

Surface Storage Projects
Next Steps
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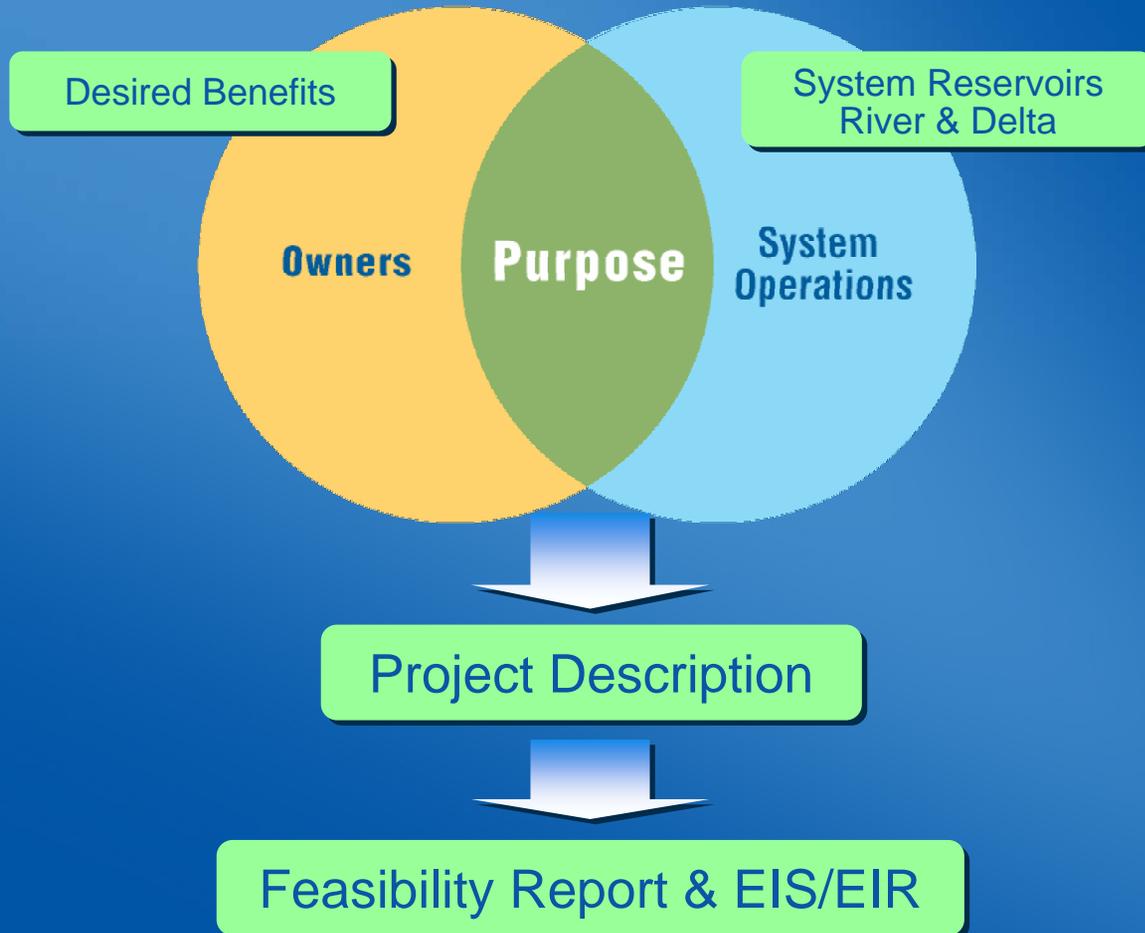
