Water Storage Investment Program

Project Screening

California WATER COMMISSION  April 2021
Agenda

• Welcome and introductions.
• Overview of screening process and requirements.
  • Q&A
• Review of 2021 schedule and important dates.
• Wrap up.
Background

• Currently, $64 million in WSIP funds available.
• Statute contains a January 1, 2022, deadline for project eligibility.
• Projects must meet eligibility requirements to access funding.
• Project screening allows a project to establish eligibility.
• Application process would occur later.
Background - Eligibility Requirements

By January 1, 2022, the following must occur:

• Draft environmental document released for public review;
• 75% commitment of non-public benefit cost share received;
• Feasibility studies complete; and
• Commission makes findings.
Commission findings

Project eligibility depends on two Commission findings:

• The project is feasible; and
• The project will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.
Successful screened projects

- Eligible for funding - added to potential project pool for second solicitation.
- Pending Commission decision on second solicitation, screened projects would be able to apply for WSIP funds.
- While some screening information is cursory, consider the full application.
  - Plausible quantifiable public benefits.
  - Staff available to answer questions.
Information for Screening

Screening form is located on website cwc.ca.gov/Water-Storage

• Form provides general information about project.
• Includes requirements needed for Commission findings.
• Links can be provided.
• Documents can be attached.
• When complete, email to cwc@water.ca.gov
Information for Screening

Types of documents that will satisfy screening requirements:

• **Feasibility studies** — See Section 3.5 of Technical Reference.

• **Draft environmental** — Should cover proposed construction of project and be made publicly available.

• **Cost share commitments** — Can be letters from beneficiaries, JPA documentation showing participation, or other agreements.

• **Description** of how project would advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.
Information for Screening

• Questions before submitting? Commission staff is available.
• Completed forms will be available on CWC website.
• Commission staff will review materials and make recommendation to the Commission for findings.
# Timelines from submittal to Commission

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## Screening to Funding Timeline

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Questions?

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