



### **Water Storage Investment Program Concept Paper Solicitation**

In November 2014, California voters passed Proposition 1, which dedicated \$2.7 billion for investment in the public benefits of water storage projects and designated the California Water Commission (Commission) as the agency responsible for allocating these funds.

The Commission is calling upon potential project proponents to submit Concept Papers that summarize potential water storage projects and their benefits. This is an effort by the Commission to gather information from potential project proponents regarding projects that may qualify and apply for Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) public benefit funding.

The solicitation of Concept Papers will benefit both the Commission and potential project proponents. The Concept Papers will be made public, so project proponents will be able to identify potential regional partners or potential conflicts with other projects. Project proponents will also be able to identify potential eligibility issues early and judge the potential competitiveness of their projects. The Concept Papers will allow Commission staff to assess the number and scope of potential projects that may apply for WSIP funding to determine how to best assist applicants through the application process. Commission staff will also be able to refine and adjust the application review timeline for the WSIP based on information in the Concept Papers.

Submission of a Concept Paper is not mandatory to be eligible for WSIP funding, but the information collected through these Concept Papers will assist the Commission in its mission to maximize the potential public benefits of water storage projects funded by the WSIP.

All of the information provided through these Concept Papers will be made available on the Commission's website.

Concept Papers will be accepted electronically via email to [cwc@water.ca.gov](mailto:cwc@water.ca.gov). Completed Concept Papers should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2016.

### Water Storage Investment Program Concept Paper Form

Please complete the questions below and return your completed concept paper by email to [cwc@water.ca.gov](mailto:cwc@water.ca.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2016. Completed concept papers should not exceed four pages.

#### Contact Information

<b>Contact Name:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Agency/Organization Name:</b>	
<b>Agency Type (select one):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Tribe <input type="checkbox"/> Mutual Water Company <input type="checkbox"/> Local Joint Powers Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

#### Project Information

<b>Project Name:</b>	
<b>Project Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CALFED Surface Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Contamination Prevention or Remediation <input type="checkbox"/> Conjunctive Use <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir Reoperation <input type="checkbox"/> Local Surface Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Surface Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Estimated Project Cost:</b>	
<b>Estimated WSIP Funding Request:</b>	
<b>Please describe your project, including location, water source, facilities, and operations:</b>	

**Per Water Code section 79753, the Commission may only fund the public benefits of water storage projects. Further, ecosystem improvements must make up 50% of the funded public benefits (Water Code section 79756(b)). What public benefits does your project provide? (select all that apply):**

- Ecosystem Improvements  Water Quality Improvements  Flood Control
- Emergency Response  Recreation

**Please describe the magnitude of the public benefits and how the project will be operated to provide the public benefits:**

**Water Code section 79752 requires that funded projects provide measurable improvements to the Delta ecosystem or to the tributaries of the Delta. Please describe how your project provides ecosystem improvements in the Delta or tributaries to the Delta:**

**Water Code sections 79755 and 79757 require the Commission to make a finding that a project will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses in the Delta prior to allocating funding for a project. Please describe how your project could help advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses in the Delta:**

**Please describe any other benefits provided by your project, such as water supply reliability benefits, and the potential beneficiaries:**

