



Water Storage Investment Program

Site Visits

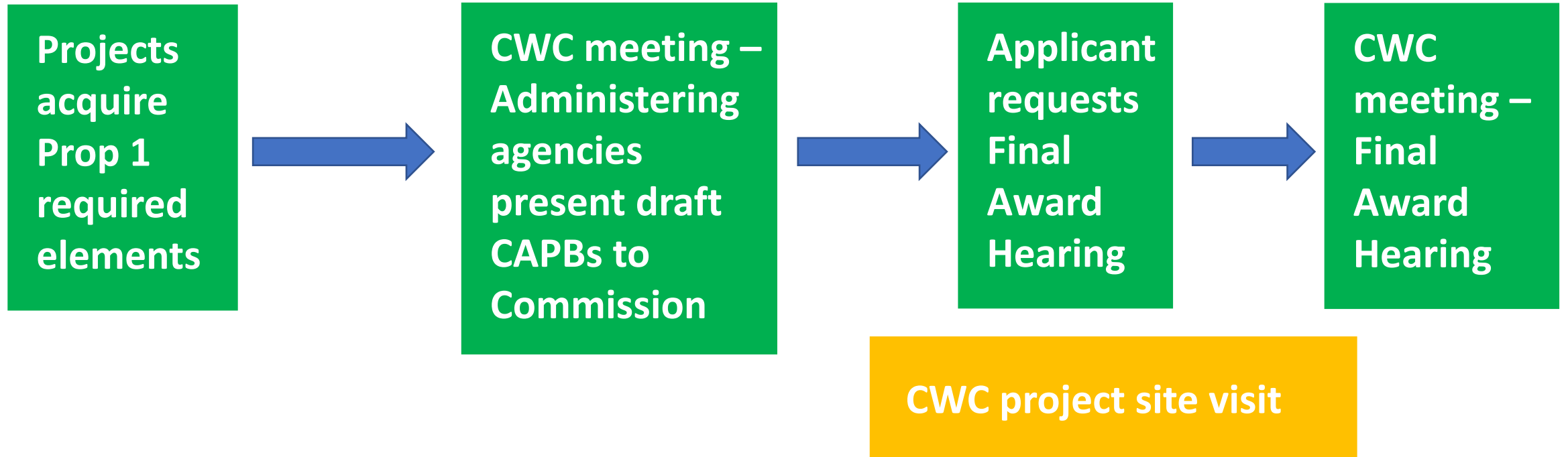
California 
WATER COMMISSION

September 2022

Site Visits - Background

- July 2022 Commission discussed site visits
- Concerns included costs involved and impacts to timelines
- Some Commissioners voiced interest in attending site visits
- Asked staff to return with more information on limitations and flexibility for site visits for Commission decision

Process Overview



Site Visits – Limitations and Flexibility

- Would take place prior to the Final Award Hearing
- *Ex parte* policy – limits communication and requires public noticing for site visits
- Need to treat all projects same
- Can affect Commission meeting schedule
 - Seasonality issues – possible that weather could affect ability to visit a site

Site Visits – Staff Recommendation

- Based on Commissioners' interest in efficiency and urgency
 - Recommend virtual tour
 - Could consist of staff/applicant materials (photos, video) to understand scale, layout, operations of project
 - Applicants available to answer questions
 - Occur prior to final award hearing

Commission Decision

- Can adopt staff recommendation
- Can reject staff recommendation and move forward with in-person visits
 - Would need to decide on full Commission or sub-committee
 - A sub-committee would need to be populated at this meeting
- Commission can decide to forego site visits completely

An aerial photograph of a large, calm water reservoir. The water is a deep blue color and reflects the sky. The reservoir is surrounded by rolling green hills. In the distance, several high-voltage power lines are visible against the horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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