

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2020-02

RESOLUTION TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL EARLY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
REGULATION CHANGE

WHEREAS, the California Water Commission (Commission) adopted regulations governing the Water Storage Investment Program (Program) in December 2016;

WHEREAS, Title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 6010 allowed Program applicants to request early funding to complete environmental permitting and documentation, pursuant to California Water Code section 79755(c);

WHEREAS, four project applicants requested early funding in applications submitted in August 2017;

WHEREAS, the Commission evaluated the requests and granted early funding to three applicants in July 2018;

WHEREAS, several of the remaining applicants who did not apply for early funding have contacted the Commission, either independently or through a letter submitted to the Commission in May 2020, to request another opportunity to apply for early funding based on impacts from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, applicants to the Program indicated that COVID-19 has impacted their financial status because of the decreased property tax revenue and overall economic downturn;

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the requests from applicants, the Commission is increasingly concerned about the short-term financial toll the pandemic will have on Program applicants who do not already have an early funding award and that, absent such an award, may not move forward with their projects;

WHEREAS, the Commission also recognizes the ongoing efforts of other agencies to address COVID-19 related impacts and understands that actions taken to mitigate those impacts must be coordinated across agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Water Commission directs staff to begin the process of changing the regulations, via emergency regulation adoption process, to allow those projects that did not receive early funding during the initial evaluation of such requests be allowed to apply for early funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs staff to coordinate such

efforts to adopt these emergency regulatory changes with other agencies addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Signed:

Armando Quintero

7/17/2020

Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission

Date

Attest:

Joseph Yun

7/17/2020

Joseph R. Yun, Executive Officer
California Water Commission

Date