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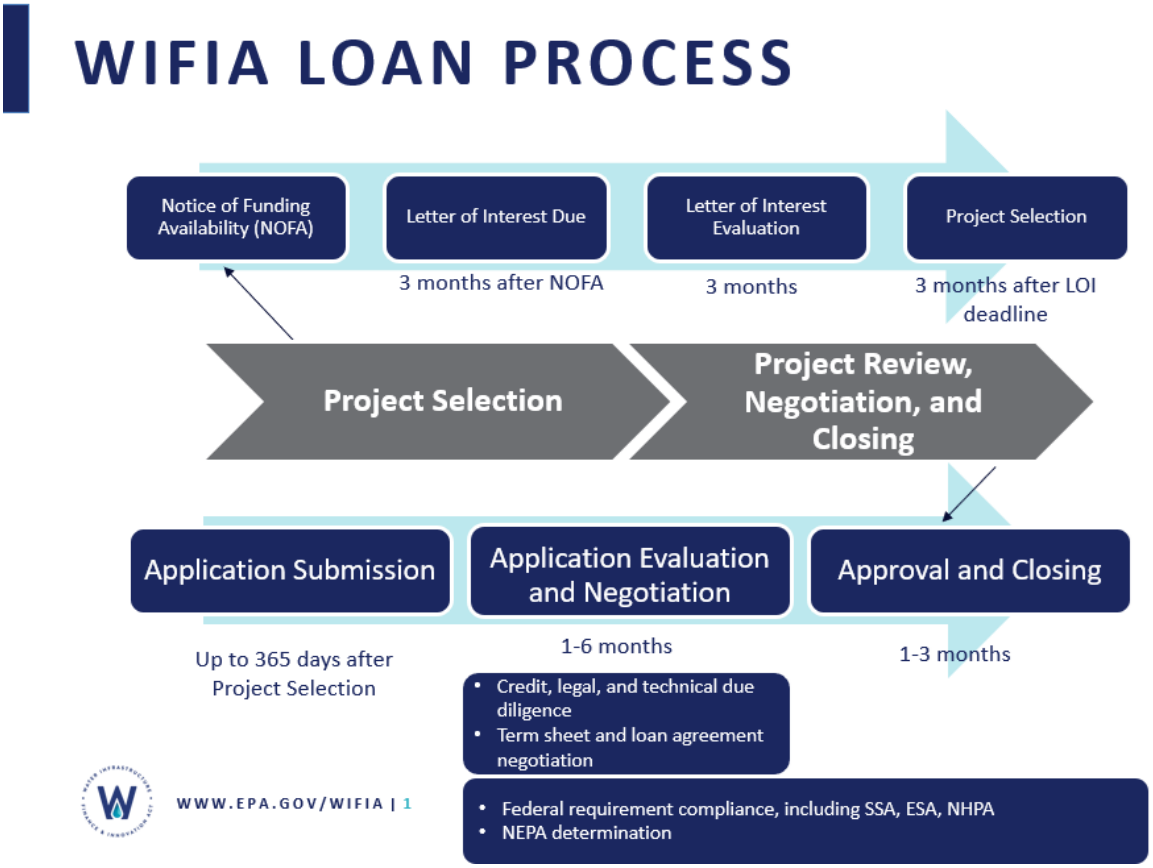
Hi Connell,
From what I'm seeing, it looks like Santa Clara Water District has been invited to submit an application but doesn't plan to submit until some time later this year. I've added a slide that's been helpful to explain where projects are at in the WIFIA process.
WIFIA has two a two part process. At this time Santa Clara has moved through project selection and has not yet started the application phase. The slide gives some rough timelines for how long it takes to move through each step, but a more accurate timeline for each project is generated once the application comes in. Once the application has been received and deemed complete, that is when WIFIA will begin reviewing the materials to determine the appropriate NEPA compliance path.
Until the full application is submitted WIFIA doesn't have much interaction with the potential applicants and env reviewers rarely get engaged before that time. The WIFIA underwriter is the main POC pre-application- for this project the UW is Brian Jefferis. I'm not sure if he has any additional information to provide you at this time, but he may have a better sense of when Santa Clara plans to submit their application.

Thanks for reaching out. I hope this helps!

Thanks,
Alaina



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Hi Alaina!

Happy New Year! I hope you are doing well. I have a question about a WIFIA project and NEPA compliance. It is Pacheco Reservoir in the Santa Clara Water District. The project will boost the Reservoir's operational capacity from 5,500 acre-feet to up to 140,000 acre-feet. It's a large project, and I'm curious what EPA's understanding is for the intended NEPA compliance. A state CEQA document is out for review currently so it is timely for us to understand what future NEPA timeline is if you know. I can also reach out to CEQA project manager, but wanted to hear the WIFIA answer first.

Thanks!

Connell

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/documents/santa_clara.pdf