awarded Prop 1 funding are unlikely to come to fruition. Recent news reports have suggested that the Temperance Flat Reservoir Authority will likely be unable to complete all feasibility studies and provide draft environmental documents for public review by the January 1, 2022 deadline, rendering it ineligible for WSIP funding. In light of the risks and uncertainties associated with each WSIP project, increasing the amount of early funding would be imprudent.

Additionally, extending the deadlines for draft environmental review documents is unnecessary. Project proponents have known of the January 1, 2022 deadline since Prop. 1 passed the legislature. Failure to meet this deadline strongly suggests that a project is not viable and thus should not receive Prop. 1 funding.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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