



**Water Storage Investment Program Issue Working Session: Project Selection and Review,
Management and Monitoring Public Benefits**

Background

In November 2014, California voters passed [Proposition 1: the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014](#). 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 and requires the Commission to develop regulations for the quantification and management of the public benefits of water storage projects. The Commission is carrying out its new responsibilities through the Water Storage Investment Program.

In this issue working session, the Commission will consider specific issues relevant to the implementation of the WSIP, consistent with the schedule outlined in the document "Topics for Issue Working Sessions." The Commission will provide direction to staff for the development of regulations and guidelines. At this meeting Jenny Marr, Commission Supervising Engineer and WSIP Project Manager, will present a variety of issues.

Additionally, the Commission will engage with attendees and use this opportunity to gain feedback on the issues outlined below from the regional perspective, discussing the questions:

1. What issues have you experienced when developing water storage projects that may be unique to Southern California? What regional and local issues should the Commission should be aware of when developing the WSIP?
2. From your perspective, where do local storage projects in southern California fit into the statewide system? What role can these projects play in increasing water supply reliability and system resilience statewide?

Eligibility Criteria	Staff will provide the Commission members proposed/revised eligibility criteria, if revised based on SAC and public input. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the eligibility criteria for developing the content of the regulations package.
Evaluation Criteria/Metrics	Staff will provide the Commission members proposed project selection criteria and project evaluation metrics to be used for project evaluation and selection. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the criteria and metrics for developing the content of the regulations package.
Common & Preferred Assumptions	Staff will provide the Commission members the proposed common assumptions. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the assumptions for developing the content of the regulations package.

Management and Monitoring of Public Benefits	Staff will provide the Commission members the proposed methods for managing and monitoring public benefits. Staff will ask for tentative acceptance of the methods for developing the content of the regulations package.
Options for Integration Study	Staff will provide the Commission members several options for conducting an operations study during the project selection phase. Staff will ask for tentative approval of one option for developing the content of the regulations package.

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