



**Discussion of Proposed Workplan and Activities for
Development of the Water Storage Investment Program (Proposition 1)**

Background

As authorized by Proposition 1, the California Water Commission will develop and implement the Water Storage Investment Program which establishes a competitive public process to allocate \$2.7 billion in bond funds for the public benefits of specified water storage projects. This agenda item is to present and discuss key elements and actions prepared by staff to guide the development and implementation of the Program.

Items for Commission Consideration and Discussion

The workplan and supporting administrative and program activities describe and outline the Commission's responsibilities to develop regulations that define methods for the quantification and management of public benefits of water storage projects, and prepare the project solicitation and evaluation guidelines and related program materials that will direct the process of selecting and funding projects. All work and work products will fully support the objectives and goals of the California Water Action Plan.

It is intended that all of the Commission's work for the development and implementation of the Water Storage Investment Program will be open, accessible, and available to the public. It is further intended that the Commission will seek the active participation and involvement of stakeholder workgroups beginning in early 2015, as well as coordination with other public agencies, tribal governments, disadvantaged communities, and the public. These actions are further described in the following documents that will be presented at the meeting.

1. Presentation of Draft Water Storage Investment Program Implementation Plan (Sue Sims)
2. Update on Other Program Activities (Sue Sims)
 - Stakeholder Engagement and Public Process
 - Commission Meeting Schedule
 - Program Briefings and Outreach Activities
 - Ecosystem and Water Quality Priorities and Relative Environmental Values
 - Various Administrative Actions

3. Bond Accountability and Transparency Requirements (Gail Chong, DWR)
4. Legal and Regulatory Issues (Maureen King, CWC Legal Counsel)
5. Project Management Plan (Rachel Ballanti)
6. DWR Statewide Intrastructure Investigations Branch (Ajay Goyal)
7. DWR Financial Assistance Branch (Tracie Billington)

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