

California Water Commission

WSIP UPDATE: CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS

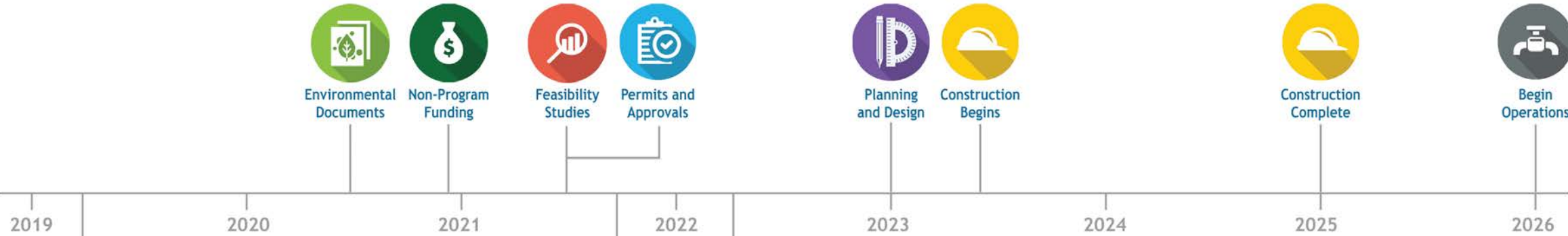
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- Required by Proposition 1
- Contents of Contracts specified in Commission Regulations section 6014
- Administered by DWR, CDFW and SWRCB

“...to ensure that the public contribution of funds achieves the public benefits identified for the project.”

Water Code Section 79755(a)(3)

Contracts Ensure Benefits are Realized



Public Benefits Contract Development Begins

Public Benefits Contract Complete
Final Award Hearing

Contracts Developed

Contracts Executed

Benefits Measured, Monitored, Reported & Adaptively Managed

February 2019 Applicant Orientation Meetings – Purpose

- Discuss the contracting process for public benefits between resource agencies and applicants
- Gain a common understanding of
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Anticipated project schedule
 - Project progress and phasing
 - Types of project information needed to develop contracts

