

Topic: Authority Board Agenda Item 6-4

2019 September 23

Subject:

Geotechnical Data Collection

Requested Action:

No action requested. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding real estate, land management, site facility activities and early geotechnical explorations.

Detailed Description/Background:

Real Estate and Land Management: Finalized the Temporary Right of Entry (TROE) compensation protocol. We have conducted preliminary discussions and coordination activities with local public agencies regarding access issues for the early geotechnical explorations planned for the fall. Real Estate continues work to develop the Sites Right-of-Way Manual and to begin development of Sites Land Management program.

<u>Geotechnical Investigations</u>: 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.

Planning activities to conduct the near-term geotechnical field work are nearing completion, including the completion of environmental review and obtaining the permits, obtaining temporary rights of entry and funding. Currently, the funding is the limiting factor in terms of the scope of work that can be completed in 2019. 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 of the initial geotechnical data collection in October 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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