

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-14

RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE THE DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR PROJECT
FEASIBLE AND WILL ADVANCE THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF THE DELTA

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, at the October 2020 Commission meeting, the Temperance Flat Reservoir Authority ("TFRA") withdrew its application for funding from the WSIP;

WHEREAS, the TFRA's withdrawal made potential additional funds available for expenditures for projects meeting the statutory requirements of the WSIP;

WHEREAS, at the January 2021 Commission meeting, the Commission directed staff to begin a screening process to allow projects that had not applied to the WSIP in 2017 to potentially be eligible for funding from the WSIP;

WHEREAS, Commission staff opened the screening process in March 2021;

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 Del Puerto Water District and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority submitted documentation for their Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir ("Project") to the screening program opened by the Commission;

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;

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 will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta pursuant to 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Water Commission formally finds, as required by Water Code section 79757, that the Project will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.

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