California
WATER COMMISSION

Water Storage Investment Program Concept Paper Solicitation

In November 2014, California voters passed Proposition 1, which dedicated $2.7 billion for investment in the public benefits of water storage projects and designated the California Water Commission (Commission) as the agency responsible for allocating these funds.

The Commission is calling upon potential project proponents to submit Concept Papers that summarize potential water storage projects and their benefits. This is an effort by the Commission to gather information from potential project proponents regarding projects that may qualify and apply for Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) public benefit funding.

The solicitation of Concept Papers will benefit both the Commission and potential project proponents. The Concept Papers will be made public, so project proponents will be able to identify potential regional partners or potential conflicts with other projects. Project proponents will also be able to identify potential eligibility issues early and judge the potential competitiveness of their projects. The Concept Papers will allow Commission staff to assess the number and scope of potential projects that may apply for WSIP funding to determine how to best assist applicants through the application process. Commission staff will also be able to refine and adjust the application review timeline for the WSIP based on information in the Concept Papers.

Submission of a Concept Paper is not mandatory to be eligible for WSIP funding, but the information collected through these Concept Papers will assist the Commission in its mission to maximize the potential public benefits of water storage projects funded by the WSIP.

All of the information provided through these Concept Papers will be made available on the Commission's website.

Concept Papers will be accepted electronically via email to cwc@water.ca.gov.