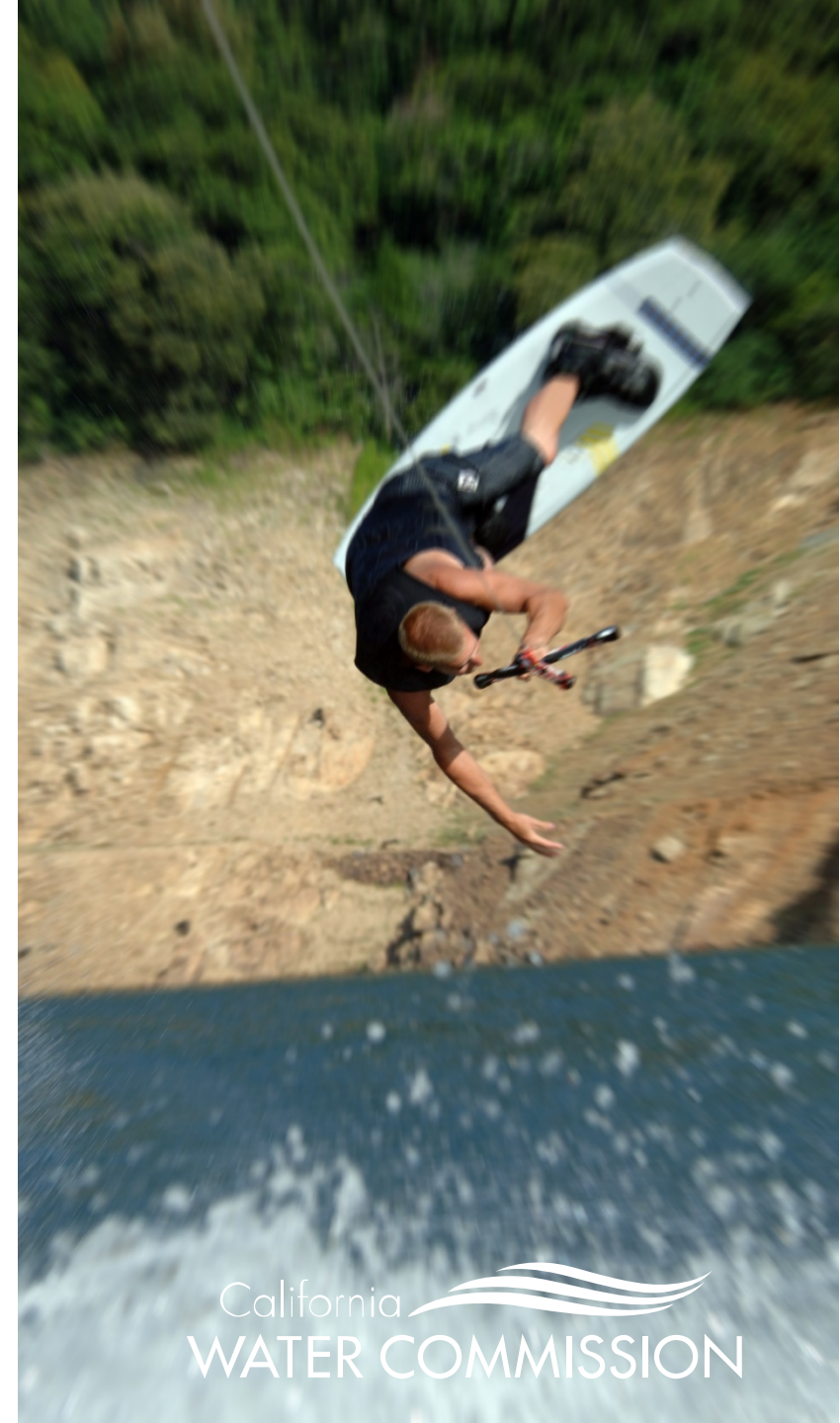


Agenda and Format

- Overview of public benefit process
- Project schedule, timing or phasing of construction, and permit acquisitions
- Orientation to Administering Agency process for contracts development

