



Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Update on Projects

California 
WATER COMMISSION May 2026

Estimated Timelines



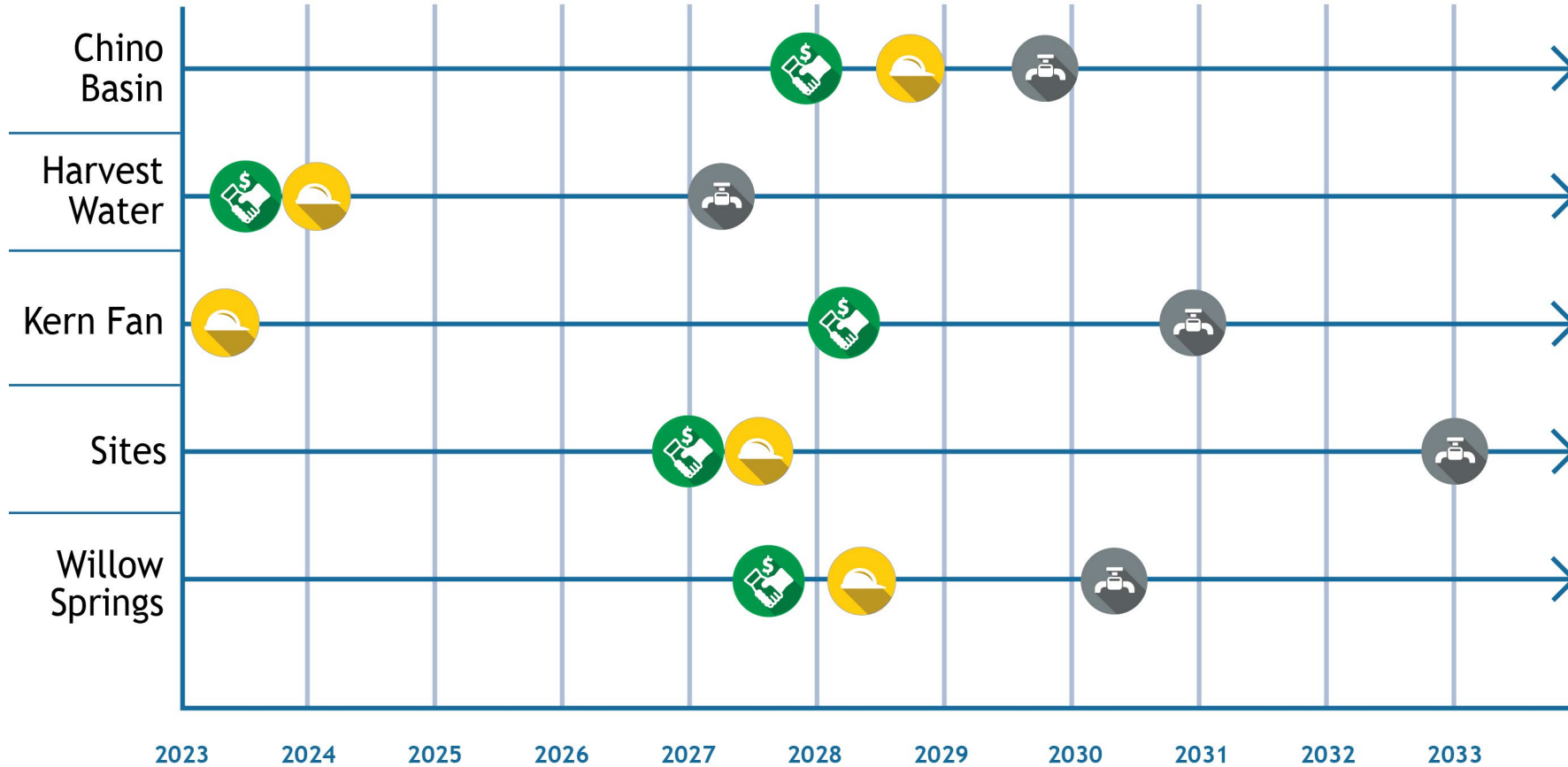
Final Award Hearing



Construction Begins



Facility Operational



Completion dates are Commission staff's best estimates based on applicants' quarterly reports and other public information. Updated May 2026.

