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The Honorable Joseph Byrne, Chair
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Submitted via e-mail: cwc@water.ca.gov / WISPComments@cwc.ca.gov

Subject: Comments on Water Storage Investment Program Draft Regulations Text (version: November 24, 2015)

Dear Chair Byrne and Commission Members:

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft regulations for the Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). Regional San provides wastewater treatment for over 1.4 million residents and businesses in and around the Sacramento region, treating on average 150 million gallons per day of wastewater. With the future completion of the "Echo Water Project", Regional San's wastewater treatment plant upgrades, all of the Plant's estimated 167,000 acre feet per year of treated water would meet water recycling standards and could be available for additional water recycling and groundwater storage and enhancement opportunities. We are dedicated to protecting, conserving, and restoring water resources in California, and know that WSIP offers an excellent opportunity to help fund projects that will enhance the resiliency of our water system.

We would like to thank Water Commission staff for all of their hard work developing the WSIP Guidelines over the past months. Specifically, we appreciate the changes to definition 53, Groundwater storage project in Article 1 Definitions, Section 6000 Definitions. The definition now explicitly recognizes both direct and in-lieu recharge as elements of groundwater storage projects. This is an important clarification that will help ensure a broad variety of groundwater storage projects are able to compete for WSIP funds.

We would like to reiterate our appreciation for the opportunity to give our feedback on the development of the WSIP, a program that will have an important impact on our water supply system. If you have any questions regarding our comments or if we can be of any assistance, please contact me at 916-876-6092 or at mitchellt@sacsewer.com.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Members of the California Water Commission
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