



December 7, 2016

The Honorable Joseph Byrne, Chair  
California Water Commission  
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Submitted via email: [WSIPcomments@cwca.gov](mailto:WSIPcomments@cwca.gov)

**RE: Draft WSIP Regulations, dated November 21, 2016**

Dear Chair Byrne and Commission Members:

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA), California Rice Commission (CRC) and Family Water Alliance (FWA) urge the adoption of the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) regulations (November 21, 2016) at the next California Water Commission meeting.

Although not perfect, the timely adoption of these revised regulations will allow for the process, initiated with the passage of Proposition 1 in 2014, to move forward and for California to make a \$2.7 billion investment in public benefits for the state. For the first time, California will be investing in a water asset to substantially improve the state's ecosystem and provide additional public benefits. This Proposition 1 funding will allow California to dedicate water resources to ecosystem improvements while helping to achieve goals established in Governor Brown's California Water Action Plan, including "Expand Water Storage Capacity" and Protect and Restore Important Ecosystems (including both in-stream ecosystems and terrestrial ecosystems such as the Pacific Flyway)."

The Sites Joint Powers Authority, in their December 7, 2016 comment letter have identified some administrative changes they are seeking to make to the regulation. We support the inclusion of these changes as part of the adoption process at the upcoming Water Commission meeting.

Once again, NCWA, CRC, and FWA support the adoption of the proposed WSIP regulations at the next California Water Commission meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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