



Water Storage Investment Program

Contracts for the Administration of Public Benefits

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WATER COMMISSION

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WSIP Benefits - Background

- Prop 1 specifies:
 - Funding based on public benefits
 - Public benefits - ecosystem, water quality, emergency supply, flood and recreation benefits
 - Ecosystem benefits make up at least 50% of funded amount
- Public benefit analysis during application phase
 - Physical amount
 - Monetary value

WSIP Benefits - Background

- Application process resulted in Commission making Maximum Conditional Eligible Determinations (MCEs)
- Applicants began process of further refining projects through the planning phase: environmental documentation, permitting, etc.
 - This process can affect public benefits proposed in application phase

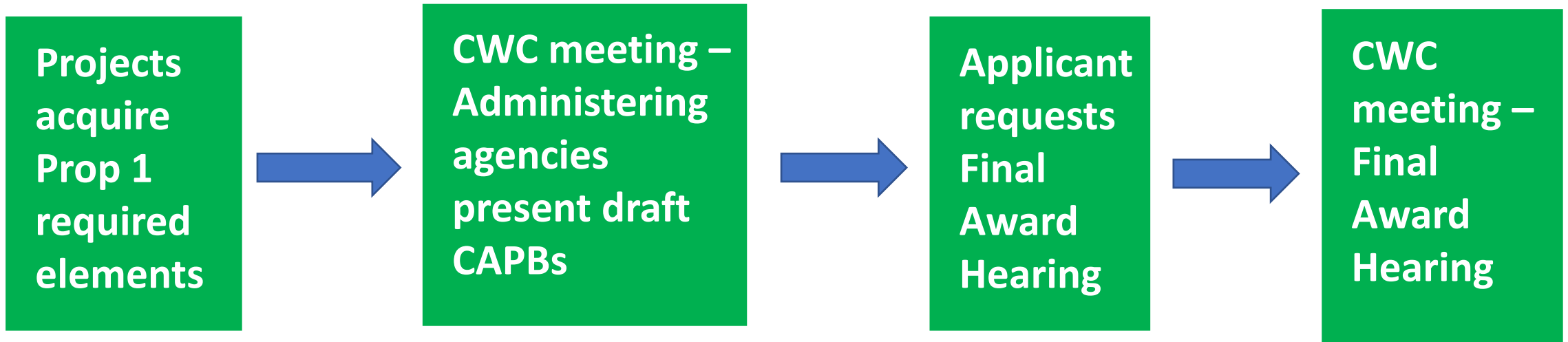
Contracts for Public Benefit - Background

- No construction funds may be allocated to a project until Prop 1 requirements are met
- One of the Prop 1 requirements: contracts for the administration of public benefits (CAPB) between applicants and agencies – never been done before
- Regulations allow for agencies to bring draft CAPBs to Commission prior to finalizing

WSIP CAPBs: Why Important?

- Statute and Regulations require CAPBs to ensure public contribution of funds achieves public benefits
- Regulations further define content of CAPBs including adaptive management and reporting requirements
- How do CAPBs fit in the overall process?
 - Drafts will be available for Commission/public review and comment
 - Must be executed before Commission awards funding
 - Exhibit to funding agreement

Process Overview



WSIP CAPBs: Commission Interface

- Drafts will come before Commission
 - Commission hears public comment
 - Commission may provide comments to agencies
- Draft contracts for each project at same meeting
 - Example: a project has ecosystem and emergency supply benefits, both draft contracts will be presented at same meeting
- WSIP projects on different schedules, draft CAPBs expected over the next couple years

WSIP CAPBs: Commission Meeting

- Draft CAPBs will be made available on CWC website prior to Commission meeting
- Administering agencies will present draft CAPBs and answer questions
- Applicants will also be available to answer questions
- After drafts presented to the Commission, Admin Agencies will finalize and execute contracts (needed for final funding hearing) and make findings

An aerial photograph of a large, calm water reservoir. The water is a deep blue color and reflects the sky. The reservoir is surrounded by rolling green hills. In the distance, several high-voltage power lines are visible against the horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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