



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 3-3**

2018 Aug 20

Subject: **USBR Activities & WINN Act Funding**

Requested Action:

No action requested. Informational item.

Detailed Description/Background:

1. The Bureau of Reclamation has a legislative requirement to provide the final Feasibility Report to the Sites Project Authority by the end of August of this year. Using funds appropriated from the WIIN Act, Reclamation has contracted with an AECOM/Jacobs/J-B Comm team to prepare the Feasibility report and additional pre-construction engineering tasks. The final Feasibility Report is moving through the internal, policy and Commissioner’s review. Reclamation staff is briefing the Commissioner on August 28th, at that meeting we will be requesting approval to release the draft to the Sites Project Authority. After the briefing the Commissioner will make a determination as to releasing the draft report or whether additional adjustments or review is required.

Reclamation, in coordination with Sites Authority staff, will be initiating certain pre-construction engineering design refinements. Additional information regarding the scope and schedule of this work will be presented at future meetings. Reclamation and the Site Project Authority will need to start working on a new MOU for the preconstruction efforts.

2. Staff to give a status update on activities to secure federal WIIN Act funding.

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

No impact to the Sites Authority funds. Funds for this work are appropriations under the WIIN Act

Staff Contact:

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Attachments:

None.