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California Water Commission
1416 Ninth Street Room 1148
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Water Investment Storage Program

Dear Commissioners,

California's water is a Public Trust resource and requires the responsible stewardship of our water for all Californians, and for our future generations. Your charge to distribute Proposition 1 Water Bond funds includes your Trustee role for our water resources that your funding will touch.

The Commission's draft guidelines and associated materials suggest that Public Trust interests may be limited to water quality improvements in the Delta. Public Trust interests in fact include all aspects of our water and should be fundamental to the criteria, guidelines and oversight you exercise.

Public Trust considerations should be included in all storage projects, both surface and groundwater. As a Public Trust resource, how will the particular project improve and protect the Public Trust interests for today and future generations? For ecosystem and water quality improvements how will the project demonstrate sustainable Public Trust benefits and how will those benefits be protected over time? The Commission must require rigorous fiduciary accountability of the Public Trust benefits, including long term monitoring and reporting, of yourselves and of your grantees.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important public issue.

Sincerely,

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