Harvest Water Program

Funding Recipient: Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer)

Project Overview

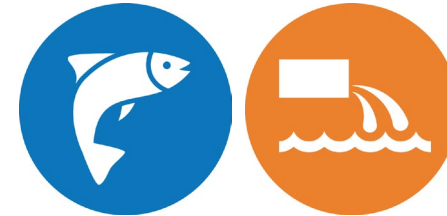
- Total Project Cost: \$597,200,000
- Program Cost Share: \$416,963,404
- 370 TAF in groundwater storage
- Total of \$188M (45%) spent, including early funding
- Invoice Pending: \$38M
- Construction: 2024 - 2027

Recent Activity

- Construction continues
- Annual public benefit reports received

Public Benefits:

- Ecosystem Improvements
- Water Quality Improvements



Chino Basin Program

Applicant: Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)

Project Overview

- MCED: \$269,113,244
- Early Funding: \$10,763,270 (98% spent)
- Total Project cost: \$985,500,000
- 100 TAF storage in water bank

Recent Activity

- Recirculated Program Environmental Impact Report released for public review
- Design workshops held for recycled water pipeline, groundwater facilities, and advanced water purification facility

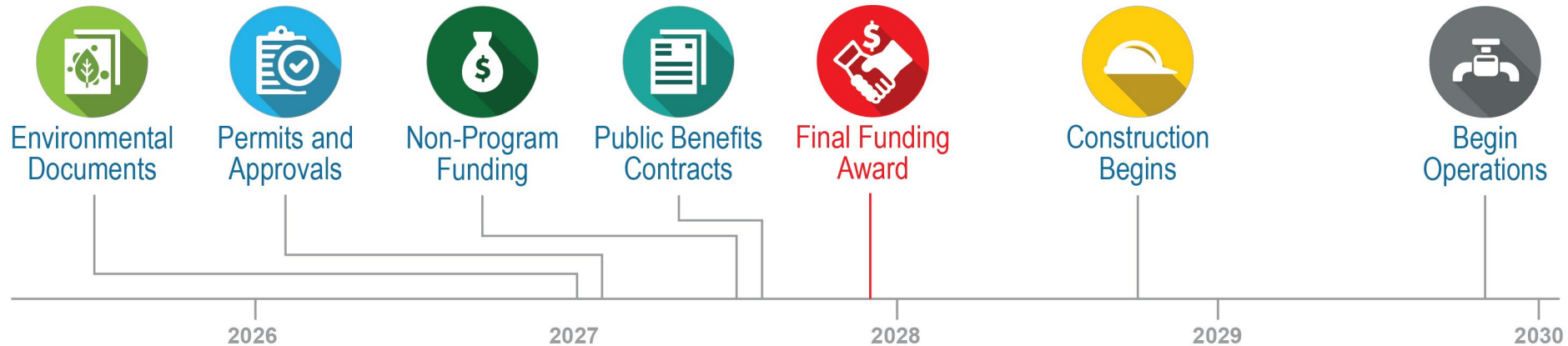
Public Benefits:

- Ecosystem Improvements
- Emergency Response
- Water Quality Improvements



Chino Basin Program

Applicant: Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)



WSIP Final Award Requirements Status:

- Complete Environmental Documentation – Program EIR completed in 2022, recertification of PEIR which incorporates Pulse Flow EIR in mid-2026; additional project level documentation by the end of 2026
- Permits and Approvals – Pulse flow exchange agreements, wastewater change petition; other permits possible pending completion of preliminary design reports. All expected by late 2026 or early 2027.
- Non-Public Benefit Contracts – IEUA and local participating agencies agreements in 2027
- Public Benefit Contracts – CDFW, State Water Board and DWR finalizing details in 2026 and executing contracts in 2027

