

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

**2017 July 16**

Subject: **Inputs to WSIP Application - Conditional Acceptance**

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## **Document Review Sub-Work Group Report and Recommendation**

Purpose: To provide a recommendation to the Reservoir Committee for its consideration regarding the status of documents that are required to be submitted as part of the WSIP application to the Water Commission.

Background:

1. The Document Review Sub-Work Group was created to focus on review of the documents that will be submitted to the Water Commission with the exception of:
  - a. Documents that had previously been reviewed by the Document Review Work Group (e.g. Engineering and EIR/S)
  - b. The Finance Plan

This sub-work group also was tasked to review Reclamation’s Administrative Draft Feasibility Report. In addition, this sub-work group operated within the charter of the Document Review Work Group, but on the condition their reviews be completed before the August 14 deadline.

2. The Finance and Economics Work Group will review the Finance Plan.

Status: Various aspects of the WSIP application have been presented, primarily through a series of workshops, to both the Reservoir Committee and Authority with direction provided to the General Manager to work with staff and the consulting teams to address the Reservoir Committee’s and Authority’s comments, respectively.

Currently, the working draft of the 20-page Executive Summary has been reviewed with the consultant teams addressing comments received to date. Review of the technical sections, with the exception of the Finance Plan, are in progress.

Recommendation: Based on the status of reviews, the Document Review Sub-Work Group provides the following recommendations for the Reservoir Committee’s consideration:

1. Since Reclamation’s current Administrative Draft Feasibility Report contains independent analysis and information that bolsters the Authority’s WSIP application, that on the condition the Reservoir Committee’s acceptance of

Reclamation's Draft Feasibility Report (see Feasibility Report Recommendation), Reclamation's Draft Feasibility Report be included in the WSIP application.

2. The Reservoir Committee recommend the Authority approve the resolution as required by CCR Title 23, Division 7, Sections 6003(a)(1)(C) for inclusion with the WSIP application (refer to Attachment 7-4a).
3. The Reservoir Committee request final authorization to submit the WSIP application to the Water Commission be delegated to the General Manager with the expectation the following conditions have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Coordination Work Group:
  - a. Acceptance by the Authority of the 20-page Executive Summary
  - b. Comments provided by the Reservoir Committee's Document Review Sub-Work Group have been satisfactorily addressed by staff and the consulting teams
  - c. The Finance Plan has been accepted by the Reservoir Committee's Finance and Economics Work Group
4. The Reservoir Committee forward this recommendation, either as is or as modified, to the Authority for consideration prior to August 14.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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