



**Water Storage Investment Program: Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project  
Progress Update**

**Introduction**

The California Water Commission (Commission) administers the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) to fund the public benefits associated with water storage projects using funds from the Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1). Currently, seven projects have a WSIP maximum conditional eligibility determination (MCED), which is the amount of Proposition 1 funding potentially available to a given project. At the March meeting, staff provided a general update for all seven projects and based on that report, the Commission requested a project update for the Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project, in particular the status of the State Water Contractor, which is needed for the project to continue. The Willow Springs Water Bank is a conjunctive use project which will store groundwater in exchange for pulse-flow releases from Lake Oroville for ecosystem improvement and emergency response benefits.

**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, Chapter 8. The seven WSIP applicants have successfully met the Proposition 1, Chapter 8 interim requirements and are working to complete the remaining statutory requirements, which include obtaining permits and completed environmental documents, executing contracts for the administration of public benefits, and contracts for non-public benefit cost share. Once these requirements are complete, each WSIP applicant will return 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 WSIP.

**Meeting Overview**

At the June meeting, John Whitt, Acting General Manager for the Willow Springs Water Bank, will provide a status of the project. This is an informational item.

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