

Water Storage Investment Program Eligibility and Completeness Review Eligibility Criteria

Upon receipt of project applications, all projects will be evaluated for basic eligibility requirements based on Chapter 8 of the Water Quality, Water Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, and application completeness to ensure all requested components are included with the application. This document outlines the criteria to be used by the WSIP caseworker during the Eligibility and Completeness Review, including:

1. Applicant Eligibility [79712]

- 1.A Is applicant one of the following:
 - 1.A.1 Public agency (a state agency or department, special district, joint powers authority, city, county, city and county, or other political subdivision of the state)?
 - 1.A.2 Nonprofit organization?
 - 1.A.3 Public utility?
 - 1.A.3.1 If public utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission or mutual water company, does project have clear and definite public purpose and benefit the customers of the water system and not the investors?
 - 1.A.4 Federally recognized Indian tribe?
 - 1.A.5 State Indian tribe listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List?
 - 1.A.6 Mutual water company?
 - 1.A.7 Local joint powers authority formed by irrigation districts and other local water districts and local governments (only applicable if project is a surface storage project identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta ROD)
- 1.B Is self-certification provided to verify agency type?
- 1.C If the applicant is an urban water supplier, has the applicant adopted and submitted an urban water management plan in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Part 2.6 (commencing with Section 10610) of Division 6)?
 - 1.C.1 Is self-certification provided?
- 1.D If the applicant is an agricultural water supplier, has the applicant adopted and submitted an agricultural water management plan in accordance with the Agricultural Water Management Planning Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 10800) of Division 6)?

1.D.1 Is self-certification provided?

1.E If the applicant is an agricultural water supplier or an urban water supplier, has the applicant complied with the requirements of Part 2.55 (commencing with Section 10608) of Division 6.?

1.E.1 Is self-certification provided?

2 Project Eligibility [79751]

2.A Is the project identified and described as one of the following project types:

2.A.1 Surface storage project identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000, except for projects prohibited by Chapter 1.4 (commencing with Section 5093.50) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code?

2.A.2 Groundwater storage project?

2.A.3 Groundwater contamination prevention or remediation project that provide water storage benefits?

2.A.4 Conjunctive use project?

2.A.5 Reservoir reoperation project?

2.A.6 Local surface storage project that improves the operation of a water system in the state and provides public benefits?

2.A.7 Regional surface storage project that improves the operation of a water system in the state and provides public benefits?

3 Measurable Improvements [79752]

3.A Does the applicant indicate that the project provides measurable improvements to the Delta ecosystem or to the tributaries to the Delta?

4 Project Documentation

4.A. Has the applicant indicated that appropriate feasibility studies have been completed and documented, including operations, engineering/construction, economic, and financial? [79757(a)(1)], [79750(b)]

4.B. Does the application include a CEQA document? [79757(a)(1)]

3.B.1 Has the applicant made the CEQA document available for public review?

4.C Does the application include a description of how the project is consistent with the values upon which a wild and scenic river or any other river is afforded protections pursuant to the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act or the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act? [79711(e), 79751(a)]

4.D Has the applicant included a draft Monitoring, Assurances, and Reporting Plan that describes the methods for managing public benefits and ensures public benefits are achieved? [79754,79755(a)(3)]

4.E Has the applicant provided sufficient information for the Commission to determine whether the project is consistent with all applicable laws and regulations?
[79755(a)(5)(B)]

4.E.1 Is self-certification provided?

4.F Does the applicant include a description of their technical, managerial, and financial capacity?

5 Non-public Benefit Cost Share

5.A Has the applicant submitted to the Director information supporting commitments for not less than 75 percent of the nonpublic benefit cost share of the project?
[79757(a)(3)]