

Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project

FEASIBILITY REPORT

APPENDIX A: Letters Authorizing State-Led Storage Projects

October 21, 2019





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 27, 2018

Secretary Ryan Zinke
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I am writing to request federal participation in certain proposed new surface water and groundwater storage projects (if sought by project proponents) set to receive funding through California's Water Storage Investment Program. Pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 (WIIN Act), the Secretary of the Interior may participate in state-led storage projects in California if requested by the Governor and if the California Water Commission has made specified determinations.

In 2014, California voters overwhelmingly approved a \$7.5 billion water bond (Proposition 1) that provided \$2.7 billion for water storage projects. The California Water Commission recently determined funding amounts for these projects and has awarded early funding to complete environmental documentation and permitting for three of them.

The eight state funded projects are: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project; South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and Conjunctive Use Program; Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project; Temperance Flat Reservoir Project; Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Program; Sites Project; Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project; and Willow Springs Water Bank. Some, if not all, may seek federal funding through the WIIN Act.

California shares the Department of the Interior's commitment to investing in new water storage. I respectfully ask for your support and partnership in funding these critical projects.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

Thank you for your letter dated August 27, 2018, requesting Federal participation in eight State and Federal surface water and groundwater storage projects pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 (WIIN Act).

I appreciate your strong interest in these projects. In response to your request and in accordance with the WIIN Act, the Department of the Interior has begun the process of making eligibility determinations for the following eight projects: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project; South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and Conjunctive Use Program; Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project; Temperance Flat Reservoir Project; Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Program; Sites Project; Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project; and Willow Springs Water Bank.

The Bureau of Reclamation is currently developing recommendations to the Appropriations Committees for the allocation of funds designated for WIIN Act storage projects in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 appropriations bill. The recommendations are being developed in accordance with Section 4007 of the WIIN Act.

I will give your request full consideration when preparing the WIIN Act Section 4007 funding recommendations for the FY 2019 Appropriations bill.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the status of WIIN Act funding recommendations to Congress, please contact Mr. Robert Wolf at (202) 513-0642 or Mr. Mathew Maucieri at (202) 513-0569.

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Zinke
Secretary of the Interior