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## GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECT APPLICATION INFORMATION

This application is for the creation of groundwater storage credits by means other than carryover conversion, specifically when *new* production, spreading, or injection facilities are being proposed within the Central Basin. For Water Augmentation Projects, please submit a “Water Augmentation Project Application.”

Storage projects require review and approval by the Central Basin Storage Panel. The Panel will only approve an application providing that there is no material physical harm or imminent threat to the groundwater supplies of the Central Basin.

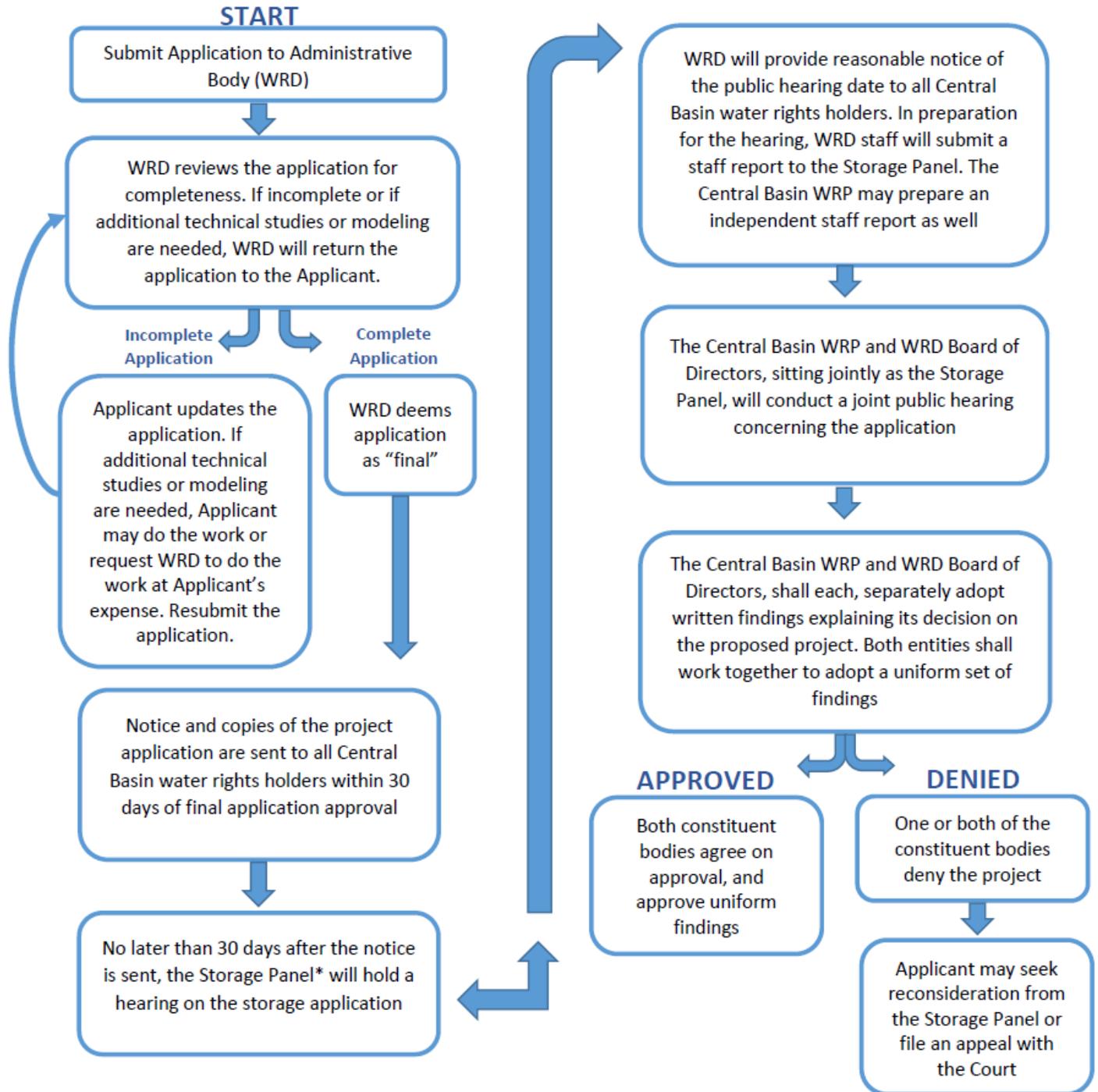
The Administrative Body will review applications before submittal to the Storage Panel to ensure completeness. Applicants will be responsible for completing any edits or providing additional information if deemed necessary by the Administrative Body. Should additional technical studies or modeling be 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 final project application will be sent to all Central Basin water rights holders within 30 days of application approval by the Administrative Body, and a Storage Panel hearing will be scheduled. Applicants or their designated representatives are required to attend the hearing. The Administrative Body will coordinate with Applicants to prepare any materials needed for the Storage Panel hearing. The application review process is outlined on the next page. Applicants will bear all costs associated with the preparation of the storage 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).

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*\* For further information regarding the definition of a storage project or material physical harm, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on page three.*

**STORAGE 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 GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECTS

1. **What is a storage project?** *An activity by a party to the Central Basin Third Amended Judgment (Judgment) pertaining to placement, recharge, injection, storage, transfer, or recapture of Stored Water within the Basin.*
2. **Who is eligible?** *An applicant that is a party to the Judgment or an applicant that is a partner with a party to the Judgment.*
3. **What is stored water?** *Water, including recycled water, held within available dewatered space as a result of spreading, injection, in-lieu delivery, or carryover conversion, where there is an intention to subsequently withdraw the water for reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to the Third Amended Judgment. No storage of water shall occur in the Basin except in conformity with the Judgment.*
4. **What is the limit on stored water?** *Parties may not cumulatively have in storage, at any time, stored water totaling more than two-hundred percent (200%) of that party's allowed pumping allocation.*
5. **Is the extraction of water from a storage project exempted from the replenishment assessment?** *Yes, water introduced into the Basin for storage through spreading or injection is not subject to the replenishment assessment.*
6. **Who is allowed to extract water?** *Only a party to the Judgment can extract stored water.*
7. **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.*
8. **When does stored water experience basin losses?** *After 10 consecutive years, water held in the Community Storage Pool will be assessed an annual water loss equal to 5% of the lowest quantity of water held within the party's account. Also, water will be lost if the cumulative quantity of water held as stored plus the quantity of water held within the basin operating reserve, which has a capacity of 110,000 acre-feet, exceeds 330,000 acre-feet. When adjudicated storage and the basin operating reserve are maximized, the first stored water to be deemed lost shall be the last water stored as community storage, which has a capacity of 111,250 acre-feet.*