



Requested Action:

No action requested. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding U.S. Bureau of Reclamation activities and WIIN Act Funding

Detailed Description/Background:

Amendment to the Cost-share MOU: The 2015 Memorandum of Understanding needs to be updated to reflect actual costs spent by the Authority, Reservoir Committee and State of California (Prop 1, WSIP) exceed the original estimates. Since 2015 and continuing through 2019. The non-federal cost-share is approximately \$27 million, which excludes the State’s early funding through WSIP. This update is important to ensure the Project receives the maximum amount of eligible federal funding, which:

- a. for work being performed under the original CalFed authorization, allows for a 50% (federal) - 50% (non-federal) cost share; and
- b. for work being performed under appropriations as authorized by the WIIN Act, allows for up to a 25% (federal) - 75% (non-federal) cost share. To date, \$4.35 million has been appropriated (FY 2017) and additional funds are pending congressional appropriations.

Geotechnical Investigations: Work continues to define the extent of focused geotechnical investigations to support:

- a. Reclamation’s completion of the federal Feasibility Report; which was authorized by congress under CalFed and
- b. preliminary engineering as a pre-construction activity in accordance with the WIIN Act.

Predecessor activities are well underway and include the completion of environmental review and obtaining the permits (refer to Agenda Item 6.1), obtaining temporary rights of entry (refer to Agenda Item 9.1) and funding. Currently, the funding is the limiting factor in terms of the scope of work that can be completed in 2019 and some permits are expected to include work widows that will limit when some of these field activities can be performed. Sites Project and Reclamation staff are working through these remaining items and have identified a potential opportunity to perform some initial geotechnical data collection this fall and then perform additional geotechnical data collection as funding becomes available and within permitted work windows (and in accordance with other permit conditions).

Prior Authority Board Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

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Attachments:

None.