

Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report Template

The Quarterly Report is intended to document progress that the applicant is making toward complying with regulation section 6013 and receiving final WSIP funding, including any changes in the magnitude of public benefits that could affect cost allocation. Applicants must provide a summary level update of the project status for the requirements and milestones listed below. The template may be modified as necessary to effectively communicate information. If minimal activities occurred during a reporting period, the report can be condensed.

- Note any issues or concerns that have, will, or could affect milestones or requirements.
- Identify key issues, including legal issues such as lawsuits or injunctions related to the project, that need to be resolved.
- Discuss how the actual schedule is progressing in comparison to the schedule provided in the Initial Report or the last reported schedule.
- Update the project schedule as needed.
- Note any milestones or accomplishments that occurred since submittal of the prior Quarterly Report.

Project Name:	South Sacramento County Agriculture & Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and			
	Conjunctive Use Program			
Applicant Name:	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San)			
Date:	7/26/19	Reporting Period:	Q2 2019	

Please describe any key issues that occurred during this reporting period. You may attach additional documents or pages if more space is needed.

Issues:

• As documented in an email from staff at the SWRCB to the Executive Director of the CWC, on June 20, 2018, the approved Petition for Change order was anticipated to be issued by September 2018. In December, Regional San received updated information from the SWRCB staff that the Draft Petition was still under development and undergoing internal review. Regional San met with SWRCB staff on April 8, 2019 to discuss status of Draft Order and address any remaining questions they had about the South County Ag Program. An administrative draft of the Order was provided to Regional San on May 14, 2019. Regional San is in active dialogue with State Water Board staff on final amendments and is anticipating an approved Order by the August/September 2019 time frame.

Milestones:

- The Administrative Program Management Office (A-PMO) consultant and Ecological Program consultant contracts were extended in April 2019. Additional RFP processes are expected for the Capital Program Management Office, Design, and Construction Managers in late 2019.
- The CEQA consultant contract was executed in May 2019 and initial program area surveys took place in June. As shown in the attached schedule, four primary CEQA documents are anticipated to be completed between now and July 2020, ahead of the WSIP deadlines.
- The Program team hosted a program area tour on May 21, 2019 for staff from CWC, SWRCB, and CDFW. Regional San provided an overview of the EchoWater project and the proposed recycled water pipeline alignment and potential customer properties. The Project team continues to coordinate benefits contracting with SWRCB and CDFW and anticipates additional meetings in Q3 as the Ecological Plan is further developed.
- The Program team continued targeted outreach with Program stakeholders and landowners. Program briefings
 were held with the landowner Stakeholder Advisory Group on May 20 and with NGO stakeholders on May 22. An
 outreach meeting was held in conjunction with the Sacramento County Farm Bureau (SCFB) on July 18. Ads and
 articles about the Program were submitted for the May/June and July/August bi-monthly Sac County Farm Bureau

(SCFB) newsletter. The Program team mailed an informational postcard to all properties in the Program Area, followed by an informational packet that included a Program fact sheet, map of affected area, and invitation to the 7/18 meeting. The project team is continuing to develop and execute a landowner outreach plan for recycled water customers and Eco Plan partnerships.

- The Program team continued work on the development of the Groundwater Accounting Framework and Conjunctive Use Project and continued engagement with the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA). A second briefing was held with SCGA's Executive Director and staff and we participated in SCGA's monthly board meetings and strategic planning efforts. The Program team is continuing work on the groundwater accounting work plan and institutional framework development.
- The Program team continued work on the development of the Ecological Plan in support of the public benefit targets.

The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP):

• The SSHCP and EIR/EIS were adopted October 29, 2018. On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the USFWS signed the Incidental Take Permit. The SSHCP will streamline federal and state permitting processes for the South County Ag Program.

Prior to scheduling a hearing, the following items must be provided:						
Description	Status	Estimated Completion Date	Percent Complete %			
Contracts for non- public cost share	N/A - complete. There is no cost share for non-public benefits of the South County Ag Program. At this time, Regional San is the only entity that will fund the non-public cost-share.	N/A	N/A			
Contracts for administration of public benefits	Kick-off meetings held in Q1, 2019. Additional meetings with DFW and SWRCB were held in April and a tour of the Program area was conducted in May for CWC, DFW and SWRCB staff.		0			
Completed feasibility studies	 Final Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District South County Recycled Water Feasibility Study (RMC 2014). Previously approved by USBR and submitted with WSIP application. A Supplement to the Feasibility Study to reflect the final public benefit analysis from the WSIP process (as requested by CWC) was completed and a draft was emailed to CWC staff in June 2019. It is anticipated that the supplement will be finalized in Q3. 	07/2019	95			

