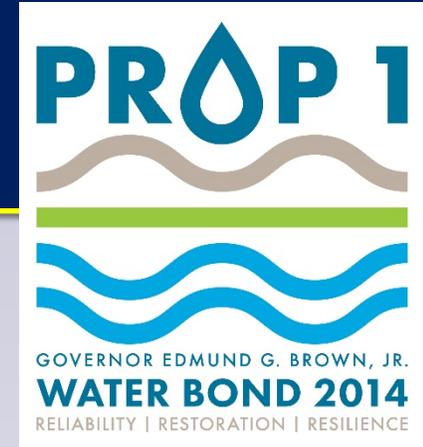


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California Water Commission Water Storage Investment Program Commission Updates

Quantification Regulations Process and Timeline

Presentation and Discussion

Topics

- Modifications to general selection process (Section 6002, Peer Review)
- Shortening the application solicitation period
- Early funding for completion of environmental documentation
- Timeline
- Modifications under development

Peer Review Process

Section 6002(c)(6)

Staff shall work with independent peer reviewers consisting of technical experts that are not associated with the technical reviewers, applicant, or project beneficiaries. The independent peer reviewers shall consider the conclusions of the technical reviews, determine whether they agree with the conclusions, and provide comments as warranted.

Remove the Peer Review

- Not duplicative of technical and management review by state agency partners
- Affirms current process is transparent and will be consistently applied
- Shortens review time

Shortening Proposal Solicitation Period

- Removing the pre-application process (currently in the regulation for a minimum of two months)
- Shortening the solicitation period for applications (currently in the regulation for a minimum of six months)

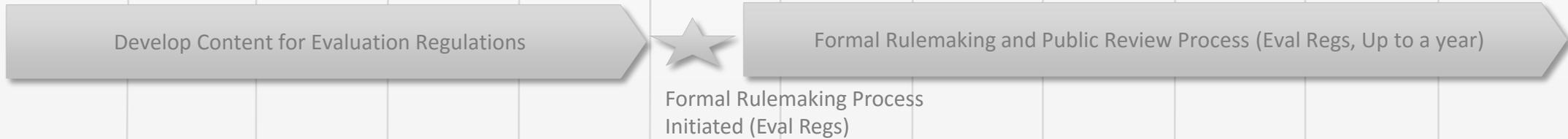
Early Funding for Environmental Documents

Section 6003(d)

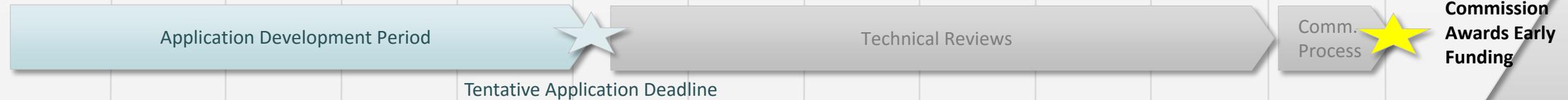
- Change would include adding “completion of environmental documentation and” in every instance indicating early funding for obtaining permits. For example:

Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Commission may provide funding for a project **to complete environmental documentation and** obtain the necessary permits

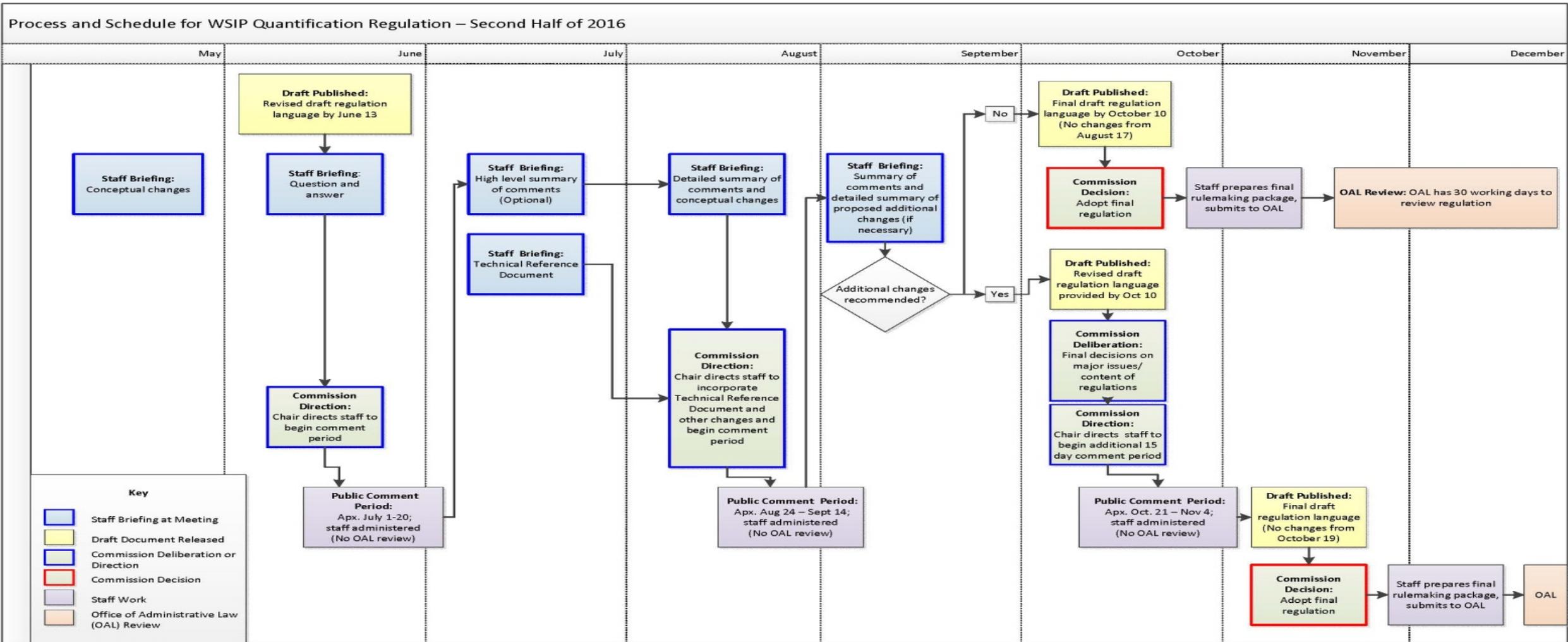
2016 – Formal Oal Rulemaking Process



2017 – Proposal Solicitation and Evaluation



2016 Schedule/Flow Chart



* All dates and activities subject to change

Modifications under development

- Received a significant number of comments regarding the climate change and sea level rise analysis, ranging from “to prescriptive/too much” to “not enough”
- Future modifications to Section 6004 are under development
- **No changes to the climate change and sea level rise analysis will be reflected in the Round 1 changes**
- **Changes will be reflected in Round 2 proposed changes**
- Changes will include reference to new model package and watershed-specific climate data

Discussion

Public Comment