

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-10

RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE THE WILLOW SPRINGS
WATER BANK CONJUNCTIVE USE PROJECT FEASIBLE

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”);

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 contained Chapter 8, “Statewide Water System Operational Improvement and Drought Preparedness,” (“Chapter 8”) which appropriates \$2.7 billion to the California Water Commission (“Commission”) to invest in public benefits associated with water storage projects “that improve the operation of the state water system, are cost effective, and provide a net improvement in ecosystem and water quality conditions” (Water Code section 79750);

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2016, the Commission adopted regulations governing the quantification and management of public benefits associated with water storage projects that meet the criteria established for public investment (the Water Storage Investment Program (“WSIP”));

WHEREAS, the Commission, pursuant to the terms of the regulations, began the application period for funds from the WSIP on March 15, 2017;

WHEREAS, Southern California Water Bank Authority (Applicant) applied for funding for its water storage project, the Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project (Project) pursuant to the terms of the regulations and submitted an application on or before August 14, 2017;

WHEREAS, the application is complete and the Project is eligible for funding from the WSIP;

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 79757 requires the Commission find any project in the WSIP to be feasible by January 1, 2022 to remain under consideration for a final funding award;

WHEREAS, the Commission found the Project would “advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses in the Delta” at its June 28, 2018 meeting;

WHEREAS, the Applicant provided the documentation required, and Commission staff recommended the Project be found feasible at the Commission's December 15, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting;

WHEREAS, based on the documentation presented to Commission staff and made available to the public on the Commission website, the Commission desires to find the Project feasible to meet the requirements of Water Code section 79757;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Water Commission formally finds, as required by Water Code section 79757, based on information in the application, and subsequent information submitted to the Commission, that the Project is feasible.

Signed:

Teresa Alvarado

Teresa Alvarado, Chair
California Water Commission

12/20/2021

Date

Attest:

Joseph Yun

Joseph R. Yun, Executive Officer
California Water Commission

12/20/2021

Date