Chino Basin Program

Applicant: Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)

Things that can affect success of project or project timeline:

- Permits and agreements needed to execute public benefit contracts and move project forward: Water Board petitions, pulse flow exchange details
- Need to complete Preliminary Design Reports – will determine permitting requirements, if any
- Need to account for State Water Project incidental costs to provide pulse flows

Next Steps

- May 2026 - Submission of wastewater change petition applications
- June 2026 - Recertification of Program EIR
- July 2026 – Complete remaining preliminary design reports
- Fall & Winter 2026 – Final pulse flow related agreements and finalized environmental documents

Kern Fan Project

Applicant: Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority (GBJPA)

Project Overview:

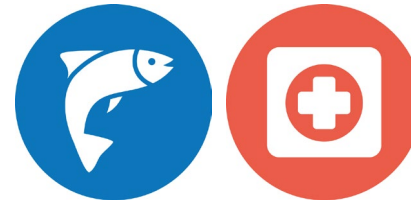
- MCED: \$111,417,305
- Early Funding: \$5,570,865
- Total Project Cost: \$183,000,000
- Up to 100 TAF storage in water bank

Recent Activity:

- Executed Early Funding Agreement
- Continued construction on Phase 1 recovery wells
- Opened escrow on land purchases (242 acres) for Phase 2
- Continued meetings with Kern County Water Agency and Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee regarding conveyance alternatives

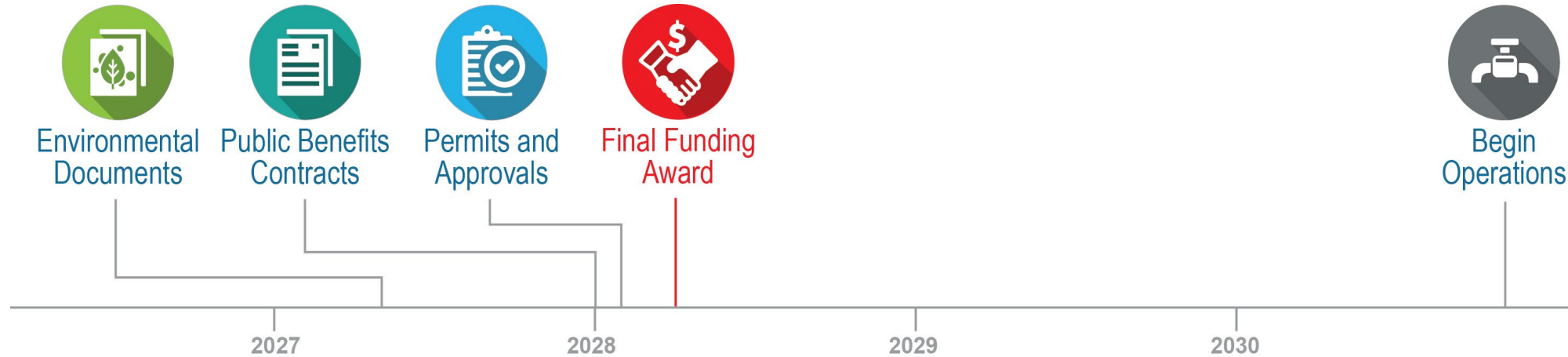
Public Benefits:

- Ecosystem Improvements
- Emergency Response



Kern Fan Project

Applicant: Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority (GBJPA)



WSIP Final Award Requirements Status:

- Complete Environmental Documentation – EIR prepared in 2020. Addenda to EIR for aqueduct turnout in Spring 2027. Pulse Flow EIR certified by DWR, needs to be adopted by Project.
- Public Benefit Contracts – CDFW and DWR by end of 2027
- Permits and Approvals – Exchange agreements, turnout agreements, conveyance easements, Clean Water Act permits, CDFW Streambed Alteration Agreement and Incidental Take Permit. All expected by early 2028.

