



## Case Study

# Water Storage

**“Data from NASA satellites shows that the total amount of water stored in the Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins—that is, all of the snow, river and reservoir water, water in soils and groundwater combined—was 34 million acre-feet below normal in 2014. That loss is nearly 1.5 times the capacity of Lake Mead, America’s largest reservoir.”**

*—Los Angeles Times, March 12, 2015 (SBAC)*

### **Opportunity**

A special district sought to ensure a drought year water supply solution. Capturing excess storm water flow and storing it underground appeared to be a viable solution.

### **Challenge**

Negotiating federal, state and local regulations proved to be the true hurdle.

### **Solution**

Attorneys at Churchwell White LLP worked with the special district and its consultants to break through compliance obstacles and fully entitle the project.

### **Benefit**

Not only did this allow a depleted aquifer to become the special district’s much needed reservoir, the project also conserved many acres of land.



## Firm

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