WORK CONTINUES ON THE WATER STORAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Upon learning their maximum conditional eligibility amount in July 2018, each applicant proceeds on their own timeline, as they work to fulfill the requirements outlined in Proposition 1: completed feasibility studies, necessary permits and environmental documents, contracts for the administration of public benefits, and non-Proposition 1 funding.

For more detailed information on a project’s status, including environmental studies and reports, visit the applicant’s website:

- **Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Program**
  Inland Empire Utilities Agency
  www.chinobasinprogram.org/

- **Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project**
  Irvine Ranch Water District
  www.irwd.com/services/water

- **Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project**
  Contra Costa Water District
  www.ccwater.com/lvstudies

- **Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project**
  Santa Clara Valley Water District
  www.valleywater.org/pachecoexpansion

- **South County Ag Program**
  Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
  www.regionalsan.com/south-county-ag-program

- **Temperance Flat Reservoir Project**
  Temperance Flat Reservoir Authority
  New website coming soon!

- **Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project**
  Southern California Water Bank Authority
  www.willowspringswaterbank.com

- **Sites Project**
  Sites Project Authority
  www.sitesproject.org

For general project schedules, including Commission final award hearings, visit [www.cwc.ca.gov/Water-Storage](http://www.cwc.ca.gov/Water-Storage)

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FUNDING THE PUBLIC BENEFITS OF RESERVOIR AND GROUNDWATER PROJECTS

Five years ago, California voters passed Proposition 1: The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. The $7.5 billion water bond dedicated $2.7 billion for investments in the public benefits of water storage projects and designated the California Water Commission as the agency responsible for allocating the funds through a competitive process.

Applicants were required to detail the Public Benefits associated with their projects.

Proposition 1 defines Public Benefits as:

- Ecosystem Improvements
- Water Quality Improvements
- Emergency Response
- Recreational Purposes
- Flood Control Benefits

2015
As part of an open and transparent public process, the Commission held a series of Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings to get ideas and input prior to drafting regulations for the funding program.

2016
The Commission developed regulations that defined the methods for quantification and management of public benefits as well as the application scoring and ranking process. The Commission adopted the regulations in December before submitting to the Office of Administrative Law for their review.

2017
The regulations became effective in March and the Commission opened the application period. The application period closed in August. The Commission received 12 applications, seeking a total of $5.8 billion in WSIP funding for projects with a combined construction cost of $13 billion.

Each application underwent technical reviews by Commission staff and subject matter experts from the agencies that will administer the Public Benefits:

- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Water Resources
- State Water Resources Control Board

2018
After an appeal process where applicants submitted additional information, the Commission scored and ranked applications on the public benefit ratio, relative environmental value, resiliency, and implementation risk. The Commission determined maximum conditional eligibility amounts for eight proposed projects that would boost California’s water storage capacity by 4.3 million acre-feet.

This diverse set of projects included:

- Expanding existing reservoirs
- Boosting groundwater storage
- Building 21st century surface storage facilities

The Commission’s final funding decision will occur after applicants obtain Proposition 1 requirements.

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