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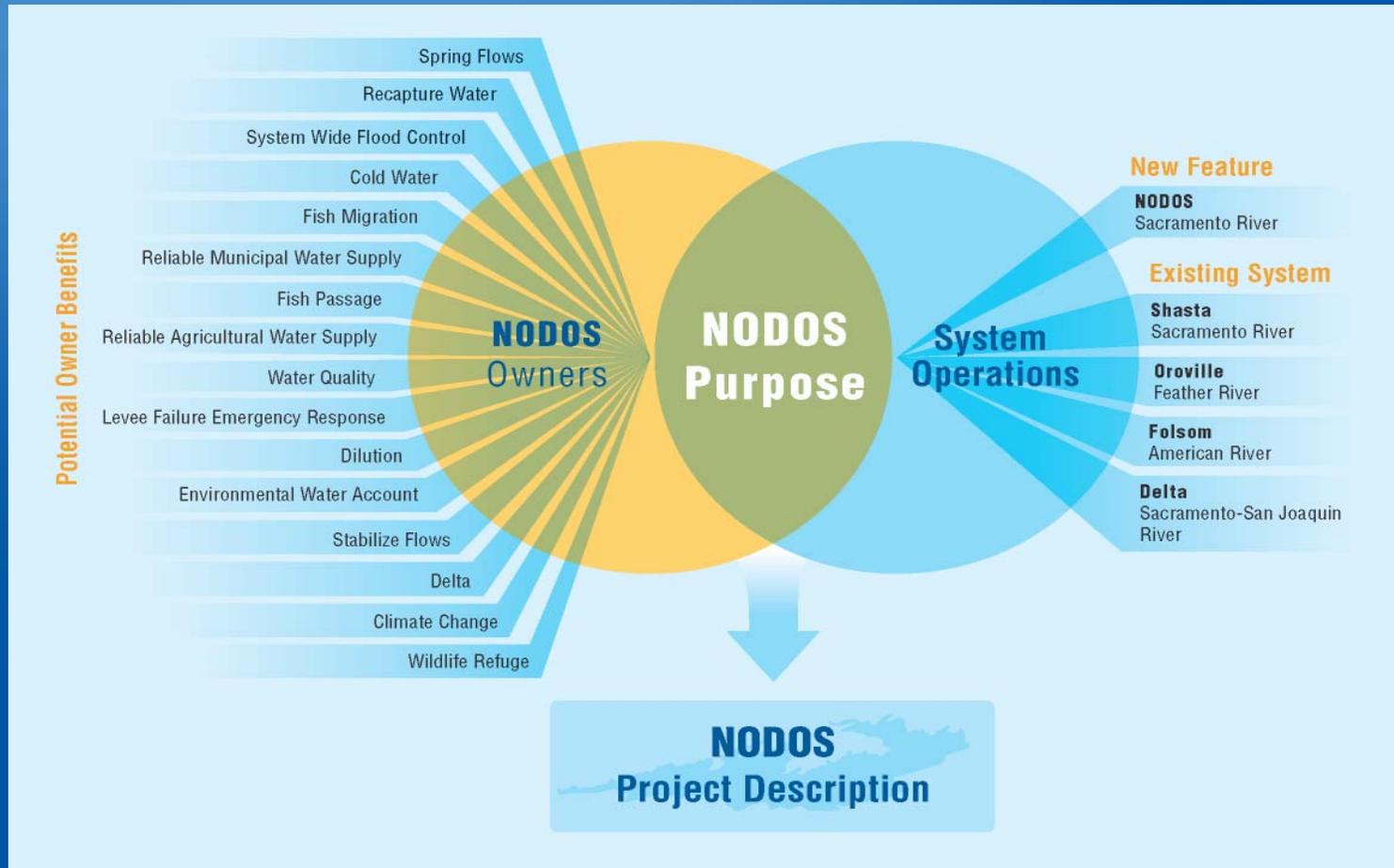
Status of Storage Projects