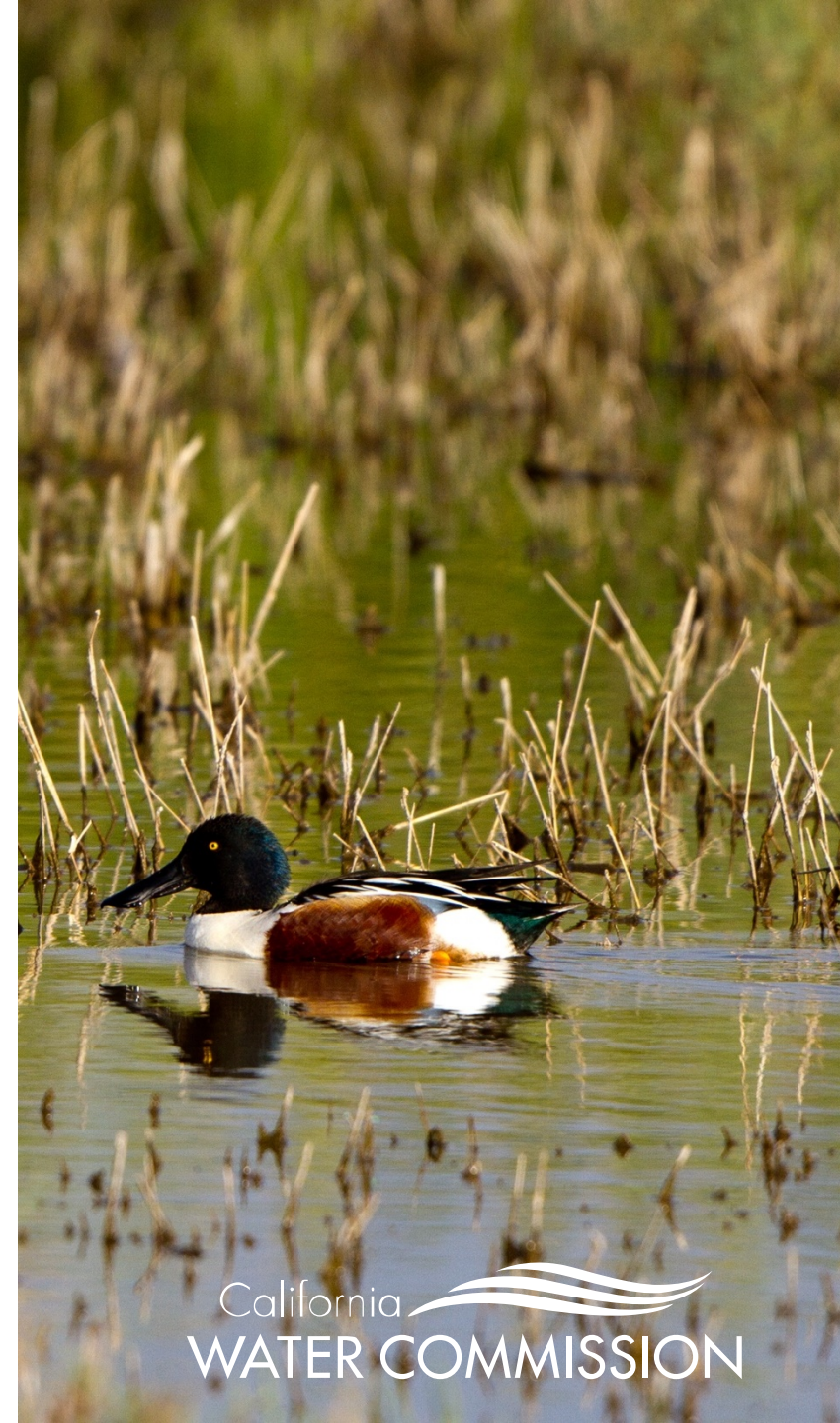
DWR Orientation Takeaways

- Three phase process
 - Discovery Phase
 - Contract Language Development Phase
 - Ratification Phase
- Importance of Adaptive Management Plans
- Coordination with other DWR divisions
- Permits and regulatory requirements
- Plans for monitoring and maintenance
- Address climate change



