



Topic: **Reservoir Committee Agenda Item 6-2** **2019 June 20**

Subject: **CDFW Discussions**

Requested Action:

No action requested. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding early discussions with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) related to CEQA/CESA compliance and the “public benefits” agreement as required by the Water Storage Investment Program.

Detailed Description/Background:

Sites Project staff have organized meetings with CDFW to work through items identified in CDFW’s comment letter on the Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement. These meetings are intended to be an informational exchange and to not be pre-decisional. Sites staff and consultants have provided project background information and analysis results covering a wide range of topics including:

- General Project Overview, Models used, published results
- Anticipated analysis basis for Chinook smolt flow mortality analysis
- Upper Sacramento River Daily Operations Model (Hydrology)
- Sites Project Monthly Operations Simulation (Calsim2)
- Sites Project Operations Viewer (GIS presentation of operations results)

Sites Project staff will continue working with CDFW to address the items identified in their comment letter.

Prior Reservoir Committee Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

Staff Contact:

Ali Forsythe/Rob Thomson

Attachments:

None.