

CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

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Today's California Water Commission

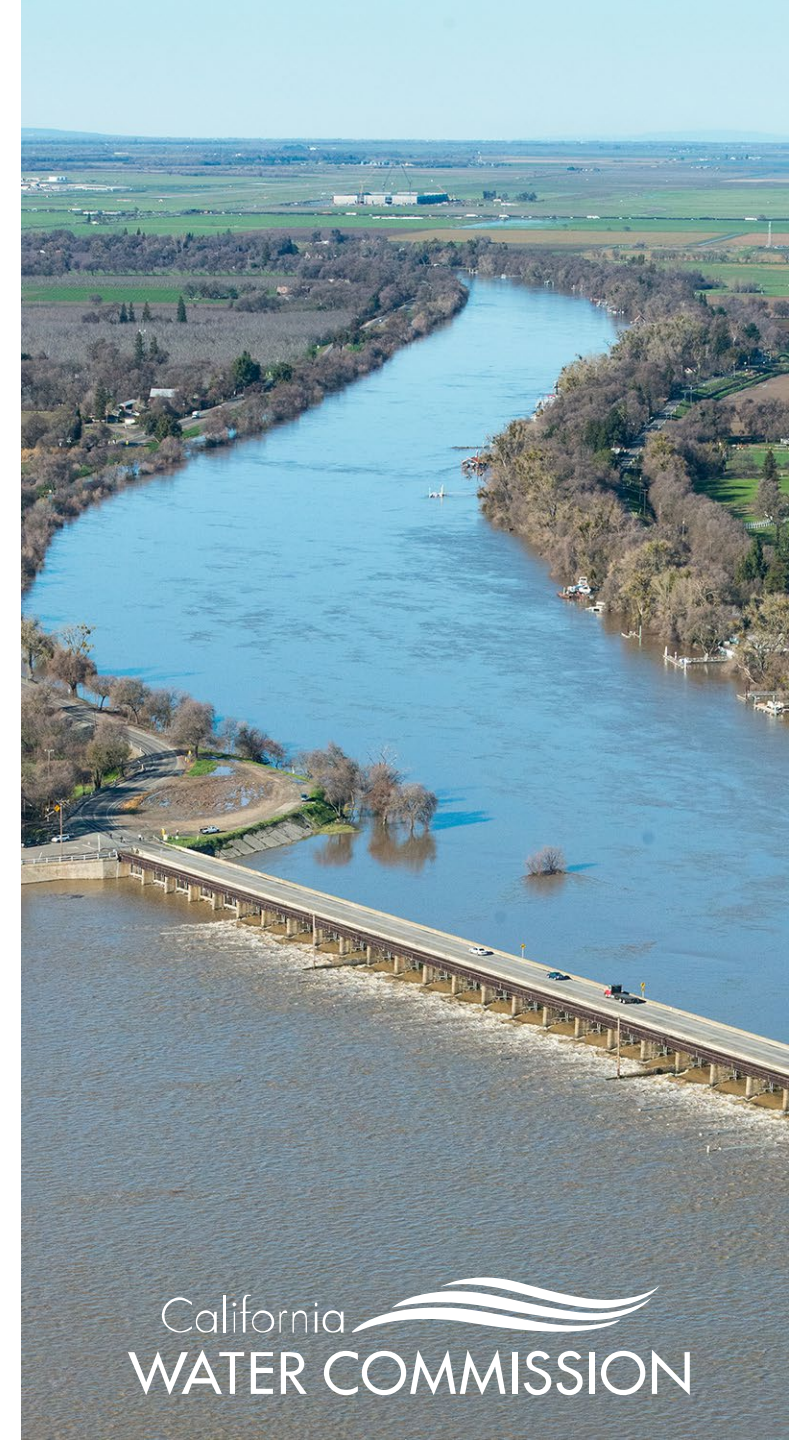
- The California Water Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.
- Seven members are chosen for their expertise related to the control, storage, and beneficial use of water and two are chosen for their knowledge of the environment.
- Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Provides a public forum for discussing water issues.
 - Formulates policy papers on actions assigned to them in the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio.
 - Advises the Department of Water Resources, Natural Resources Agency, and Legislature.
- Approves DWR rules and regulations.
- Adopts resolutions of necessity for DWR eminent domain proceedings.
- Monitors the State Water Project and names new facilities.
- Tasked with allocating \$2.7 billion from Proposition 1 for the public benefits associated with new water storage projects.

