



Water Storage Investment Program

Item 8: Second Solicitation Considerations
and Other Options

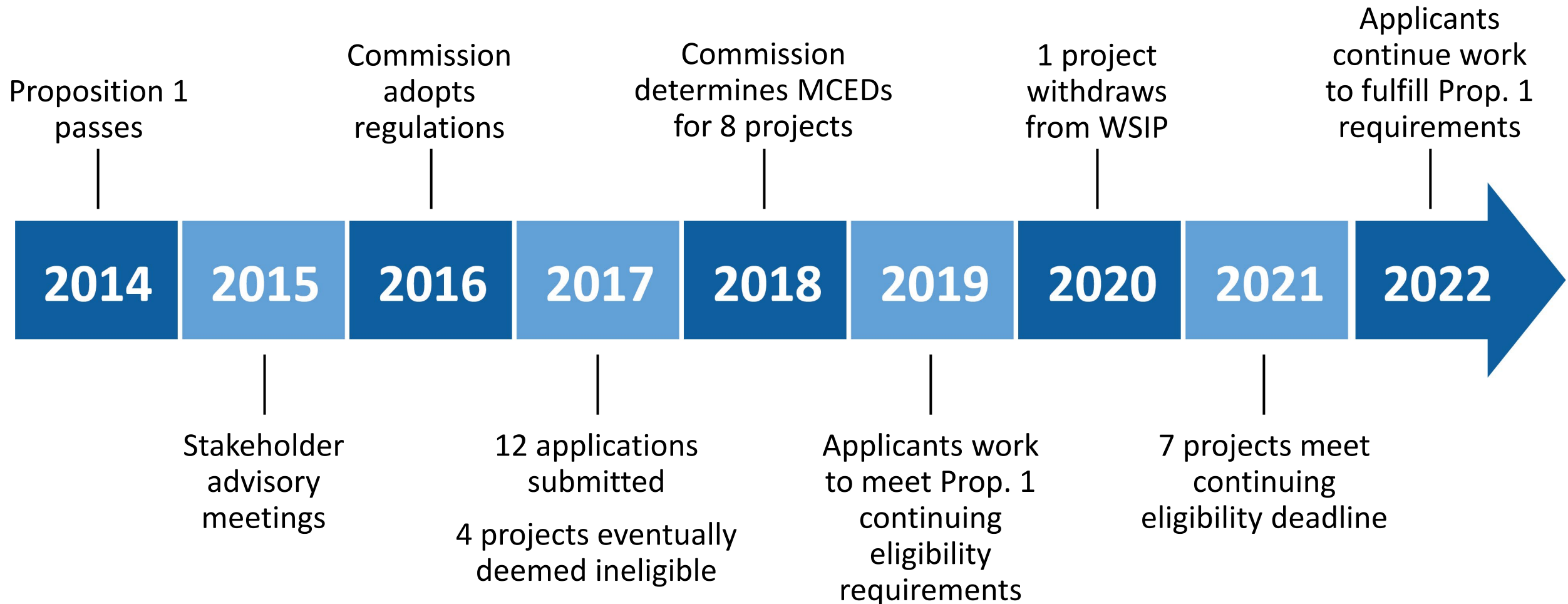
California
WATER COMMISSION

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Today's Decision

- In January 2021, Commission held \$63.9 million dollars of funding for a potential second solicitation and asked staff to open a screening process to see what projects might meet the program's requirements.
- Screening projects were presented to the Commission in December 2021.
- Today the Commission can decide whether to move forward with a second solicitation.

WSIP timeline: 2014 to present



Current status

- Seven existing WSIP projects met the January 1, 2022, continuing eligibility requirements and were deemed feasible by the Commission.
- Two screening projects met the January 1, 2022, requirements and are the only eligible projects to apply if a second solicitation takes place.

Moving Forward – Existing Applicants

- Public benefits contracts will be drafted. Benefits may change as permits are obtained and environmental documents completed.
- Commission will monitor progress of projects.
 - Commission can ask Applicants for progress updates.
 - Commission can decide a project is not making sufficient progress and pull back the MCED.
 - Commission can visit projects.
- Final funding is awarded.

Commission decision options for \$63.9 M

- 1) Pursue a second solicitation now.
- 2) Do not pursue a second solicitation; apply the funding to existing project(s).
- 3) Do not pursue a second solicitation at this time; direct staff to begin rulemaking process for a second solicitation.

Commission can defer this decision to a future meeting.

1) Pursue second solicitation

2022: Staff begins rulemaking process

2022

Mid to late 2023:
Applicants prepare and submit applications

2023

Early to Mid 2024:
Commission makes MCEDs

2024

Early 2023:
Commission adopts regulations, Second solicitation opens

Early 2024:
Application review process

2) Apply \$63.9 million to existing project(s)

- No second solicitation now.
- At a future meeting, consider distribution of available funding to existing project(s).
- Screening projects would be held in current state; second solicitation still an option if more funding becomes available.

3) No second solicitation at this time, but pursue second solicitation rulemaking

- If the need for a second solicitation occurs, work would be done and process could begin sooner.
- Would save some time, but would require final changes to address any date/time related specifics just prior to the solicitation.
- If second solicitation not needed, work would have been for naught.

Comparison of timing and effort

Option	Time	Level of Effort
Option 1 – Second solicitation	2.5 years	Significant for State and new Applicants
Option 2 – Adjust MCEDs of existing projects; can do another solicitation later	3 months	Minor for State and Existing Applicants
Option 3 – Prepare rulemaking in advance; adjust MCEDs for existing projects	1 year	Moderate for State, and Minor for Applicants

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