



Topic: **Reservoir Committee Agenda Item 7-1** **2019 June 20**

Subject: **Development of a Water Storage Policy**

Requested Action:

No action requested. Report on the Ad Hoc Reservoir Operations Work Group's development of a water storage policy for consideration as a replacement to or supplement for the current water delivery based method for use in subsequent Sites Reservoir Project Participation Agreements.

Detailed Description/Background:

The Reservoir Operation Workgroup has initiated the discussion of the use of water storage as a basis for participation in the Sites Project. That workgroup has developed a subgroup to discuss and develop a draft policy for consideration. Along with Sites Project staff and advisors, the subgroup has met and is developing text addressing items relating to the following:

- Definitions
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Allocation of Appropriated Water under the Sites Authority Water Right
- Storage of Water from Other Sources
- Allocation of costs and losses (evaporation)
- Sharing of Storage with other Participants
- Scheduling and Prioritization of Releases
- Operations, Maintenance and Repair Cost Allocation
- Allocation of Power Revenue

This concept has been successfully implemented at a couple of onstream surface water reservoirs, which serves as the basis for developing this concept for the Sites Project. The review and development of these and other issues will continue. It is expected that the subgroup will provide a "strawman" for review and consideration by the Work Group in early July and the Work Group will make a presentation and recommendation to the Reservoir Committee at the July 2019 meeting.

Prior Reservoir Committee Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

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None.