

# **Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report**

The Quarterly Report is intended to document applicants' progress toward complying with regulation section 6013 and receiving final WSIP funding, including any changes in the magnitude of public benefits that could affect cost allocation. Applicants must provide a summary level update of the project status for the requirements and milestones listed below. The template may be modified as necessary to effectively communicate information. If minimal activities occurred during a reporting period, the report can be condensed.

- Note any issues or concerns that have, will, or could affect milestones or requirements.
- Identify key issues, including legal issues such as lawsuits or injunctions related to the project, that need to be resolved.
- Discuss how the actual schedule is progressing in comparison to the schedule provided in the Initial Report or the last reported schedule.
- Update the project schedule as needed.
- Note any milestones or accomplishments that occurred since submittal of the prior Quarterly Report.

# **Project Information**

Project Name:

Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project

Applicant Name:

**Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority** 

Date:

October 31, 2022

Reporting Period:

July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022

#### **General Update and Key Issues**

Please provide a general update and describe any key issues that occurred during this reporting period. You may attach additional documents or pages if more space is needed:

Coordination with State Agencies:

The GBJPA provided comments to the DWR on a draft Notice of Preparation for a Supplemental EIR for the pulse flow component of the Kern Fan Project and other WSIP pulse flow projects. The GBJPA will be the lead agency for the Supplemental EIR for the Kern Fan Project.

During the current reporting period, the Applicant participated in a meeting with the DWR and other WSIP project proponents. At the meeting, consultants reviewed draft results of a Cumulative Flow Study that analyzed the combined impacts of all the WSIP projects on the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. The Applicant also met with the CDFW, DWR, State Board, CWC, and other WSIP project proponents to dicsuss a draft ecosystem public benefits agreement template with CDFW.

Engineering and Design:

During the current reporting period, the GBJPA Engineering group reviewed 30 percent designs for recharge facilities to be constructed on a 200-acre property acquired by the GBJPA and will be part of the Phase 1 project implementation. Project consultants also completed a Geotechnical Report for the property, which includes recommendations for the site preparation and grading for the foundation design. During the next reporting period, the GBJPA Engineering group will coninue to work on the design of the Project.

Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project Schedule:

Components of the Kern Fan Project are contingent upon executing agreements with and securing approvals from the DWR and State Water Contractors. The Applicant is continuing to work with the State agencies and State Water Contractors to develop the necessary agreements and secure approvals to implement the Project. The updated schedule takes these factors into account. The expected dates for the completion of project tasks have been extended by a year. The previous schedule anticipated that the start of construction would begin in April 2022. The updated schedule anticipates that Project construction will begin March 2023.

### 1. Funding Agreement Milestone Schedule

Attached as Exhibit "A" is the Funding Agreement Milestone Schedule entitled "Project Schedule (CWC Table 1)". The schedule provides the milestones stipulated in the Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determination Letter dated July 27, 2018.

2. Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project Schedule

Attached as Exhibit "B" is an updated Kern Fan Project overall schedule, which includes the Commission requirements, as well as planning and project studies, environmental documentation, design, and construction.

# **Items Required Prior to Scheduling a Final Award Hearing**

The following items must be provided prior to scheduling a hearing. As applicable, please describe the status, estimated completion date, and percent complete of:

#### 1. Contracts for non-public cost share:

Status: The Groundwater Banking Authority JPA agreement executed in 2020 includes a provision that IRWD and Rosedale will each fund 50% of the non-grant funded project cost. No contracts, other than the executed Joint Powers Authority Agreement between Rosedale and IRWD, are anticipated. A funding commitment letter to the Director of the Departement for the non-public benefits will be prepared in the next reporting period.

Estimated Completion Date: Completed July 2020

Percent Complete: 100%

## 2. Contracts for administration of public benefits:

Status: Applicants continue to work with the CDFW and DWR on the development of contracts for administration of public benefits. No agreement with the State Water Board is anticipated for this project.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

Percent Complete: 50%

# 3. Completed feasibility studies:

Status: The final Feasibility Study was submitted to CWC staff on November 22, 2021. On December 15,

2021, the Commission determined that the feasibility study met requirements set forth in the WSIP Regulations.

Estimated Completion Date: November 2021

Percent Complete: 100%

#### 4. Final environmental documentation:

Status: The Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority certified the Final EIR document on December 28, 2020. There were no unimitigated significant environmental effects identified in the Draft EIR or the Final EIR.

