



Water Storage Investment Program

Road to Final Funding – Final Award Process

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WATER COMMISSION

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Past Briefings

- July 2022 Road to Final Funding
 - Overview of remaining steps as projects complete requirements
 - Guidance from Commission on site visits and timing
- September 2022 Contracts for the Administration of Public Benefits
 - Overview of content and how they fit into the process including Commission review of draft contracts

Overview

- Contracts for Administration of Public Benefit (CAPB) review and public process
 - Response to Commission questions regarding public comment opportunities and timing.
- Final award
 - Background
 - Process
 - Scope of Commission decision
 - Post-Commission decision

Draft CAPB availability and review

- Administering agencies (CDFW, SWB, DWR) present their draft CAPBs to Commission for review and comment.
- Administering agencies may consider comments before executing contracts.
- Commission does not approve the contracts.
- To help the public understand how the CAPB templates are structured, staff will hold a Q&A Session.

Draft CAPB availability and review (continued)

- Draft CAPBs will be available for public review and comment for 14 days.
- CWC staff will post draft CAPBs and comments on Commission meeting agenda page and on the WSIP project page when they are available.
- All comments received by the Commission will be forwarded to the Administering Agencies for their consideration.

Final Award Background

- Water Code section 79755(a)(2) – (5)
 - Applicants are required to submit documentation showing all of the following have been completed:
 - Contracts for non-public benefits and public benefits;
 - Feasibility studies (already completed for all WSIP projects);
 - Final environmental documentation for project and all required federal, state, and local approvals and agreements.
 - Funds will not be made available until the Commission holds a public hearing allowing for public review and comment on information required by the statute and the Commission determines all of the above requirements have been met.

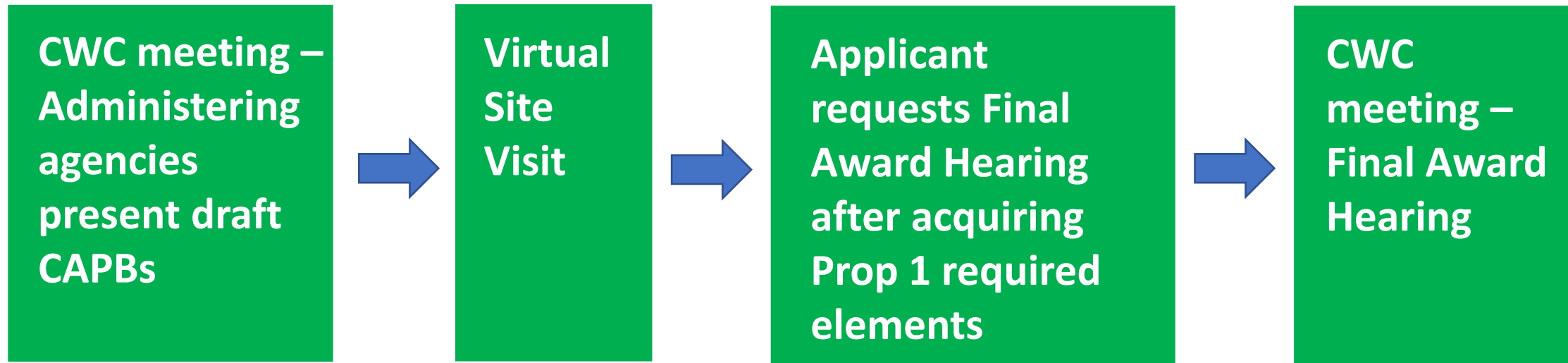
Final Award Background (Continued)

- Regulations section 6013(d) requires that applicants submit reports to the Commission documenting their progress toward complying with Program statutory requirements.
- Applicants have been sending quarterly reports to the Commission since MCEs were made in 2018.
- Quarterly reports are posted on WSIP website within each project's page.

Final Award Background (Continued)

- Regulations section 6013(f) states:
 - Applicants shall provide a description of changes to the planned project that have occurred since the receipt of the letter of MCED including any changes to planned operations.
 - When an applicant has complied with the requirements, the Commission shall consider any changes that have occurred to the project since the MCED was made and determine the final Program cost share.

Process Overview



Final Award Hearing

- Applicants request a final funding hearing and submits all required documentation.
- Submitted information will be reviewed by Commission staff.
- Staff schedules final funding hearing and drafts report.
- Staff report will include summary of materials received, any changes to the project, and discussion of whether contracted public benefits justify award amount (equal to MCED) and a recommendation to the Commission.

Commission Decision

- The Commission must consider any changes to the project before it determines the final Program cost share.
- Applicants and administering agencies will be at the award hearing to provide information and answer questions.
- Commission can award funding up to the MCED amount.

Funding Agreement

- The funding agreement will be developed and executed after the Commission's award decision.
- Once executed, funds for construction will be available for reimbursement.
- Funding agreement template is located on CWC website.
 - Includes contracts for public benefits as exhibits to agreement

Timelines for Award Hearings

- Regional San's Harvest Water Program will be first (mid-2023).
- Other projects will follow (late 2023 – 2027).
- Project schedules are on Commission's website on the project pages.

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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