Kern Fan Project

Applicant: Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority (GBJPA)

Things that can affect success of project or project timeline:

- Continued coordination with Kern County Water Agency and Cross Valley Canal participants is vital to secure turnout agreement and determine conveyance to project site

Next Steps:

- GBJPA to complete feasibility report on turnout and conveyance from California Aqueduct with Kern County Water Agency, Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee and other stakeholders within next two months
- Summer 2026 – Initiate design for conveyance alternatives

Sites Reservoir

Applicant: Sites Project Authority

Project Overview

- MCED \$1,094,373,507
- Early Funding \$54,718,675 (93% spent)
- Total Project Cost: Range of \$6.2 - \$6.8 billion
- 1.5 MAF surface storage

Recent Activity:

- Draft Water Rights Decision out for public comment
- Army Corps of Engineers Record of Decision completed
- Section 106 Programmatic Agreement executed
- Amendment on Construction ITP for burrowing owl underway

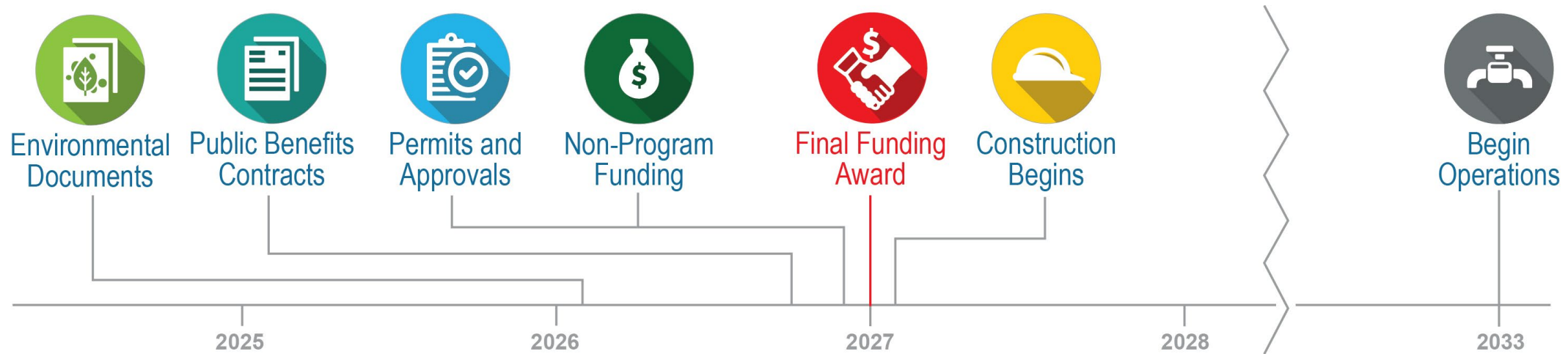
Public Benefits:

- Ecosystem Improvements
- Flood Control
- Recreation



Sites Reservoir

Applicant: Sites Project Authority



WSIP Final Award Requirements Status:

- Complete Environmental Documentation – EIR completed in 2023, federal Record of Decision (ROD) completed January 2026
- Public Benefit Contracts – Draft CDFW & DWR contracts in June 2026; final contracts in September
- Permits and Approvals – Clean Water Act (Sections 404 & 401), Water Rights, and water operations. All expected by December 2026.
- Non-Public Benefit Contracts – Signed agreements with project participants & U.S. Bureau of Reclamation partnership agreement by December 2026

Sites Reservoir

Applicant: Sites Project Authority

Things that can affect success of project or project timeline:

- Many complicated permits and agreements needed to meet WSIP requirements
 - Water rights timeline could take longer than Project anticipates
 - Agreements and additional information needed for public benefit contracts (i.e., agreements to move water for refuge benefit)

Next Steps:

