



**Informational Presentation by CWC Staff on Development of Proposed Workplan to  
Implement the Water Storage Grant Program (Water Bond)**

**Background**

The passage of Proposition 1 by California voters on November 4, 2014 will help implement and advance the California Water Action Plan and its core principles to support sustainable management of water resources.

The bond contains \$2.7 billion that is continuously appropriated to the California Water Commission to fund the public benefits of water storage projects through a competitive grant program. Since 2011, the Commission has been working to determine the best methodology and approaches for the quantification and management of public benefits. These documents include a survey of economic tools and methods to quantify the public benefits of water projects, and working drafts of potential language for inclusion in regulations and guidelines. The Commission has also worked with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Water Resources Control Board to incorporate the priorities of those agencies as directed in WC §79744.

Following passage of the bond, Commission staff has been working to develop the Strategic and Business Plan for the Commission's activities to finish developing and adopt the regulations, complete work on the guidelines, and set up the competitive grant process for the water storage grant program. Supporting materials that are under development or planned include the Project Scope and Project Charter; Key Activities, Deliverables and Milestones; Timeline and Schedule; Communications Plan; Coordination Activities with DWR, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and consultants; and Stakeholder Workgroups.

At this meeting, Commission staff would like to update the Commission on its current planning activities and get input to guide this process.

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