



WSIP Outstanding Issue Overview: Administration of Public Benefits

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 applicants to enter into contracts with the state agencies that will administer the public benefits of their projects before they can receive WSIP funding [Water Code Section 79755(3)]. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will administer ecosystem benefits. The State Water Resources Control Board will administer water quality benefits. The Department of Water Resources will administer flood control, emergency response, and recreational benefits.

Commission staff is coordinating closely with the administering agencies to determine how the public benefits of WSIP-funded projects will be administered. At this meeting, staff will update the Commission on their work to develop a framework for administering public benefits.

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