



California
WATER COMMISSION

This timeline summarizes the California Water Commission's project review process as outlined in the September 2, 2016 draft of the Water Storage Investment Program regulations. The timeline includes estimated dates during the process when certain milestones will occur. All Commission deliberations and decisions will take place in a public meeting and be open to public comment in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Act.

Process Phase	Duration	Date	Reg. Section
Application Submittal	5 months minimum	February – July 2017	6003
Completeness, Eligibility and Technical Review. All application materials will be available for public review.	< 6 Months	July – December 2017	6007
Staff presents projects that are found to be ineligible at a public Commission meeting. Projects that do not meet completeness or basic eligibility will be presented in August. Projects that do not meet Additional Eligibility Requirements will be presented on a rolling basis. Staff will discontinue technical review of a project deemed ineligible unless directed to continue by the Commission.	Rolling	August 2017- January 2018	
Staff releases draft Public Benefits Ratio for eligible projects.	One day	Mid-January 2018	6007(b)
Applicants may submit a written appeal letter. Staff develops response to appeal letter.	6 weeks	Mid-January – Early March 2018	6009
Commission hears appeal in a public meeting and determines final Public Benefits Ratio.	Minimum of 3 full-day Commission meetings	Early March 2018	6009(a)(5)
Staff releases full technical review with comments in dashboard format. Provides staff draft component scores. Staff provides Commission member briefings through April.	Minimum of 1 month to review staff work.	March 2018	6011(a)
Commission considers projects one-by-one in a public meeting to: Determine final component scores for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water System Improvements • Implementation Risk • Resiliency/Non-monetized benefits AND	2-3 meetings of 2-3 days each over a three week period	Late April/Early May 2018	6011(b)
Make required Determinations (Yes/No)			6011(c)

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Staff releases draft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Return on Public Investment Score (As determined by Commission in previous steps) • Project Ranks • Staff Recommended Maximum Conditional Eligibility Amounts 	~2 weeks to prepare and publish	Mid-May 2018	6011(d)
Commission makes Conditional Maximum Eligibility Determinations (Maximum amount of funding a project may receive from the WSIP assuming they complete all requirements of Chapter 8).	Minimum 1 full day	Early June 2018	6011(g)
For projects that receive a Maximum Conditional Eligibility, Commission determines early funding (Yes/No).	Minimum 1 full day	Early June 2018	6011(g)(3)
Staff works with recipients on early funding agreements.	1-6 months, depending on project	Beginning June 2018	
Projects that receive a Conditional Maximum Eligibility Determination begin work to complete requirements of chapter 8 §79755.		Beginning June 2018	