



February 25, 2015

Joseph Byrne
Chair, California Water Commission
and Members
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Subject: Water Storage Investment Program Timeline

Dear Chair Byrne and Members:

Sierra Club California urges the California Water Commission's proposed schedule for preparing the regulations and guidelines for the Water Storage Investment Program to be drawn out to promote a better public process. The existing proposed schedule from the January 21, 2015 meeting presents an aggressive schedule, with much to do in determining how the Commission can rank the public benefits associated with proposed water storage projects.

The Commission is appropriately preparing a process that includes stakeholder outreach and meetings and improved public access to the Commission by travelling throughout the State. Given the workload associated with analyzing types of eligible projects and their accompanying benefits, and with crafting regulations and guidelines to facilitate funding of those benefits, moving back the date to send these documents to the Office of Administrative Law is necessary to better comply with the Commission's desire to have a more collaborative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KJ".

Kyle Jones
Policy Advocate

Cc: Rachel Ballanti, Acting Executive Director of California Water Commission