- ▶ Continuing with feasibility studies and environmental documentation for:
 - Shasta Lake Enlargement
 - North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage
 - Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion
 - Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation
- ▶ General evaluation of potential benefits for each project complete.
- ▶ Completion of studies requires defining a more specific project description for each project.

Getting to Project Description



Example of Getting to Project Description



Surface Storage Decisions

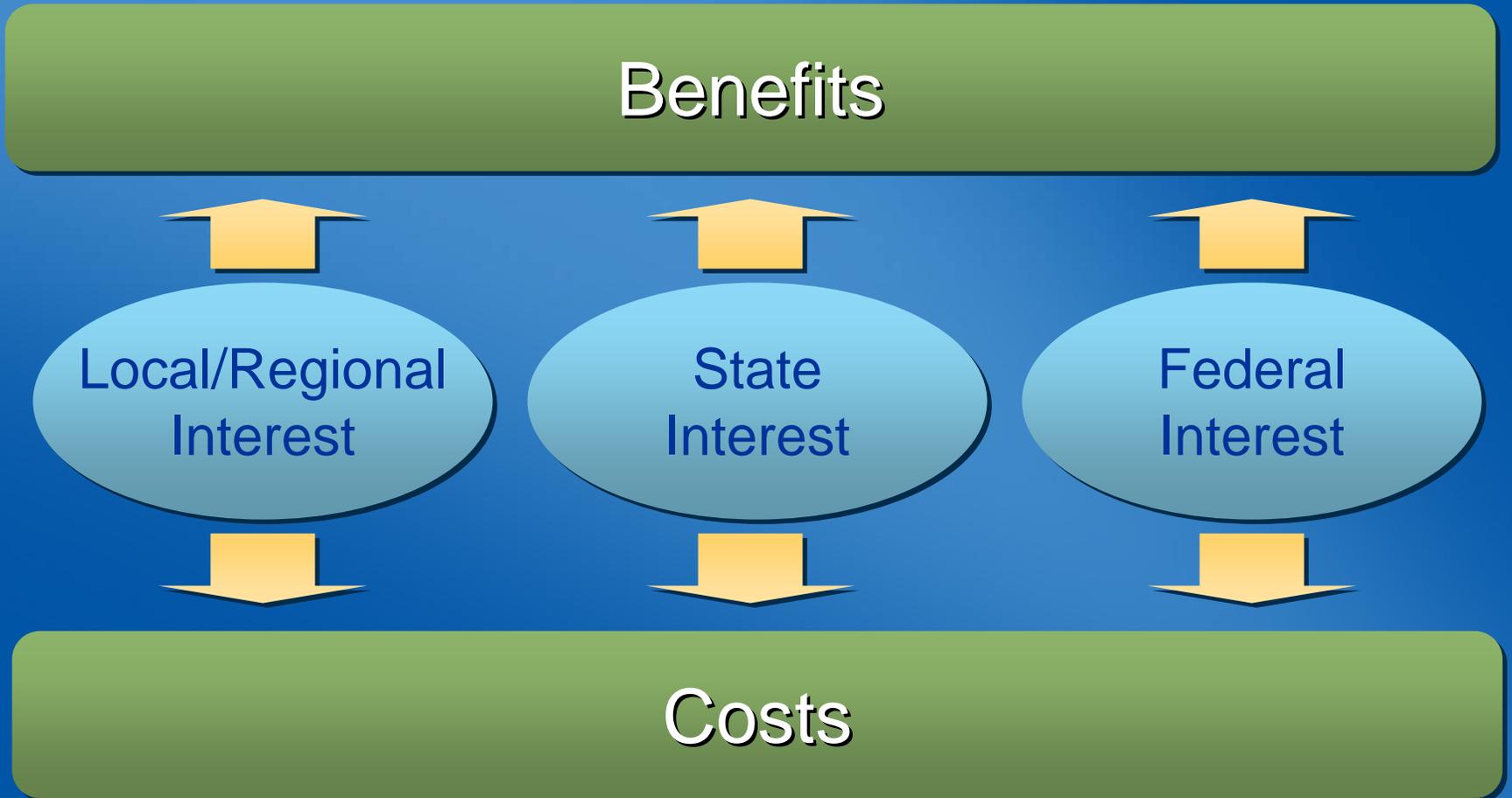
Benefits

Local/Regional
Interest

State
Interest

Federal
Interest

Costs



Determine Local/Regional Interest

- ▶ Work with potential local/regional project participants to assess their needs and interest in the projects
- ▶ Work with potential local/regional project participants to evaluate whether their needs can be met by storage projects.
- ▶ Use the Common Assumptions effort to develop comparable information to allow the performance, benefits, and costs of each project to be compared.

Determine State Interest

- ▶ State interest is focused on potential broad public benefits of projects
- ▶ Broad public benefits could include:
 - Environmental Water Account (or its successor)
 - Ecosystem Restoration
 - Flood Control Protection
 - Water Quality for Fish and Wildlife
 - Emergency Response
- ▶ Work with fish and wildlife agencies to determine interests in environmental restoration benefits

Determine Federal Interest

- ▶ Federal interest is defined as whether a commitment of federal resources will contribute to the overall benefit of the nation
- ▶ Federal planning process used to determine the Federal interest in the projects
- ▶ Process includes preparation of the following reports:
 - Initial Alternatives Information Report
 - Plan Formulation Report
 - Feasibility Study Report

Strategy for Completing Planning Studies