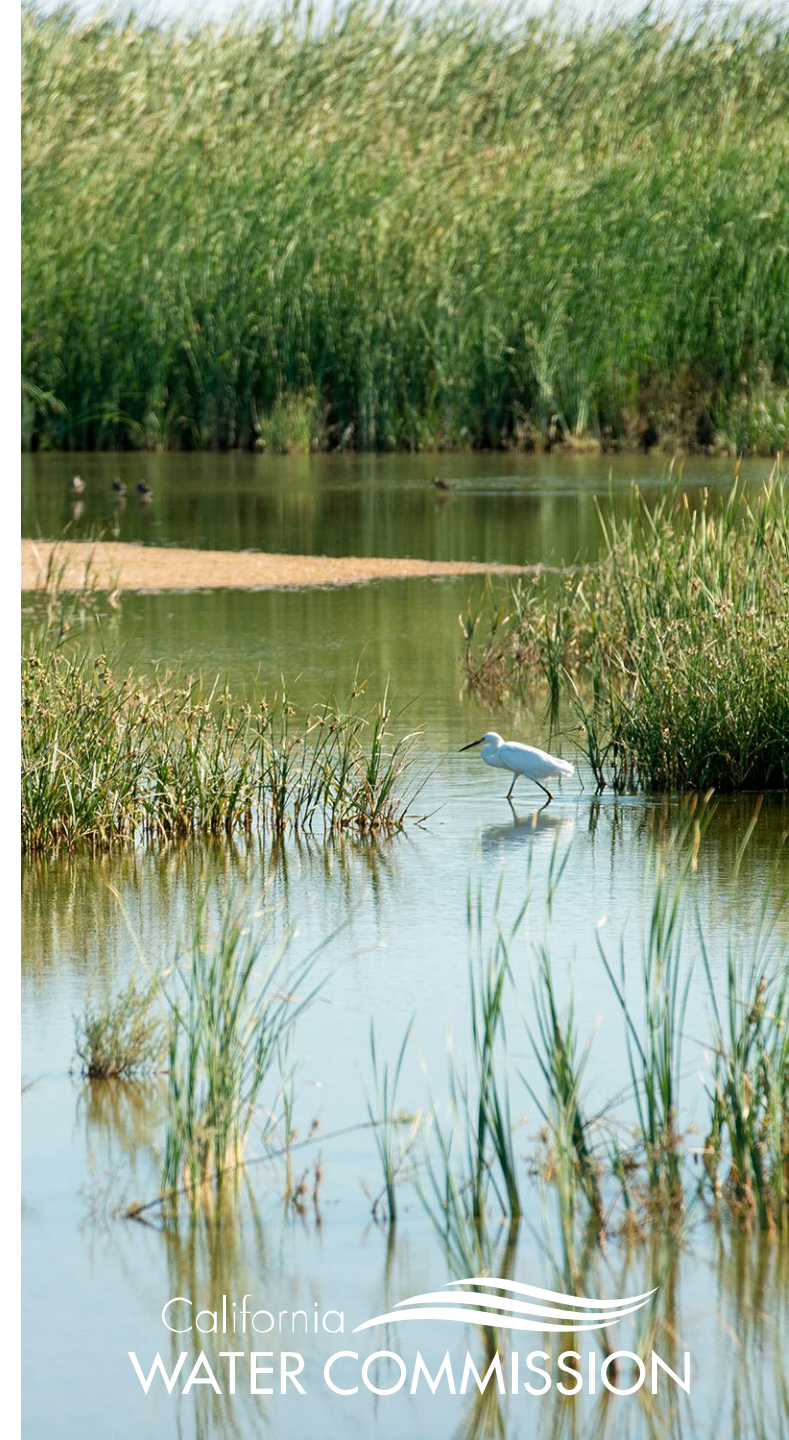
Strategic Plan – Mission Statement

Using its public forum, the Commission explores water management issues from multiple perspectives and formulates recommendations to advise Department of Water Resources, and as appropriate, the California Natural Resource Agency, the Governor and Legislature on ways to improve water planning and management in response to California's changing hydrology.



Strategic Plan Goals

1. Serve as a primary public forum and advise DWR, the Legislature, and the Governor on water policies.
2. Carry out its statutory responsibilities associated with the State Water project.
3. Ensure that the DWR's decisions on key programs and activities are based on sound information and advance climate resiliency.
4. Administer the Water Storage Investment Program.
5. Evaluating a Commission role in advocating to the Federal Government for flood projects.



Ways to be Involved

- Attend Commission meetings.
- Comments on Commission work items.
- Participate in our public workshops.
- Help host workshops or support Commission traveling meetings.
- Email us: cwc@water.ca.gov to join our listserve.



Water Storage Investment Program

WSIP represents a paradigm shift in how storage projects are funded.

The California Water Commission will allocate \$2.7 billion through the WSIP, which will fund projects based on *public benefits associated with water storage projects*.

Proposition 1 defines public benefits as ...

- **Ecosystem improvement**
- **Water quality improvement**
- **Flood control**
- **Emergency response**
- **Recreation**



Water Storage Investment Program

- Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determinations were made for seven projects.
- Diverse set of projects moving ahead to prepare the state for climate change.
- Potential to add 2.77 million acre-feet of new storage capacity both above and below ground to strengthen water resiliency.
- Will be state's largest investment in water storage in a generation.



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January 1, 2022, Statutory Progress Deadline:

- Completed feasibility studies
- Draft of environmental documents for public review
- Commitment for at least 75% of non-public benefit cost share

All seven projects met this deadline.



Water Storage Investment Program

Regulations require the following in order to schedule a final award hearing:

- Contracts for the administration of public benefits
- Contracts for non-public benefit cost share
- Environmental documentation complete
- Required permits obtained



Water Storage Investment Program

Project	Total Cost	MCED	Early Funding
Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Program	\$385,000,000	\$215,265,405	\$8,919,000
Harvest Water Program	\$444,000,000	\$291,841,209	\$14,375,625
Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project	\$171,000,000	\$89,123,415	Not requested
Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project	\$795,000,000	\$477,558,343	\$23,877,917
Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project	\$2,500,000,000	\$504,141,383	\$24,200,000
Sites Project	\$3,930,000,000	\$875,396,369	\$40,818,884
Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use	\$343,000,000	\$128,274,876	\$4,770,300

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