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## GROUNDWATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT APPLICATION

Groundwater Augmentation Projects are projects that add to the long-term reliable-yield of groundwater in the Central Basin. Water Augmentation Projects are subject to the approval of the Central Basin Storage Panel. Approval of any project requires, amongst other things, the demonstration of no physical harm or threat of harm to the groundwater supplies of the Central Basin.<sup>1</sup>

Per the Central Basin Third Amended Judgment (Judgment), all parties of the Judgment will be offered an opportunity to participate in a Water Augmentation Project by the Project Lead, on condition that they share proportionally in common costs and benefits, and assume the obligation to bear exclusively the cost of any improvements that are required to accommodate their individual or particular needs. All participating parties shall be established prior to submitting an application. The Administrative Body will review applications before submittal to the Storage Panel to ensure completeness. Applicants will be responsible for completing any edits or providing additional information if deemed necessary by the Administrative Body. Should additional technical studies or modeling be necessary, the Applicant may do the work themselves or request the work to be done by WRD at the Applicant's expense. A notice of the project application and copies of all related documents will be sent to all parties of the Judgment. The application review process is outlined on the next page.

Once the noticing process is complete, Applicants or their designated representatives are required to attend the hearing on the application as scheduled by the Storage Panel. The Administrative Body will coordinate with Applicants to prepare any materials needed for the Storage Panel hearing. Applicants will bear all costs associated with the review and implementation of the proposed project application.

Please fully complete all sections of the application. If more space is needed, answer on separate sheets of paper. If a question is not applicable, please indicate so with "N/A." Additional documents may be provided as supplemental information, but the application must be a stand-alone document containing all relevant information. If you have any questions, please contact Esther Valle Rojas at (562) 275-4259 or [erojas@wrd.org](mailto:erojas@wrd.org). Mail or email a completed and signed application to:

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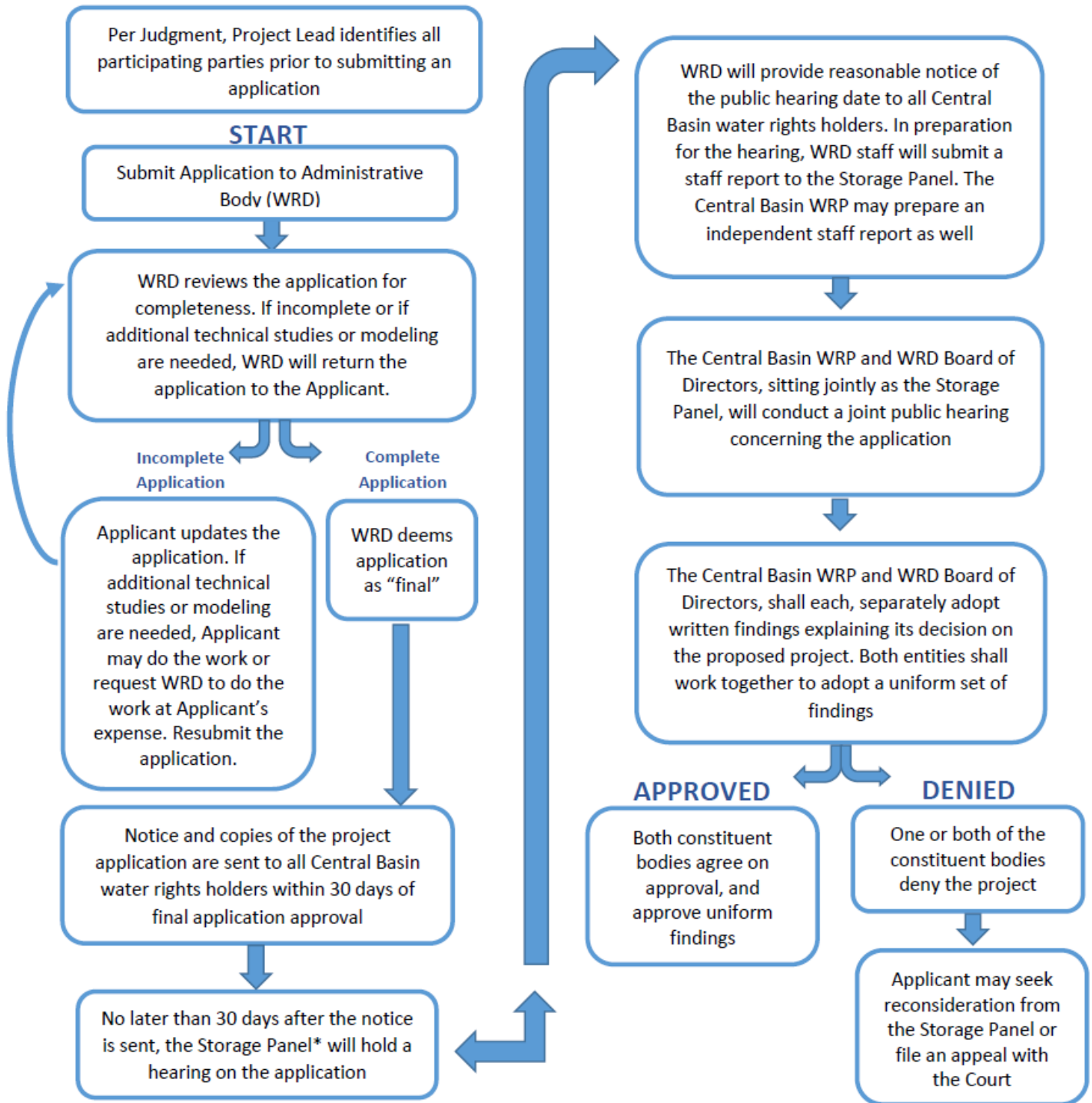
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<sup>1</sup> For further information regarding the definition of a water augmentation project or material physical harm, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on page three.

# CENTRAL BASIN WATER RIGHTS PANEL



## AUGMENTATION PROJECT APPLICATION PROCESS



\*Storage Panel includes the Central Basin Water Rights Panel (WRP) and WRD Board of Directors

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) FOR WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECTS

1. **What is a water augmentation project?** *Pre-approved physical actions and management activities that demonstrate an increase in long-term annual groundwater yield in the Basin.*
2. **What is material physical harm?** *Material physical injury or material diminution in the quality or quantity of groundwater available within the Basin to support extraction of the total water rights or stored water, that is demonstrated to be attributable to the placement, recharge, injection, storage or recapture of stored water in the Central Basin, including, but not limited to, degradation of water quality, liquefaction, land subsidence and other material physical injury caused by elevated or lowered groundwater levels.*
3. **How do I get additional groundwater rights?** *On completion of a Water Augmentation Project, the Storage Panel will award additional pumping rights (APA) to the Applicants if the amount of water produced is at least equal to the proposed increase in extraction rights.*
4. **When can I start pumping my new groundwater rights?** *No water can be produced from a new groundwater right until the quantity of water attributed to the Project is actually introduced into the Central Basin.*