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Hi Juliana-

Here are CMUA's comments regarding the action items. I apologize for the informality of our response but it's just a little busy around here.

Eligible Water Storage Projects: Generally, the definitions proposed in this section seem to be appropriate.

Public Benefits: The staff outlines a proposal related to which water quality improvement should be counted as public benefits. They suggest that only water quality improvements in the Delta or other river system that enhance fishing, recreation and preserve nature should be counted. It seems that significant public trust resources should be wider than the limited categories suggested and the definitions should take that into account things like protecting commerce, navigation, a wider range of ecological values, habitat preservation, restoration and conservation. Also, the preservation of waterways should be widened beyond the qualifier of "in their natural state." There are many waterways that are not in their natural state and preventing further degradation is still beneficial and should be considered a public benefit—along with restoration. Finally, "significant" should have the broadest definition possible and not be limited to CDFW and SWRCB priority species.

With regards to public benefits related to emergency response, CMUA believes that staff's proposal is too narrow. Additional language related to fire suppression should be included in the guidelines. Fire suppression benefits should be counted if the water storage facility is planned to be used to aid in fire suppression not just if water held in it is dedicated for emergency response purpose.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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