Meeting: Phase 1 Reservoir Project Agreement 2017 Apr 21

Subject: Reservoir Committee Meeting 9:30 - 12:30 PM

Location: Westside WD 5005 Hwy 20, Williams CA 95987 Call in: 1 310.372.7549

Conf. Room #7 on 28th floor Code: 895389 (no #)

Chair: Thad Bettner (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District)

Vice Chair: Doug Headrick (San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District)

Treasurer Jamie Traynham (Westside Water District)

MINUTES

<u>ROLL CALL & QUORUM</u>: Roll was called, which resulted in 18 eligible representatives in attendance plus 2 participating by phone. This equates to 88% of the current participation percentage being in attendance, which is greater than the 50% needed to have a quorum of the Reservoir Committee.

ATTENDANCE: See attached list.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bettner calls the meeting to order at 9:37 AM

AGENDA APPROVAL: It was moved by Jamie Traynham and seconded by Bill Vanderwaal to approve the April 21, 2017 Sites Reservoir Committee Agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

<u>PUBLIC COMMNET PERIOD</u>: No members of the public elected to speak.

1. Chairperson's Report:

1.1 March Status Report (Informational Attachment 1-1):

General Manager Watson provided a synopsis and stated the report outline and structure continue to evolve to reflect the Reservoir Committee's needs. General discussion was held with no action taken.

1.2 Meeting Calendar:

Reservoir Committee: Consider proposed modifications (Attachment 1-2):

Based on general discussion, it was the consensus of the Reservoir Committee that:

- a. The May 9 workshop should proceed as currently planned.
- b. A site tour will be planned for the morning of May 19. Depending upon member interest, a separate tour of the Red Bluff and/or Hamilton City diversion facilities would be considered.
- 1.3 An informational report out from the April 17 Authority Board Meeting, with specific discussion related to the following:

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Caveat 1

Updated Draft

Informational

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1.3.1 Authority's Legislative Committee: The March DC Trip.

General Manager Watson provided information regarding the March 28-29 meetings in Washington DC; which were attended by Authority Board Chair Vann, Authority Vice Chair Durst, Authority Member Sutton, and General Manager, Watson. The purposes of the trip were to (a) discuss the congressionally-mandated feasibility study and (b) provide progress to staff to both House and Senate representatives.

1.3.2 Authority's Advocacy Committee: Current and planned activities.

General Manager Watson provided an overview of (a) recent editorials and articles relevant to the Sites Reservoir Project, (b) an upcoming tour for students from SF State University, (c) meetings with landowners to answer their questions, and (d) a second set of letters have been mailed to native American tribes.

- 1.4 <u>On-boarding Status</u> (Attachment 1-4):
- 1.4.1 Report on the status of expressions of interest and/or requests to participate for discussion, possible action, and/or possible direction to staff.

General Manager Watson provided a staff recommendation that the Reservoir Committee accept Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWDSC's) formal request to participate in up to 50,000 acre-ft. of Class 2 water. It was noted that at the April 17 Authority Board meeting, the Board acted to accept MWDSC's request to participate solely in the Reservoir Committee, pending the Reservoir Committee's approval. After discussion, the staff recommendation was unanimously accepted.

1.4.2 Report on the status of the signed agreements for discussion and possible direction to staff.

General Manager Watson provided an informational update.

1.5 Document Labeling Standard (Attachment 1-5):

General Manager Watson provided a staff recommendation that the Reservoir Committee accept the draft standard practice for use. After discussion, the staff recommendation was unanimously accepted.

1.6 Maxwell Office: An informational report on the status of activities to restore the office for use.

General Manager Watson provided a status of efforts to re-occupy the office. All demolition work has been completed, which included removal of floor tiles underneath the carpeting that contained asbestos. The next step is for Colusa County to execute a remodeling contract so that a certificate of occupancy can be issued. In addition, the insurance claim has been filed, but the insurer is waiting for other claims to be filed before it can determine what if any amount of the Authority's claim will be paid.

2. Finance & Economics Work Group:

2.1 Review Treasurer's report (informational Attachment 2-1)

Treasurer Traynham presented the Treasurer's report and answered questions. The Authority had approved the payment of claims at the April 17 Authority Board Meeting.

2.2 <u>Revenue</u>: Provide a status of revenue received to date to ensure all participants are and have paid the same amount on a dollar-per-acre-ft. basis.

General Manager Watson provided an update of activities underway to account for all payments received to date and to update the budget to reflect the amounts approved for the amended work plan, which is an Exhibit in the Phase 1 Reservoir Committee Agreement. This work is being performed by the new accounting firm retained by the Authority in February.

2.3 <u>2017 Budget Update</u> (Attachments 2-3a, & 2-3b):

Treasurer Traynham presented the Work Group's recommendation to accept the proposed adjustments between budgeted line items for the Reservoir Committee to better align with the prioritized fiscal year 2017 work plan. The adjustments do not change the Reservoir Committee's overall approved budget for fiscal year 2017 and does not change the phase 1 budget target. After discussion, the Work Group's recommendation was unanimously accepted by consent.

