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To: [CWC Water Storage Investment Program](#)
Subject: Regulations for Water Storage Investment Program are Inadequate
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As a concerned citizen, we are writing to request that the California Water Commission make important changes to draft regulations for the Water System Investment Program.

The \$2.7 billion in water storage funds set aside by Proposition 1 must be used to fund projects that are climate resilient and provide real environmental benefits. As written, the draft regulations give unfair advantage to projects that will build more dams and increase reservoirs that provide relatively little storage capacity and are likely to harm major river ecosystems and further impair Delta water quality.

The regulations should be redrafted to do the following:

- (1) incorporate the full affects of climate change into the calculation of program benefits;
- (2) ensure that only “net” environmental benefits are eligible for funding, as required by law, and
- (3) provide real information about how project benefits are calculated.

In addition, funding should be set aside for groundwater recharge projects.

Having studied California history prior to Euro-american settlers. Historical ecology shows the water table was so high 100 years ago and all the aquifers were full. More economical to use the ground aquifers in existence because that is where the water wants to go. Dams are not water security just an expensive building project that messes with the natural order of things.

Thank you,

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