

# **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				
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San)				
Date:	10/30/2018	Reporting Period:	Initial Report		

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 October, we received
updated information from the SWRCB staff that the Draft Approval for the Petition is undergoing internal review
and is anticipated to be finalized before the end of December 2018.

#### **Milestones:**

 Project initiation: Regional San released a Conflict of Interest Guidelines document in September 2018 for anticipated program roles for consultants. The Administrative Program Management Office consultant has been selected. Request for Proposal (RFP) processes are expected for Capital Program Management Office, CEQA, Design, and Construction Managers. The RFP process is scheduled to commence later this year and first quarter of 2019.

### **Outreach efforts:**

• Extensive stakeholder outreach continued between August 2017 and October 31, 2018. Coordination meetings have been held between Regional San staff and Sacramento County Farm Bureau, landowners/farmers, Stone Lakes NWR, The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, Regional Water Authority, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority, City of Sacramento Utilities Department, the Sacramento County Water Agency, the Sacramento Water Forum, the Cosumnes River Preserve and the Cosumnes Coalition. Ongoing outreach will continue with various stakeholders.

### Agency contracting (Water Board, CDFW, etc.):

• Regional San provided preliminary estimates on the timing of certain permits to CDFW as requested. We are awaiting further contact from CDFW and SWRCB to move forward with contracting.

### **Project schedule:**

• The project team is in the process of developing a focused 2-year schedule along with an updated overall schedule. Currently there is no major change to report from the WSIP application. An interim updated schedule is attached (difference from original application is no project phasing and additional detail on environmental documentation timing).

# The South Sacramento County Habitat Conservation Plan (SCHCP):

• The SCHCP is currently going through the adoption process. Sacramento County, the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA and the City of Rancho Cordova have adopted the Plan. Subsequent hearings to consider adoption of the SSHCP will be held by the Galt City Council and the South Sacramento Conservation Agency, which was formed to manage the plan's implementation. Permit issuance to the plan partners from state and federal agencies will follow. Once the SSHCP is approved, it will streamline federal and state permitting processes for the South County Ag Program.

# **Currently Anticipated Design/Construction/Operation Timeframe:**

• Design: Begin Q2, 2019; End Q1, 2022

• Construction: Begin Q3, 2020; End Q2, 2023

• Begin Operation: Q3, 2023

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.		100			
Contracts for administration of public benefits	Awaiting information from the following contracting agencies to proceed.  • California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)  • State Water Board	TBD	0			
Completed feasibility studies	<ul> <li>Submitted with WSIP application:</li> <li>Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District South County Recycled Water Feasibility Study (RMC 2014). Final and approved by USBR.</li> <li>WSIP Application document:</li> <li>Regional San_WSIP Feasibility_A.1 Feasibility Document_SecFIR</li> </ul>		100			
Final environmental documentation	<ul> <li>Programmatic and Main Transmission Line Final EIR - 100%</li> <li>Project-Level environmental documentation (distribution system) - 0%</li> <li>Groundwater Bank Project-Level environmental documentation - 0%</li> <li>Ecological Program environmental documentation - 0%</li> </ul>	2020	40			
All required federal, state, and local approvals, certifications, and agreements	See attached list of permits and status	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 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.

#### **Audited Financial Statements:**

Regional San's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2017 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:

Currently working from WSIP application materials, updates in progress; update expected early 2019.

### **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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### **Labor Compliance:**

• Anticipated to be addressed in contracts.

## **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's review completion is expected by the end of 2018.

#### 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

Permitting Agency	Permit	Estimated Completion Date <sup>3</sup>	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) <sup>1, 2</sup>	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 4 2018	90%
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) <sup>1</sup>	Quarter 4 2020	0% 1
CDFW	Incidental Take Permit for California Endangered Species Act (CESA)	Quarter 4 2020	0% <sup>1</sup>
CDFW	Streambed Alteration Agreement (for pipeline crossings of creeks)	Quarter 4 2021	0%
California Office of Historic Preservation	Section 106 Consultation <sup>2</sup>	Quarter 4 2020	0%

<sup>1</sup>Note: The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is currently undergoing the adoption process. Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova and the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA have adopted the plan. The HCP will be leveraged by Regional San to streamline biological-related permitting, including Section 7 consultation and Incidental Take permits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Note: Required only if a Federal nexus is established for the Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Note: Best estimate of timing with currently known information



Overall Project Schedule for South Sacremento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and Conjunctive Use Program

