



**Water Storage Investment Program: Harvest Water Program Virtual Site Visit**

**Introduction**

Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) projects may opt to conduct a “virtual site visit” to share project information with the Commission prior to a project’s final award hearing. The site visit is intended to provide background information, a project update, and information about the public benefits of the project. The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) is developing the Harvest Water Program in southern Sacramento County. The Harvest Water Program will provide ecosystem and water quality benefits. Regional San will present their virtual site visit at the March meeting.

**Background**

Through the WSIP, the Commission will invest nearly \$2.6 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. In July 2018, the Commission made Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determinations (MCEDs), decisions that set the amount of Proposition 1 funding potentially available to a given project. The seven WSIP applicants are working to complete the Proposition 1 requirements, which include obtaining permits and completed environmental documents, contracts for the administration of public benefits, and contracts for non-public benefit cost share, before returning to the Commission for a final award hearing.

This agenda item implements Goal Four of the Commission’s Strategic Plan, which calls on the Commission to carry out its statutory responsibilities for the WSIP.

**Meeting Overview**

At the March meeting, Regional San’s Manager of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Terrie Mitchell, will provide information about the project.

This is an informational item.

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