Final environmental documentation	 Programmatic and Main Transmission Line Final EIR - 100% CEQA Consultant selected and contract approved by the Regional San Board on May 22. A Kick-off meeting was held June 3, 2019. Laterals & On-farm Connections Project-Level environmental documentation - 5% Initial program area surveys conducted for technical studies Ecological Program environmental documentation - 0% Groundwater Conjunctive Use environmental documentation - 0% Wintertime irrigation environmental documentation - 0% 	07/2020	40
All required federal, state, and local approvals, certifications, and agreements	See attached list of permits and status	12/2021	See attached

Funding Agreement

Please provide an update, as applicable, on the following documents, which are needed to execute a funding agreement for the project:

- Applicant's audited financial statements
- Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work
- Evidence of bilateral communications
- Limited waiver of sovereign immunity (see regulations section 6013(f)(8))

Updates to information provided in the Initial Report or prior Quarterly Reports are only needed when a significant change has occurred. The Commission may request submittal of updated information prior to executing a funding agreement.

No significant change has occurred from previous reporting period.

Audited Financial Statements:

• Regional San's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2018 Fiscal Year is available on our website. These reports are prepared annually and an independent auditor audits Regional San's financial statements each year. A current audited financial statement will be provided prior to the execution of a funding agreement.

Final Project Costs, Schedule, and Scope:

• No significant changes have occurred from the previous WSIP application and reporting periods. Updated schedule attached.

Evidence of Bilateral Communications:

• Not Applicable, no anticipated impacts to owners or operators of facilities.

Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity:

• Not Applicable, no known tribal lands in project area.

Status Update

Provide a status update for the following, as applicable:

- Labor Compliance
- Urban Water Management Plans
- Agricultural Water Management Plans
- Groundwater Management or Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Potential effect of other conditionally eligible projects on the applicant's public benefits

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No significant change has occurred from previous reporting period.

Labor Compliance:

Anticipated to be addressed in construction contracts (2020).

Urban Water Management Plans

• N/A - Regional San is not an urban water supplier.

Agricultural Water Management Plans:

• N/A - currently groundwater. Although the South County Ag Program will supply recycled water to agricultural users, recycled water is exempt from Agricultural Water Management Plans.

Groundwater Management or / Groundwater Sustainability Plans:

• The Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the South County Ag Program area. SCGA completed a South Basin Groundwater Management Plan that was finalized in October 2011. The South American Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) equivalent was submitted to DWR. DWR determined the equivalent to be not recommended for approval by DWR on July 18, 2019. DWR SCGA has 30 days to respond to DWR and DWR will finalize its assessment within 60 days. SCGA will be working to address its deficiencies and will be submitting its Groundwater Sustainability Plan by January 31, 2022.

Other WSIP Applicant's Projects:

• N/A - there are no expected consequences of the South County Ag program on other WSIP applicant's public benefits.

Regional San – South County Ag Program: List of Permits for WSIP Quarterly Reporting (revised 1/20/2019)

Permitting Agency	Permit	Estimated Completion Date ³	Percent Complete %
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Clean Water Act, Section 404 Permit for any fill of wetlands or waters of the US	Quarter 4 2021	0%
U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service	Section 7 Consultation/Biological Opinions (for effects on Federally-listed species) ^{1, 2}	Quarter 4 2020	0% 1
State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)	Wastewater Change Petition for a change in the point of discharge, place of use, or purpose of use of treated water	Quarter 3 2019	95%
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)	Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use (Statewide Recycled Water Permit, Order WQ 2016-0068-DWQ) (for operation of the recycled water distribution system)	Quarter 4 2020	0%
CVRWQCB	401 Water Quality Certification (required for 404 Permit)	Quarter 2 2021	0%
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Incidental Take Permit from California Department of Fish and Game (for effects on State-listed species) 1	Quarter 4 2020	0% 1
CDFW	Incidental Take Permit for California Endangered Species Act (CESA)	Quarter 4 2020	0% 1
CDFW	Streambed Alteration Agreement (for pipeline crossings of creeks)	Quarter 4 2021	0%
California Office of Historic Preservation	Section 106 Consultation ²	Quarter 4 2020	0%

¹Note: The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) has been adopted. Permits anticipated to be finalized by Q3, 2019. The HCP will be leveraged by Regional San to streamline biological-related permitting, including Section 7 consultation and Incidental Take permits.

²Note: Required only if a Federal nexus is established for the Program.

³ Note: Best estimate of timing with currently known information.