2.4 <u>Basis of Participation</u> (Attachment 2-4):

General Manager Watson discussed proposed changes to the draft document provided at the March 21 meeting. After discussion, the changes were unanimously accepted to enable the document to be used as the basis for updating participation based on current information that includes additional participation by those who have executed the Phase 1 Reservoir Committee Agreement. This document will also serve as the beginnings for the development of a guidance document defining how the Phase 1 rebalancing process should be completed. After discussion, the changes to the document was unanimously accepted by consent.

3. Document Review Work Group:

Chairperson Better announced that he had agreed to remain the leader for this work group through the submission of the WSIP application, which is due before August 14. Environmental Planning and Permitting (EPP) Manager Thomson will provide direct support and coordination.

3.1 Working Draft Environmental Impact Report & Statement (EIR/S)

EPP Manager Thomson provided progress of efforts to have an administrative draft EIR/S ready for review; which Reclamation, as the NEPA lead agency,

intends to use to obtain comments from federal cooperating agencies. It was noted that a couple of chapters are still under development.

3.2 Feasibility Report

Reclamation Project Manager Dietl provided progress of efforts to have an administrative draft Feasibility Report that will be advanced to draft in time for inclusion with the WSIP application. Current efforts are addressing the project's operations and methods to appropriately monetize benefits.

Discussion of the April 8 letter (Attachment 3-2):

EPP Manager Thomson and General Manager Watson described how the April 8, 2017 letter from Senator Feinstein and Congressmen LaMalfa and Garamendi aligns the development of Reclamation's Feasibility Report with the WSIP Application and then enables the Authority to submit, approximately 60 days after the Water Commission makes their determination, a request for federal participation as authorized by the WIIN Act. The letter also clarifies that the Project will be advanced as a locally-led project and therefore only requires Reclamation to submit their report to the Authority. The letter and current schedule still allow Reclamation to complete a Federal Feasibility Report should it be determined later in time that additional authorizations are needed for Reclamation to participate at a level that is commensurate with the national interest.

3.3 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) Application

AECOM Project Manager Herrin described data needed from each Reservoir Committee participant in order to complete the WSIP application. These items include (a) the status of agricultural and urban water management plans, (b) groundwater basin information, and (c) potential benefits to disadvantaged communities as defined in the WSIP Regulations.

3.4 Schedule and approval processes (Attachment 3-4):

EPP Manager Thomson and General Manager Watson discussed the process and proposed schedule to seek approvals from both the Reservoir Committee and Authority as it relates to submission of the WSIP Application, inclusion of the draft Feasibility Report with the WSIP Application, and status of the EIR/S as either publicly available or as a public draft.

4. Other Work Group Reports:

4.1 Members' Reservoir Operations

Work Group Co-leads Kunde & Ruiz are planning to have work group meetings to advance the proposed reservoir operations.

CH2m Project Manager Tull provided progress of efforts underway to model climate change in accordance with the WSIP application requirements and an overview of the model results being used in the EIR/S.

4.2 Site Works

Work Group Leader Azevedo reported this work group will evaluate the reservoir releases through either the spillway or dam's outlet works. The underlying studies were performed prior to the Authority becoming the CEQA lead agency.

4.3 Power Facilities:

Work Group Leader Vanderwaal provided the status of efforts to identify a preferred grid interconnection strategy and strategy to develop the projects' hydropower pumped-storage potential. Initial efforts will focus on the need for system impact studies to understand the impacts associated with connecting to either the PG&E or WAPA systems.

4.4 Water Facilities

There was no activity to report. General Manager Watson requested a Work Group leader be identified sooner than the proposed post-August 14 date.

5. Recap & Adjourn

General Manager Watson provided a synopsis of the meeting and requested input for next month's meeting. The primary actions are (a) schedule the May 19 tour, (b) notify MWDSC of their acceptance, (c) finalize agreements and onboarding process.

Chairperson	General Manager
Thad Bettner	Jim Watson

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Attachment to Meeting Minutes - Attendance

Current Voting Committee Participants (25):

✓	Percent	Participant	✓	Representative	✓	Alternate	Others
	0.18	4M Water District		Wade Mathis			
	1.14	American Canyon, City		Steve Hartwig		Jason Holley	
$\overline{\checkmark}$	0.59	AVEK WA		Dwayne Chisam	\checkmark	Dan Flory	
$\overline{\checkmark}$	0.22	Carter MWC	\checkmark	Ben Carter			
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	0.11	Cortina WD		Glenn Kelley			
$\overline{\checkmark}$	0.70	Davis WD	\checkmark	Jamie Traynham		Tom Charter	
$\overline{\checkmark}$	1.92	Desert WA	\checkmark	Mark Krause			
	1.76	Dunnigan WD		Donita Hendrix			
Р	0.88	Garden Highway MWC	Р	Nicole Van Vleck		Jon Munger	
$\overline{\checkmark}$	7.03	Glenn-Colusa ID	\checkmark	Thad Bettner		Don Bransford	
$\overline{\checkmark}$	7.03	Orland-Artois WD		John Erickson	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Emil Cavagnolo	
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	1.05	Proberta WD		Dan Jones			
$\overline{\checkmark}$	7.03	RD 108	V	Bill Vanderwaal			
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Other Attendees:

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