

Applicants Move Projects Forward

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.

FINAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



Feasibility Study



Permits



Environmental Documents



Public Benefits Contracts



Non-Program 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

Sites Project
Sites Project Authority
www.sitesproject.org

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

For general project schedules, including Commission final award hearings, visit www.cwc.ca.gov/Water-Storage

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Water Storage Investment Program

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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