



Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) Update

Background

Through the WSIP, the California Water Commission will invest \$2.7 billion in the public benefits of water storage projects, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 1 (the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014), Chapter 8. Twelve applications were submitted in August 2017. In October 2017, the Commission determined that one project was ineligible for funding.

In February 2018, the Commission issued initial reviews of the remaining 11 applications, with staff-adjusted Public Benefit Ratios (PBRs). Applicants then had three weeks to submit appeals in response to the staff-adjusted PBRs; the Commission received ten appeals. Currently, the Commission's technical review team, which includes staff from the Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and State Water Resources Control Board, is evaluating the appeals to determine each project's staff-recommended PBR, according to the process laid out in the Commission's regulations. The Commission will determine the final PBRs at its meeting on May 1-3, 2018.

At this meeting, Commission Executive Officer Joe Yun will update the Commission on activities related to the WSIP and describe the meeting format and procedures for the May 1-3 meeting to determine PBRs.

This is an informational item.

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