



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 5-1**

2018 Feb 26

Subject: **Public Comments from Draft EIR/EIS**

Requested Action:

No action requested. Informational item.

Detailed Description/Background:

The public comment period for the Sites Project Draft EIR/EIS closed on January 15, 2018. Project Staff is in the process of organizing the submitted comments and starting the response to comment process. The final EIR/EIS is scheduled for late 2019.

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

Staff Contact:

Rob Thomson

Attachments:

Attachment A – Draft EIR/EIS Public Comment Report

Subject: **Report to the Reservoir Committee – Comments on the Draft EIR/**

S Meeting: **Phase 1 Authority Board Meeting - February 26, 2018**

From: Staff and CH2M-Jacobs: **Rob Thomson, Mark Oliver, and Lyna Black**

- 1) Received additional agency and public comments from an additional two individuals. A petition has received additional signees totaling 1,001 signees as of February 8, 2018. The table below summarizes commenters by affiliation. USFWS has notified the Authority their input will be provided through their Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report.
- 2) Continuing working through categorizing letters and identifying comments to support development of comment/response matrix.
- 3) Categorizing primary comments across letters to identify potential thematic response categories, as well as response approaches and potential need for additional analyses. Initial themes include:
 - a. Range of alternatives
 - b. Operational approach and bypass/weir flows
 - c. Tribal/cultural resources
 - d. Water quality impacts
 - e. Delta species/flow effects
 - f. Baseline assumptions and climate change
- 4) Developing summary memo in coordination with Reclamation for federal coordination purposes summarizing comments and proposed response approaches
- 5) Summary presentation to be provided at next meeting and subsequent Authority board meeting

<i>Commenter Affiliation</i>	<i>Number of commenters</i>
Federal	3
State	6
Tribal	3
Local/Regional	12
NGO*	10
Individuals**	103
TOTAL COMMENT LETTERS/E-MAILS/PETITION	136

*Some NGO letters included comments from multiple NGOs

** Includes individual petition on Change.com containing 1001 signees as of 2/8/18