

### **WSIP Background**

#### Water Code section 79757 requirements:

#### By January 1, 2022

- Feasibility studies are complete
- Draft environmental documentation is available for public review
- Commission makes a finding project is feasible
- Commission makes a finding that the project will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta
- Director of DWR receives commitments for not less than 75% of non-public benefit cost share of the project

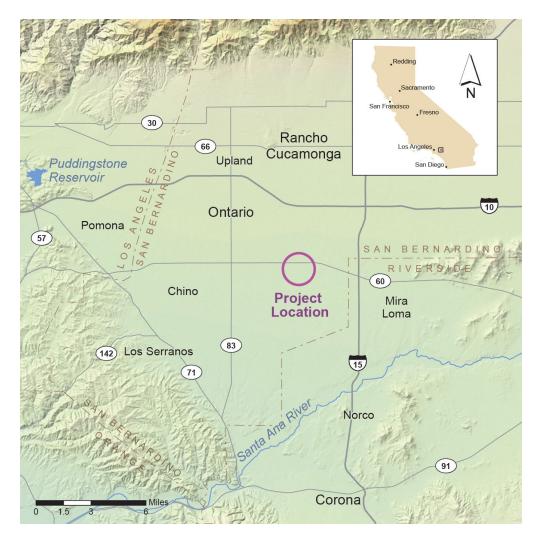
### **WSIP Background**

- June 2018: The Commission determined final application scores and made nine determinations for each project
  - Commission made determination: project appears feasible
  - Commission made determination: project will advance long-term objectives of Delta
- Since 2018 applicants have been working to complete feasibility studies and eligibility requirements set forth in Water Code section 79757
- Today Staff presents
  - Review of feasibility documentation and recommendation
  - Status of continuing eligibility requirements for the Chino Basin Program

## **Chino Basin Program**

#### **Inland Empire Utilities Agency**

- Conjunctive Use Project
- MCED: \$212,072,500
- Public benefits: Ecosystem,
   Water Quality, and
   Emergency Response





## **Complete Feasibility Studies**

#### **Technical Reference defines feasibility in 5 categories**

- Technical feasibility
- Constructability
- Environmental feasibility
- Economic feasibility
- Financial feasibility



## **Chino Basin Program Complete Feasibility Studies**

#### **Documents reviewed:**

- 2017 application materials including related environmental documentation
- 2018 Review materials
- 2021 Final feasibility report
- 2021 Draft Chino Basin Program PEIR



## Chino Basin Program Technical Feasibility & Constructability

#### Regulations require:

 Technical feasibility & Constructability—Project is technically feasible based on how it will operate and can be constructed with existing technology and availability of materials, etc.

#### **Review found:**

 Operations, engineering designs and costs and construction methods demonstrate project can be technically and physically constructed and operated

## Chino Basin Program Environmental Feasibility

#### Regulations require:

 Project is environmentally feasible and significant issues mitigated or lead agency plans to file statement of overriding considerations

#### **Review found:**

- Most significant impacts for project will be mitigated; may be significant and unavoidable impacts and Statement of Overriding Considerations will be prepared
- Documentation shows environmental feasibility

## **Chino Basin Program Economic Feasibility**

#### Regulations require:

Expected benefits equal or exceed expected costs

#### **Review found:**

- Based on a review of all benefits and costs, benefits exceed costs showing the benefit to cost ratio is greater than one
- Documentation shows economic feasibility

## **Chino Basin Program Financial Feasibility**

#### Regulations require:

 Sufficient funds available to cover costs of construction and operation over life of project

#### **Review found:**

- Funds from all sources are sufficient to cover all costs
- Costs allocated to non-public beneficiaries are consistent and do not exceed benefits received
- Documentation shows financial feasibility

## Statutory Requirement Complete Feasibility Study

 Feasibility study information addressed the five feasibility categories and is complete

# Statutory Requirement Draft Environmental Documentation Available for Public Review

- Application included some related CEQA documents
- Draft PEIR released for public review October 28, 2021

## **Statutory Requirement**Director Receives 75% Commitments

- Letter of commitment from IEUA received
- Director of DWR received letter and supporting documentation on October 21, 2021

### **Chino Basin Program Eligibility**

- Statutory Requirements met:
  - Complete feasibility studies and draft environmental documentation
  - Director receives 75% commitment
- Based on documentation received, Staff recommends Commission find project feasible

### **Chino Basin Program Eligibility**

#### **Commission Decision:**

- If Commission determines project is feasible, project continues to work towards returning for a final funding hearing
- If Commission does not make a finding, project no longer eligible for funding under WSIP

