



Water Storage Investment Program

Eligibility Requirements

California 
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WSIP Background



- **July 2018:** The Commission determined maximum conditional eligibility amounts (MCEs) for eight proposed projects in the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP).
- Applicants began work to fulfill the requirements outlined in Proposition 1 (completed feasibility studies, necessary permits and environmental documents, contracts for the administration of public benefits, non-public benefit funding) before returning to the Commission for a final award hearing.
- **October 2020:** The Temperance Flat Reservoir Project withdrew from the WSIP and returned their MCE of \$171.3M to the Commission.
- **January 2021:** Commission redistributed the \$171.3M, reserving \$64M for a potential second solicitation. Project screening opportunity began that allows new projects to demonstrate they meet the Prop. 1 statutory deadline of January 1, 2022.

Eligibility Deadline Requirements

To ensure the projects progress, the statute included the following deadline ...

By January 1, 2022, projects must meet the following or will not be eligible for funding:

- (A) All feasibility studies are complete and draft environmental documentation is available for public review.
- (B) The Commission makes a finding that the project is feasible and will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.
- (C) The Director of the Department receives commitments from not less than 75 percent of the non-public benefit cost shares of the project.

Eligibility Determination Process

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- **Staff receives documents from Applicants/Screening Projects**
 - Feasibility documents.
 - Environmental documents.
 - 75% cost share information.
 - Screening projects additional information.

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- **Staff analyzes information and prepares report for Commission**
 - Includes details from Technical Reference.
 - Includes staff recommendation.

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- **Commission considers staff recommendation and makes decision**
 - Is the project feasible?
 - For screening projects – will it advance Delta objectives?
 - Project proponents available to answer Commission questions.

Eligibility Determination Process

Staff's analysis for Commission will include:

- Completeness review of feasibility documentation.
- Summary of any differences from original application and how these changes might affect feasibility.
- Original technical review comments.
 - Explanation of how original comments and/or deficiencies were addressed.
- Confirmation of the required submittals (draft environmental documents, cost-share commitments).
- Recommended action.

Staff Analysis

Rationale for the staff recommendation will include:

- Analysis of feasibility components
 - Technical feasibility
 - Environmental feasibility
 - Economic feasibility
 - Financial feasibility
 - Constructability

Commission Decision

Commission will decide if:

- Existing and screening projects are feasible.
- Screening projects will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.

Anticipated Schedule for Feasibility Determinations

| OCTOBER 2021 | NOVEMBER 2021 | DECEMBER 2021 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvest Water• Los Vaqueros | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chino Basin• Kern Fan• Screening project(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pacheco• Sites• Willow Springs• Screening project(s) |



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