

California Water Commission

# **WATER STORAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

2020 Update

# Path to the Final Award Hearing

**The eight projects that received a Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determination (MCED) are currently working to meet the statutory and regulatory requirements of the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) in order to maintain eligibility and schedule a Final Award Hearing with the Commission.**



# Estimated Timelines



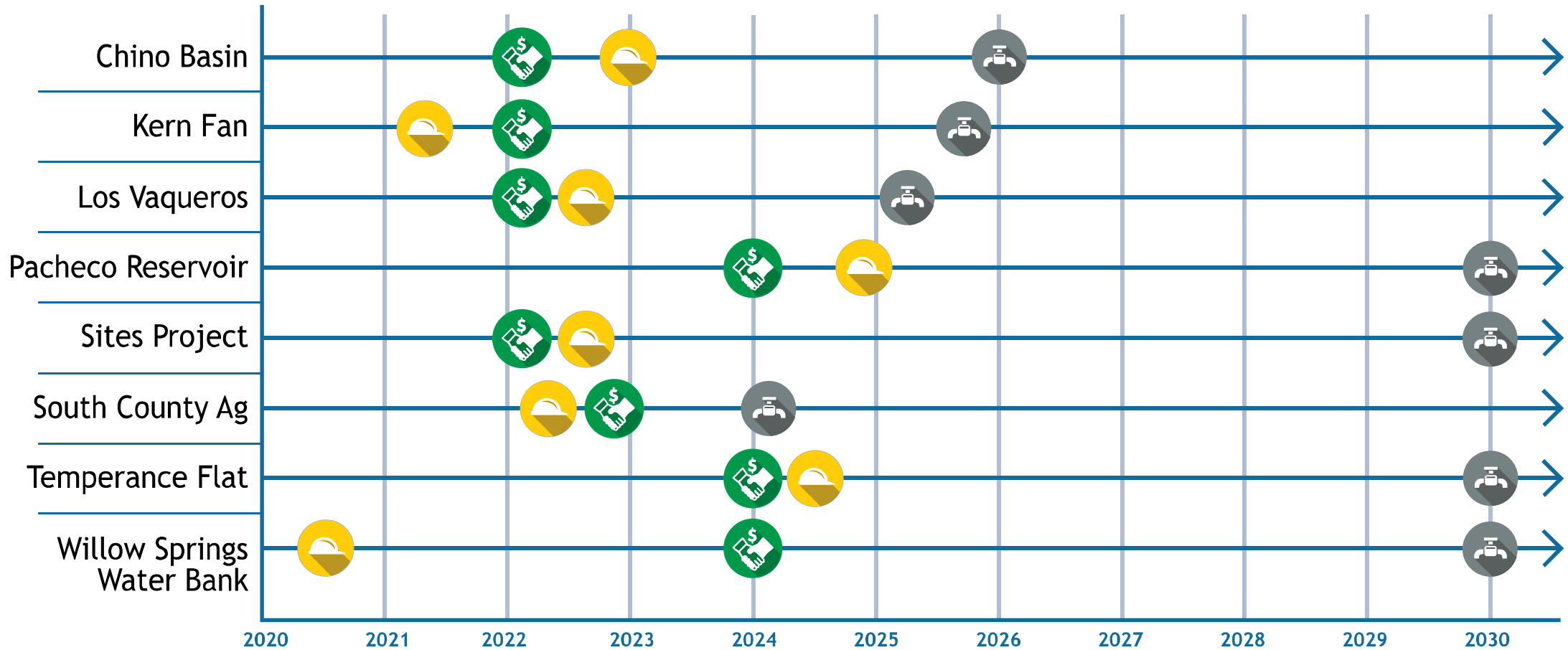
Final Award  
Hearing



Construction  
Begins



Facility  
Operational



# Early Funding

**Three projects were approved for early funding, in order to assist with permits and environmental documents:**

- **Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project  
\$13,650,309**
- **Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project  
\$24,200,000**
- **Sites Project \$40,818,884**



# Continuing Eligibility

**Water Code section 79757 states that for projects to maintain eligibility, the following must be completed by January 1, 2022:**

- **Draft environmental document released for review;**
- **75% commitment of non-public benefit cost share;**
- **Completed feasibility study;**
- **Project found feasible by Commission.**



# Continuing Eligibility Timeline

**Statutory Deadline is January 1, 2022.**

**Projects would need to be found feasible at or before the December 2021 Commission meeting.**



# Program Requirements for Final Award

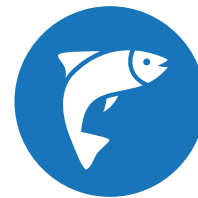
**WSIP regulations require the following in order to schedule a final award hearing:**

- **Contracts for the administration of public benefits;**
- **Contracts for non-public benefit cost share;**
- **Environmental documentation complete;**
- **Required permits obtained;**
- **Completed feasibility study.**



# Contracts for the Administration of Public Benefits

- **Department of Water Resources: Recreation, Flood Control, Emergency Response**
- **State Water Board: Water Quality Improvements**
- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Ecosystem Improvements**





# Final Award Hearings

**To schedule a hearing, all required documents must be completed.**

**Commission will make the final award decisions.**

**Hearings will occur at different times.**

**There is no deadline identified for scheduling a final award hearing.**



# Possible Commission/Applicant Interaction

- **Eligibility requirement**
- **Draft contracts for the administration of public benefits**
- **Site visits**
- **Progress updates**
- **Final award hearing**

