

WMDT
Decision-Making Processes and Institutional Structures for Water Management
Clarify Future Decisions
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Before a proposal can be developed for decision-making processes and structures related to water management assets, it needs to be clear what decisions will need to be made in the future during Stage 1 or later, and what decisions will be made before Stage 1.

- Stage 1. The goal is to complete Stage 1 asset development and allocation between water supply reliability and EWA before Stage 1. However, it is likely that some additions or changes to Stage 1 asset development will occur during Stage 1. Therefore, a decision-making process and structure will need to be identified for further asset development and allocation.

- Stage 2 and 3. Asset development and allocation for Stage 2 and 3 is the focus of the Water Management Strategy. The decision-making process and structure for future water management assets will be developed before Stage 1. They will be coordinated with the Water Management Strategy work effort.

- Management of environmental assets. There will be ongoing decisions that need to be made regarding use of the EWA assets which will require a decision-making process and structure. CALFED staff will work with WMDT and Governance Work Group on a decision-making process and structure for an EWA. The decision-making process needs to include the ESA agencies regardless of where the management of the EWA resides.

- Management of water supply reliability assets. It is expected that the majority of the assets allocated for water supply reliability will be assigned through contracts prior to Stage 1. However, will there be remaining decisions after the ROD that may require a WSR account and decision-making process/structure? Should there be a WSR account where some of the assets are flexible for future uses?