



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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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.