



Update on Stakeholder Process for Water Storage Investment Program

Background

In November 2014, California voters passed [Proposition 1: the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014](#), a \$7.5 billion water bond that will make needed investments in the state's water management systems. The bond dedicated \$2.7 billion to be continuously appropriated to the California Water Commission to pay for the public benefits of water storage projects. The bond requires the Commission to develop regulations for the quantification and management of the public benefits of water storage projects, which will serve as the foundation for the Water Storage Investment Program along with program guidelines.

The California Water Commission is committed to developing the Water Storage Investment program and allocating funding in an open, transparent, fair, and cost-efficient manner – and in a way that maximizes the sound and responsible investment of public dollars. The Commission is working with a broad array of stakeholders including water agencies, conservation organizations, tribal governments, public agencies, and communities throughout the state to develop the regulations and guidelines for the Water Storage Investment Program. Stakeholders will provide valuable technical and program expertise to the Commission for consideration in developing the regulations, guidelines, project solicitation, and program activities.

The Commission's Water Storage Investment Program Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) has held three meetings in Sacramento. Additionally, the Commission participated a two-day, multi-agency tribal consultation for Proposition 1 programs and held an interactive public workshop. Staff will provide updates on these and other outreach and communication activities.

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