Estimated Completion Date: Completed January 2021

Percent Complete: 100%

## 5. All required federal, state, and local approvals, certifications, and agreements:

Status: Applicants continue to work with the approporiate agencies on all required federal, state and local approvals, certifications and agreements.

Estimated Completion Date: December 2025

Percent Complete: 10%

# **Items Required to Execute a Funding Agreement**

Please provide an update, as applicable, on the following documents, which are needed to execute a funding agreement for the project:

- Applicant's audited financial statements
- Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work
- Evidence of bilateral communications
- Limited waiver of sovereign immunity (see regulations section 6013(f)(8))

Updates to information provided in the Initial Report or prior Quarterly Reports are only needed when a significant change has occurred. The Commission may request submittal of updated information prior to executing a funding agreement.

No updates to information provided in prior Quartely Reports.

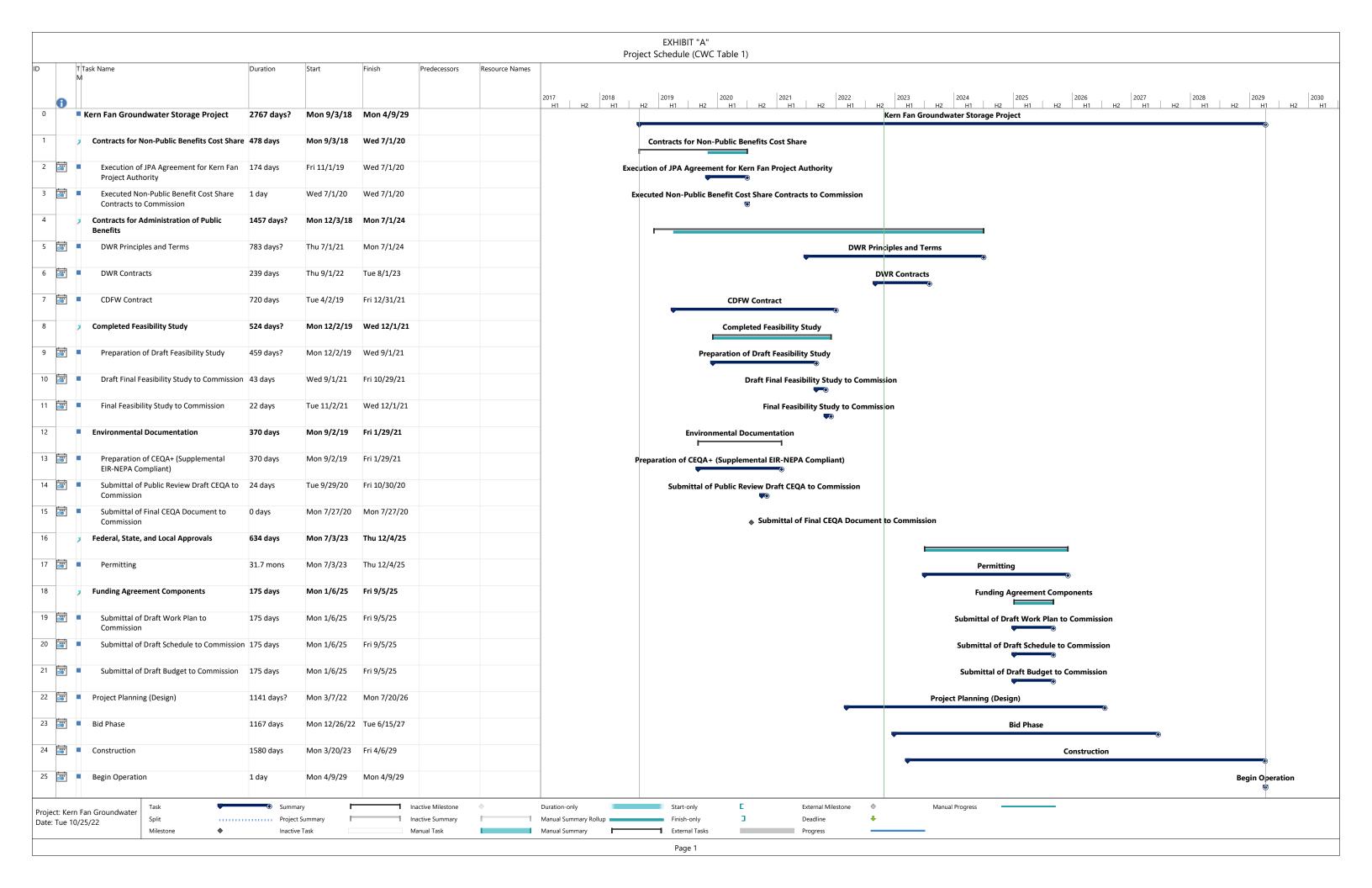
#### **Status Update**

Provide a status update for the following, as applicable:

