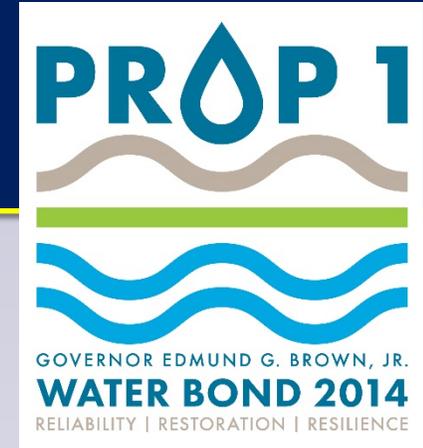


DECEMBER 2015



California Water Commission Water Storage Investment Program Commission Updates

Water Storage Investment Program Agenda Item #8 Update on Program and Administrative Activities

Administrative Update

- Consultant contract ended at beginning of month
- Working through DWR contracting process
- Planning out 2016/2017 detailed activities schedule and staffing

Engineering & Economics Work Groups

- Continued working with DWR's climate change group to define climate change scenarios for analysis and determine level of effort to develop technical assistance
 - Estimated developing technical assistance for climate change scenarios (modeling and watershed runoff) will take staff 4 months
- Reviewing current draft technical guidance appendix
- Continued refining draft evaluation criteria and metrics

Regulations Work Group

- Updating and compiling rulemaking package based on revised draft regulations
- Continued brainstorming and drafting application package guidance
- Determining need for evaluation and/or funding regulations

Evaluation of Potential Additional Regulation Packages

- Commission has authority to evaluate the public benefits associated with projects, but needs to put the evaluation criteria in regulations.
- Prop. 1, Chapter 4 does not exempt implementation of Chapter 8 from the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code section 11340 *et. seq.*)

Purposes of Regulations

- Public access to rules governing regulated entities
- Allow meaningful public participation in rulemaking
- Ensure legally valid, clear regulations are enacted by state agencies

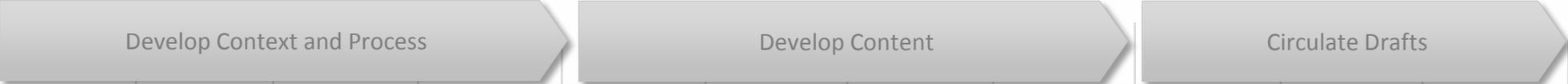
Why More Regulations?

- Because Water Code §79705 requires regulations for Chapter 8 implementation, the evaluation criteria for projects must be adopted in regulation.
- Moves the implementation of Commission discretion regarding evaluation criteria to before the application period.
- All parties will know how an application will be evaluated.

Other Regulatory Requirements

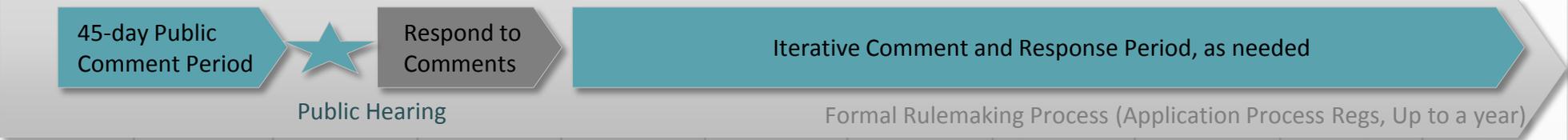
- How Commission will weigh different factors when funding projects must be in regulations.
- Required provisions of contracts between projects and state agencies must be set forth in regulation.

2015 – Develop Application Process Regulations Package and Conduct Early Outreach

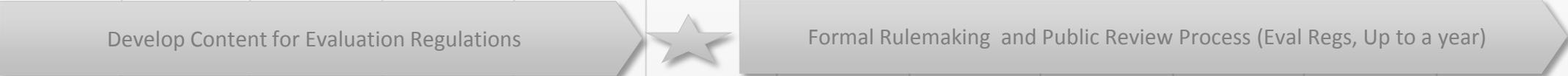


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Commission Initiates Formal Rulemaking Process

2016 – Formal OAL Rulemaking Process



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Commission Adopts Final Regulations



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Formal Rulemaking Process Initiated (Eval Regs)

2017 – Proposal Solicitation



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Tentative Application Deadline

2018 – Proposal Evaluation and Commission Decision *(Timeframes contingent on number of applications)



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Commission Makes Conditional Funding Commitments

C&E Updates

- Staffed booth at ACWA Conference to answer questions
- Planning 2016 C&E activities
- Received redline or comments from
 - Contra Costa Water District
 - Natural Resources Defense Council, American Rivers, and Defenders of Wildlife
 - Sustainable Conservation (2)
 - Union of Concerned Scientists

Coming Up...

- 45-day public comment period (current regs) – starts with initiation of formal rulemaking process (expected by mid-January)
- Public hearing on current regulations (expected end of February/early March)
- Concept Paper solicitation (expected February/March 2016)
- Technical workshops (expected mid-late 2016)
- Public meeting series on draft application instructions (expected late 2016)

Questions?