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Notice: Pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 & N-33-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 12, 2020, and guidance by the California Department of Public Health dated March 11, 2020, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public may attend the meeting and offer public comments by phone, using the call-in number provided below. Members of the Board will participate by teleconference from other locations.

October 21, 2020 1:30 p.m. Sites Project Authority Agenda

Teleconference: **1-408-418-9388**

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Welcome to a meeting of the Sites Joint Powers Authority. If you are scheduled to address the Board, please state your full name for the record. Regularly numbered items may be considered at any time during the meeting. All items are listed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. We invite all members of the public to attend.

ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER:

- Introductions.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of October 21, 2020 Agenda.
- Announcement of Closed Session.
- Period for Public Comment.

1. Consent Agenda:

Approximate start time 1:40 pm

The following items have been reviewed by the Executive Director. To his knowledge, there is no opposition to the action. The items can be acted on in one consolidated motion as recommended or may be removed from the Consent Calendar and separately considered at the request of any person.

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- 1.1 Consider approval of the September 17, 2020 Joint Authority Board and Reservoir Committee Meeting Minutes. **(Attachments A & B)**
 - 1.2 Consider acceptance of the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report. **(Attachment A)**
 - 1.3 Consider approval of the Payment of Claims. **(Attachments A & B)**
 - 1.4 Consider acceptance of the 2021 Authority Board and Reservoir Committee Meeting Calendar. **(Attachment A)**
 - 1.5 Consider authorization of the Amendment 2 Work Plan consultant amendments to set contract dollar limits at budgeted amounts and period of performance end dates to December 31, 2021 for the following professional services needed to support accomplishing Project goals; Dunn Consulting (\$128,000), Jerry Johns (\$14,000), The Ferguson Group (\$240,000) and Young Wooldridge (\$240,000).

2. Action Items:

Approximate start time 1:45 pm

- 2.1 Consider approval of the updated Consulting Contracts with Agents including Forsythe Group, Trapasso Consulting Services and Spesert Consulting. **(Attachment A)**
- 2.2 Consider authorization for the Executive Director to approve the Sites Reservoir 2020/2021 Geotechnical Investigations and file a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 2.3 Consider authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a reimbursable agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for staff support to the Sites Project for a total of \$2,850,000 thru June 2023 with not to exceed \$1,500,000 thru December 31, 2021. **(Attachment A)**
- 2.4 Consider acceptance of the Project Financing Action Plan defining approach, schedule, resources and budget, and next steps to meet 75% local cost share requirement for Prop 1 by January 1, 2022. **(Attachments A, B & C)**
- 2.5 Consider approval of the Brown and Caldwell (Project Controls) Amendment 2 Task Order No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$614,282 which increases the total contract ceiling to \$3,120,018 which supports accomplishing the development of plan of finance supporting documents.
- 2.6 Consider authorization of a contract amendment with Montague DeRose and Associates, LLC to incorporate Task Order No. 1.0 scope of work and budget in the amount of \$148,400 for a new total contract authority of \$828,800 with a period performance end date of December 31, 2021.
- 2.7 Consider authorization of a contract amendment with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth's (SYCR) to incorporate Task Order No. 1.0 scope of work and budget in the amount of \$50,000, and additional services of \$50,000 for a total

contract authority increase of \$100,000, and a period of performance end date of December 31, 2021.

- 2.8 Consider authorization of a contract amendment with The Catalyst Group's for additional follow-on work related to the strategic plan in the amount of \$45,000, for a new total contract authority of \$95,000 and extend the term of the contract through June 30, 2021.
- 2.9 Consider authorization to execute the project agreement and amendments with new participants including Irvine Ranch Water District and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District. Authorize invoicing these agencies upon completion, approximately December 1, 2020. This action requires a 75% weighted approval. **(Attachment A)**
- 2.10 Consider authorization to execute a contract amendment with Perkins Coie's to incorporate Task Order No. 1.0 scope of work and budget in the amount of \$1,250,000 and a period of performance end date of December 31, 2021.
- 2.11 Consider authorization to execute a contract amendment to incorporate Task Order No. 1 which describes the water rights legal service support and consolidating with modeling efforts related to water rights acquisition to the Somach Simmons & Dunn (Somach) contract in an amount not to exceed \$845,000 which brings the total contract authority up to \$845,000.
- 2.12 Consider confirmation of the level of service standards being used for the engineering feasibility analysis, which establish criteria for operations related to diversion and conveyance into and out of the Sites Reservoir.
- 2.13 Consider approval of the Revised Conflict of Interest Code per FPPC and receive legal counsel advise related to evaluating potential conflict areas for members. **(Attachment A)**

3. Discussion and Information Items: Approximate start time 3:00 pm

- 3.1 Review and comment on flow-related regulatory decisions affecting the Sites Project permitting efforts and environmental legal requirements **(Attachments A & B)**
- 3.2 Review and Comment on the final report of Amendment 1B Work Plan Progress and expenditures. **(Attachment A)**
- 3.3 Receive a status update on Strategic Planning next steps.
- 3.4 Receive a final status update on Organizational Assessment Progress and comment on the proposed consolidation of future reporting with strategic planning monitoring and reporting.

4. Reports: Approximate start time 3:30 pm

4.1 Member's Reports:

- 4.1.1 Chairpersons' Report:

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This time is set aside to allow the Chair/Co-Chair an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

4.1.2 Committee Chairpersons' Report:

This time is set aside to allow the Committee Chairpersons' an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

4.1.3 Authority Board Participant Reports:

This time is set aside to allow Representatives or their Alternates an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

4.2 Executive Director's Report:

- Sites Project's monthly status report. **(Attachment A)**
- Work Progress Plan Reporting. **(Attachment B)**
- Action Items from Reservoir Committee and Board Meetings. **(Attachment C)**

5. Closed Session:

Approximate start time 3:45 pm

5.1 Negotiations concerning Sites Project operation terms, conditions and agreements with the State of California, Department of Water Resources and United States, Bureau of Reclamation. (Govt. Code §§54956.9(c), 54956.9(d)(4)).

6. Future Meetings and Schedules:

Approximate start time 4:25 pm

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6.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items.

6.2 Proposed Upcoming meeting:

RESERVOIR COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
(Virtual Information will be provided prior to the meeting.)

AUTHORITY BOARD

Wednesday, November 23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
(Virtual Information will be provided prior to the meeting.)

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PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT: Any person may speak about any subject of concern, provided it is within the jurisdiction of the Directors and is not already on today's agenda. The total amount of time allotted for receiving such public communication shall be limited to a total of 15 minutes per issue and each individual or group will be limited to no more than 5 minutes each within the 15

minutes allocated per issue. **Note:** *No action shall be taken on comments made under this comment period.*

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