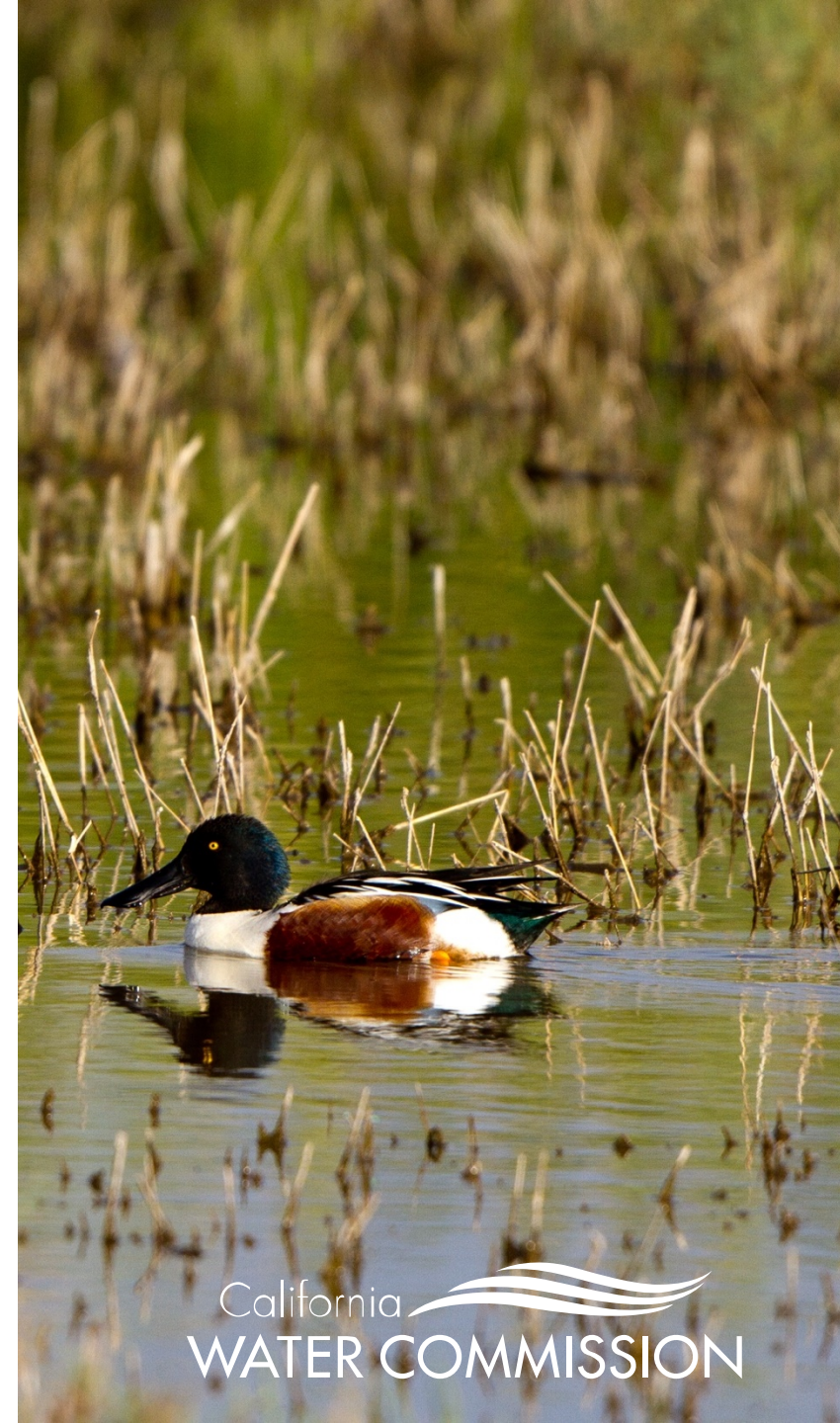
CDFW Orientation Takeaways

- Three phase process, similar to DWR
- Coordination with regional offices
- Required CEQA completed prior to contract language development
- Required operational/conveyance agreements for refuge water
- Required permits for ratification
 - CDFW
 - Pertinent to realizing benefits
- Metrics for Triggers and Responses
- Collaborative role in developing Adaptive Management Plan



CDFW Orientation – Pulse Flow Projects

- Operations and Pulse Flow Plan development process
- Coordination between CDFW, applicant, State Water Contractors, and DWR
- Coordinated use of Pulse Flows from different projects
- Use of Adaptive Management Plans for flexibility



SWRCB Orientation Takeaways

- Contracting process
- Coordination between State and Regional Boards
- CEQA and permit requirements for ratification
- Early coordination for Adaptive Management Plans
- Metrics to quantify the benefits



Key Applicant Questions

- CEQA questions and concerns:
 - How are operations, including pulse flows, addressed?
 - What is the role of the agency and role of the applicant?
- Questions and concerns about interactions with other governmental entities as contracts are developed.
- Concern for coordination between CDFW and DWR, and local needs, when emergency supply benefit is exercised.
- Questions regarding the number of contracts required
- How coordination and collaboration on adaptive management plans and contract development will occur?



Next Steps

- Applicants and Agency teams have identified key points of contact
- Applicants will initiate scheduling of subsequent contract development interactions with Administering Agencies



Thank you for your interest

Questions or comments?
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