- Labor Compliance
- Urban Water Management Plans
- Agricultural Water Management Plans
- Groundwater Management or Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Potential effect of other conditionally eligible projects on the applicant's public benefits

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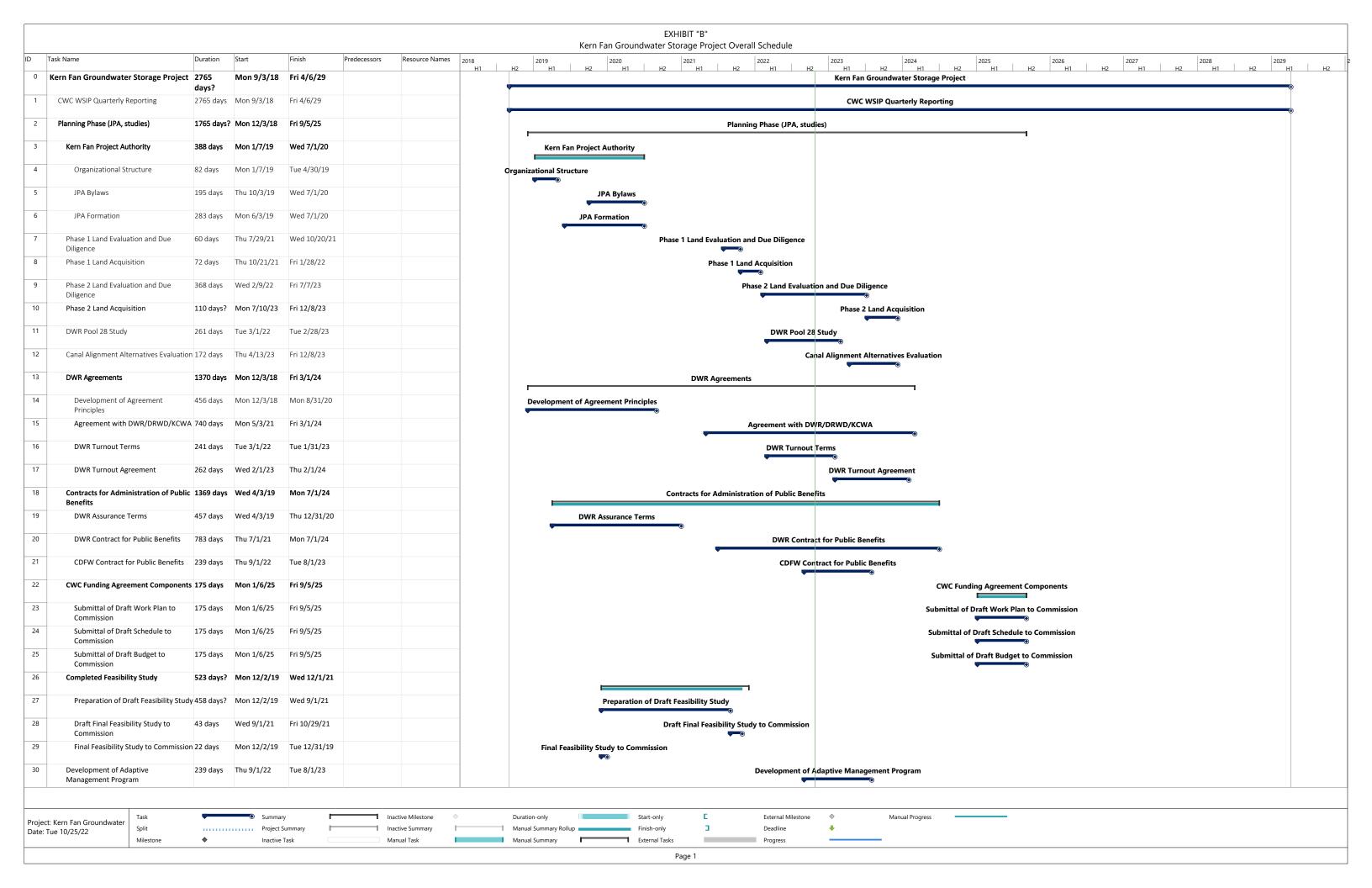


