

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

# Water Storage Investment Program

California Department of Water Resources  
Administration of Public Benefits



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# DWR

## Administering Agency Roles

1. Identified priorities and criteria for assessing “relative value” for the WSIP regulations.
2. Conducted technical review of WSIP applications for projects that proposed public benefits.
3. Contract for the administration of public benefits for any project that provides benefits consistent with WSIP



# Public Benefits

## 1. Flood Control

*“Reduces or prevents the extent or magnitude of the expected detrimental effects of flooding as a result of new, expanded, or reoperated storage projects.”*

## 2. Recreation

*“Provides recreation activities typically associated with water bodies (such as rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and the ocean) and wildlife refuges that are accessible to the public. Recreational benefits must be directly affected by the proposed project and be open to the public, and may provide interpretive, educational, health, or intrinsic value.”*

## 3. Emergency Response

*“An amount of water storage or supply for emergency response purposes that are outside of normal facility operations or average water supply for all other purposes.”*



# Considerations for Contracts and Findings

## 1. Flood Control

- Dependent on Operations and Maintenance Plans. Requires dedicated flood space.

## 2. Recreation

- Lake elevation, size and types of recreational facilities, operating season

## 3. Emergency Response

- Limitations on how much water can be delivered, agreements with other water suppliers, infrastructure



# Question?

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