Topic: Sites Reservoir Project 2017 July 16

Subject: Delegation of Authority to Finalize the WSIP Application and

Related Documents

General Manager's Recommendation

<u>Purpose</u>: To provide a recommendation to the Reservoir Committee for its consideration requesting a delegation of authority to enable modifications to the WSIP application (August 14, 2017) and supporting documents that may need to occur before the next Reservoir Committee meeting, which is planned for August 18, 2017.

<u>Background</u>: Various aspects of the WSIP application - including the EIR/S and Feasibility Report - 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.

The review of some key sections of the WSIP application are still in progress and its submission requires the integration of various work products and ensuring consistency between them. These activities are projected to extend up to the August 14, 2017 deadline established by the CA Water Commission. Further, work is progressing on related activities that may inform or require modification to the WSIP application.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Up to the August 14 deadline, the Reservoir Committee delegates responsibility to the Reservoir Committee Chair and Vice Chare and the General Manager to

Take appropriate actions both deem necessary to:

- 1. Ensure the EIR/S is released by August 14
- 2. Assist Reclamation to ensure the Draft Feasibility Report is released by August 14
- 3. Ensure the WSIP application is complete and responsive to the requirements (refer to CCR Title 23, Division 7, Sections 6000 et seq.) for its submission before the August 14 deadline.

And to resolve issues that may arise, such as new information, that could result in a material change to the documents and/or this recommendation and which may require amending this recommendation or amending the recommendation submitted

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to the Authority. The determination of a material change should be vested with either the Reservoir Committee's Chair or Vice Chair or the General Manager.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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