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) Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish Predecessors Resource Name	
31 Environmental	370 days	Mon 9/2/19	Fri 1/29/21	Environmental
32 Submittal of Draft Project Description	0 days	Mon 1/20/20	Mon 1/20/20	♦ 1/20
33 Preparation of NOP and NOC	56 days	Tue 1/21/20	Tue 4/7/20	Preparation of NOP and NOC
34 30-day Scoping Period and Public	30 days	Mon 3/30/20	Fri 5/8/20	30-day Scoping Period and Public Meeting
Meeting  Preparation of EIR Project Description	21 days	Thu 4/23/20	Thu 5/21/20	Preparation of EIR Project Description
36 Technical Reports	31 days	Tue 5/5/20	Tue 6/16/20	▼● Technical Reports
37 Prepare Administrative Draft SEIR	61 days	Tue 5/5/20	Tue 7/28/20	Prepare Administrative Draft SEIR
38 Agency Review of Administrative Draf	,			Agency Review of Administrative Draft SEIR
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39 Prepare Screencheck Draft SEIR		Tue 8/11/20	Tue 9/8/20	Prepare Screencheck Draft SEIR
40 Agency Review of Screencheck Draft SEIR		Tue 9/8/20	Tue 9/22/20	Agency Review of Screencheck Draft SEIR
41 Pepare Public Draft SEIR, NOA, and NOC	6 days	Tue 9/22/20	Tue 9/29/20	Pepare Public Draft SEIR, NOA, and NOC  ©
42 45-day Draft SEIR Review and Public Meeting	34 days	Tue 9/29/20	Fri 11/13/20	45-day Draft SEIR Review and Public Meeting
43 Prepare Final SEIR and Response to Comments	41 days	Fri 11/13/20	Fri 1/8/21	Prepare Final SEIR and Response to Comments
44 Prepare Findings, SOC, and NOD	16 days	Fri 1/8/21	Fri 1/29/21	Prepare Findings, SOC, and NOD
45 Prepare MMRCP	16 days	Fri 1/8/21	Fri 1/29/21	Prepare MMRCP
46 Right-of-Way & Easements	276 days	Fri 12/8/23	Fri 12/27/24	Right-of-Way & Easements
47 Right-of-Way Evaluation & Document Review	60 days	Fri 12/8/23	Thu 2/29/24	Right-of-Way Evaluation & Document Review
48 Preliminary Meetings with Landowner	s 60 days	Thu 2/1/24	Wed 4/24/24	Preliminary Meetings with Landowners
49 Appraisals/Valuations	45 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 5/31/24	Appraisals/Valuations
50 Establish Survey Control and	60 days	Mon 4/1/24	Fri 6/21/24	Establish Survey Control and Monumentation
Monumentation  51 Prepare Permanent and Temporary	75 days	Mon 6/24/24	Fri 10/4/24	Prepare Permanent and Temporary Easement Plats & Descriptions
Easement Plats & Descriptions  Executed Easements & Rights-of-Way	60 days	Mon 10/7/24	Fri 12/27/24	Executed Easements & Rights-of-Way
53 Permitting	634 days	Mon 7/3/23	Thu 12/4/25	Permitting
54 DWR Permitting for Aqueduct TO	264 days	Mon 7/3/23	Thu 7/4/24	DWR Permitting for Aqueduct TO
55 Outlet Canal Crossing - Army Corp,	Í	Mon 7/3/23		Outlet Canal Crossing - Army Corp, CVFPB, Buena Vista, CDFW, DWR
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		Mon 11/4/24		Caltrans Permit - I5 Crossing
57 Caltrans Permit - Stockdale Hwy Crossing		Mon 11/4/24		Caltrans Permit - Stockdale Hwy Crossing
58 County Encroachment Permit	60 days	Mon 11/4/24	Fri 1/24/25	County Encroachment Permit
59 Well Drilling Permits	374 days	Mon 7/1/24	Thu 12/4/25	Well Drilling Permits
60 RFP for CM Firm	741 days	Mon 6/20/22	Mon 4/21/25	
61 RFP for Design Firm	75 days	Mon 12/6/21	Fri 3/18/22	
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Project: Kern Fan Groundwater	-	Summar Project 6		Duration-only  Start-only  External Milestone  Manual Progress  Manual Summary Rollup  Finish-only  Deadline
Date: Tue 10/25/22 Split Milestone	<b>*</b>	Project S Inactive		Manual Summary Rollup Finish-only Deadline  Manual Summary External Tasks Progress
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