- June 2026 – Draft public benefit contracts and consideration of supplemental funding determination before the Commission
- September 2026 - Final Water Right decision anticipated
- December 2026 – Benefits and Obligations Contracts with participants
- December 2026 – Final funding hearing

Willow Springs Water Bank

Applicant: Southern California Water Bank Authority

Project Overview

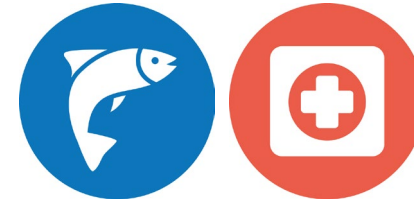
- MCED: \$128,274,876
- Early Funding: \$6,413,744 (48% spent)
- Total Project Cost: \$581.2M
- Up to 1 Million Acre Feet (MAF) storage in water bank

Recent Activity:

- Continued environmental documentation preparation
- Continued discussions with DWR regarding turnout on aqueduct
- Continued discussions with partner contractors
- Continued groundwater modeling for storage and extraction agreement with Antelope Valley Watermaster

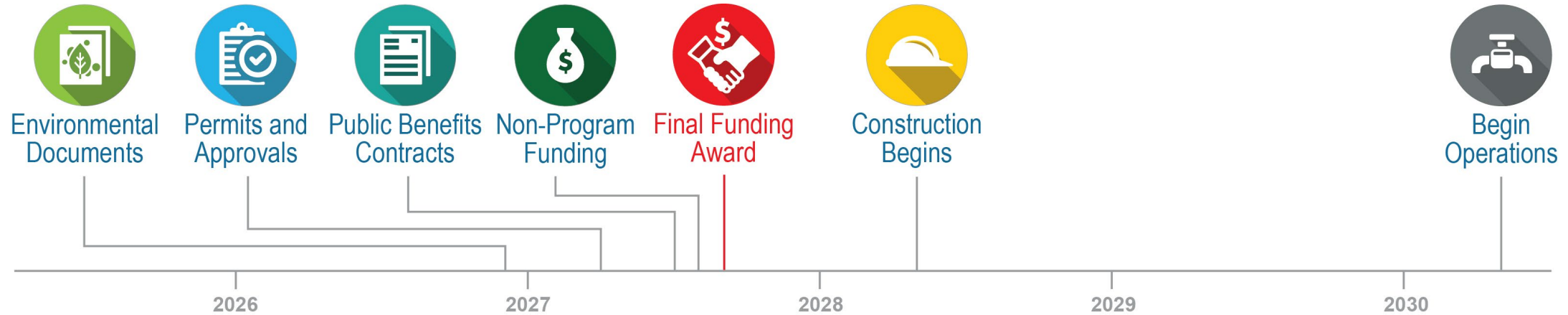
Public Benefits:

- Ecosystem Improvements
- Emergency Response



Willow Springs Water Bank

Applicant: Southern California Water Bank Authority



WSIP Final Award Requirements Status:

- Complete Environmental Documentation –EIR completed in 2016, Pulse Flow EIR certified by DWR, needs to be adopted by Project. Additional environmental documentation for conveyance in November 2026.
- Permits and Approvals – Exchange agreement for pulse flows, unknown if additional agreements are needed until final pipeline alignment determined. All expected by March 2027.
- Public Benefit Contracts – CDFW and DWR by mid-2027
- Non-Public Benefit Contracts – Agreement with AVEK and interested contractors by July 2027

Willow Springs Water Bank

Applicant: Southern California Water Bank Authority

Things that can affect success of project or project timeline:

- Partners to store water at bank in progress, could affect size of project
- Size of project could affect the total project costs and size of turnout on California Aqueduct
- Project proponent needs to initiate pulse flow agreements to provide ecosystem public benefits

Next Steps:

- July 2026 - Environmental document for turnout and conveyance facilities
- Summer 2026 - Return to CWC for additional update
- Spring 2027 - Turnout/turn-in agreement on CA Aqueduct with DWR