

## Concept Paper Response Template

Thank you for responding to the California Water Commission's call for concept papers. Your response will help the Commission and staff refine the application process and review timeline for the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). Concept papers received by the Commission will be posted on the [Commission's website](#). Prospective applicants can take this opportunity to review these concept papers to identify potential partners or potential conflicts with other projects. Full applications for WSIP funding will be due in late 2017.

As you continue to formulate your project and prepare your pre-application and application, please consider the following requirements as described in Chapter 8 of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1):

- [If applicant is "other"] Only eligible applicants, including public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, tribes, mutual water companies, and local joint powers authorities compliant with Water Code Section 79759 (for CALFED projects only), may receive funding.
- [If nonprofit is selected, but status of organization is unknown] Eligible nonprofit organizations are defined in Proposition 1 as organizations qualified to do business in California and qualified under section 501 (c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code.
- [If project type is "other"] Project types eligible for WSIP include CALFED surface storage projects, groundwater storage projects, groundwater contamination prevention or remediation projects (that provide storage benefits), conjunctive use projects, reservoir reoperation projects, local surface storage projects, and regional surface storage projects.
- [If project description does not appear to match the selected project type] Definitions of the project types eligible for WSIP funding can be found in Section 6000 of the [draft quantification regulations](#).
- [If funding request is greater than 50% of the estimated project cost] The WSIP funding request may not exceed 50% of the proposed project's total capital cost.
- [If concept paper indicates the project proponent would seek funding for ineligible costs] The Commission may only fund the capital costs of water storage projects, as defined in Section 6000 of the [draft quantification regulations](#).
- [If ecosystem improvement benefits are not checked] Eligible projects must provide ecosystem improvement benefits; at least 50% of the WSIP funded public benefits must be ecosystem improvements.
- [If water quality improvement benefits are not checked] Eligible projects must provide a net improvement in ecosystem and water quality conditions.
- [If concept paper indicates the proposed project would not have documentation ready for application period] One of the conditions of project eligibility is all feasibility studies are complete and draft environmental documentation is available for public review.
- [All] The Commission may only fund the public benefits associated with water storage projects.
- [All] All funded projects must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including CEQA.

Engagement and participation from potential project proponents is extremely important to successful implementation of the WSIP. In addition to accepting public comments at the Commission's monthly meetings and [by email](#), there will be public workshops and hearings and opportunities for technical assistance. Information about all of these ways to stay engaged will be available on the [Commission's website](#) and will be sent to the Commission's email list.