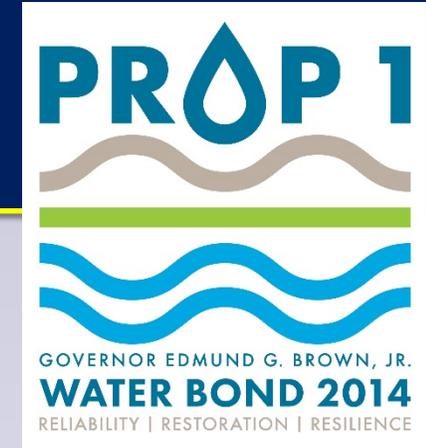


AUGUST 2015



California Water Commission **Water Storage Investment Program** Commission Updates

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Update on Program and Administrative Activities

Administrative Updates

- Posted Goals, Objectives, and Principles document as final
- Updated topic schedule of CWC working sessions
 - New version provided in packet
- Finalized scope of work for new consultant contract
- Working to update regulations section of website

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Update on Work Groups

Regulations Work Group

- Circulating internal working draft of the regulations text
- Drafting informative digest and initial statement of reasons for regulations package
- Drafting application package guidance document
- Scoping application review process – staffing needs and budget

Engineering Work Group

- Drafted proposal for integration studies – issue working session
- Refining physical common assumptions and recommendations for assessing without and with project conditions
- Drafting technical guidance for application package

Economics Work Group

- Refining common assumptions and recommendations for conducting economic analyses
- Developing recommended unit values of water
- Drafting economic guidance for application package

Ecosystem/Water Quality Work Group

- Refining and finalizing priorities and relative values
- Developing potential metrics for priorities

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Update on Communication and Engagement

C&E Updates

- Conducted State and federal agency coordination meeting – summary included in packet
- Conducted August SAC meeting – summary included in packet
- Conducted 3 public meetings – summary included in packet

State and Federal Coordination Meeting

- Provided overview of Proposition I and WSIP
- Provided draft priorities and relative environmental value information
- Attended by:
 - State Agencies
 - ✓ DFA
 - ✓ DFW
 - ✓ DSC
 - ✓ DWR
 - ✓ NRA
 - ✓ OES
 - ✓ SWRCB
 - Federal Agencies
 - ✓ BLM
 - ✓ NMFS
 - ✓ USACE
 - ✓ USBR
 - ✓ USDA
 - ✓ USEPA
 - ✓ USFWS

SAC Meeting – August 5

- Presentation of draft common assumptions
- Discussion of how existing compliance obligations could be considered
- Introduction to formal rulemaking process
- Discussion of draft regulations text – monitoring and managing public benefits

SAC Meeting – August 5 (cont'd)

- Discussion of groundwater storage and conjunctive use definitions
- Staff proposal of groundwater storage and conjunctive use definitions with SAC member edits is included in packet

SAC Meeting – August 5 (cont'd)

- Discussion of quantifying recreation benefits
- Staff asked the SAC the following questions:
 - How should applicants be required to quantify recreation benefits?
 - Is monetized value per user day appropriate? What are other methods?
 - Are there recreation benefits that can not be monetized? How should the Commission consider them?

SAC Meeting – August 5 (cont'd)

- Recreation feedback:
 - Recreation benefits are not a primary benefit
 - Look at other state agency recreation grant programs for guidance
 - Monetized value per user day is appropriate, but the process should also consider underserved communities and variety of recreation opportunities provided
- Application process should consider both economic (value per user days) and qualitative assessment of recreation benefits

SAC Meeting – September 2

- Agenda will include:
 - Further discussion of common assumptions and technical guidance
 - Discussion of metrics and units
 - Update on August Commission meeting
 - Summary of SAC comments from August
 - Walkthrough of draft regulations text

Summary of Public Meetings

- July 27 Napa
 - 20 attendees
 - Interested in project eligibility and program goals
- July 30 Davis
 - 26 attendees, over 90 live webcast viewers
 - Interested in decision process and future funding decisions
- August 10 Bakersfield
 - 30 attendees
 - Interested in Temperance Flat and net increase in water supply

Coming Up...

- September 2 SAC meeting
- September 16 Commission meeting (Sacramento)
- October 12 public meeting (Pleasant Hill)
- October 14 public meeting (Fresno)
- October 21 Commission meeting (Yuba City)
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