

Request to Potential Applicants: Estimate range of cost to comply with the WSIP regulation

The California Water Commission (Commission) is currently developing a regulation for administering the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). You have been participating in the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, providing valuable information, perspective, and review during the WSIP development process. The Commission would like your assistance in estimating the potential range of costs for an applicant to comply with the proposed regulation, based on your knowledge of the recent draft regulation discussed at the September Committee meeting.

You are not obligated to provide an estimate, and your estimate will have no effect on any future participation in the WSIP. This information will be used to help Commission staff prepare the Economic and Fiscal Impact Assessment, as required for the rulemaking process. To be clear, we are NOT asking for a cost estimate of a potential storage project. Rather, we are asking for your estimate, or a reasonable range, of the cost to prepare the application and participate in other aspects of the application process.

Based on your current understanding of the proposed regulation, estimate a reasonable cost or range of costs that your agency or organization would bear to comply, including:

- Prepare additional analysis not otherwise completed or required to plan and construct a storage project (“additional analysis” means do not include costs of preliminary studies, feasibility analysis, California Environmental Quality Act compliance, or other costs that would be needed even if WSIP did not exist)
- Prepare the pre-application and application
- Compile and submit other required information
- Attend meetings and workshops, and administer the WSIP application process for your agency

You can develop the estimate at whatever level of detail and in whatever manner is convenient and expeditious. For example, you could use a recent grant application process (for example, an Integrated Regional Water Management grant) starting point for your estimate. Or, you could estimate person-hours needed for, say, technical analysis, document preparation, and administration, and apply a weighted average cost per hour of your staff time (and separately any consulting staff time). You could also provide, if you choose, an estimate for a large project and a small project.

Again, thank you for any information you can provide. Please send your estimates by October 21 if possible, to:

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