



WSIP Outstanding Issue Overview: Early Funding for Environmental Documentation and Permitting

Background

The California Water Commission is developing the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) and regulations for the quantification and management of the public benefits of water storage projects in order to implement Chapter 8 of Proposition 1. Proposition 1 requires project proponents to meet a series of requirements before the Commission may allocate funds to a project. However, an exception allows the Commission to provide early funding to applicants to complete their environmental documentation and obtain permits [Water Code Section 79755(c)].

Commission staff recommends that the Commission incorporate provisions for early funding for environmental documentation and permitting into the WSIP Quantification Regulations. At this meeting, staff will present a recommended approach for providing this early funding and seek Commission feedback on the proposed approach. In a subsequent agenda item on the second day of the meeting, staff will seek Commission direction to incorporate the proposed approach into the draft regulations.

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