

Agenda Item 2.1

State Legislative/Government Affairs Priorities

Sites Reservoir Committee
June 18, 2020



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Staff has been working with the Authority Ad Hoc Legislative & Outreach Committee to identify near-term (2020-21) State legislative and government affairs priorities

- Ensure that legislative/government affairs activities better align with key project milestones, overall project schedule and available resources
- Coordinated with our Federal legislative/government affairs activities

Effort focused on identifying near-term priorities associated with State Funding and State Agency coordination activities

Any adjustment to the priorities would be brought back to the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board before being incorporated and updates will be project on significant progress



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STATE FUNDING

- California Water Commission – Proposition 1
 - Continue to advance activities to meet the statutory requirements of WSIP to secure the \$816 million awarded to the project – must be completed by **January 1, 2022**
 - Continue to secure WSIP Early Funding that was awarded to the project – approximately **\$32 million** in early funding is available
 - Advance discussion with CWC to address requests outlined in Prop 1 Coalition letter to address the impact of COVID-19
 - Advance Discussions with CWC to reconcile WSIP public benefits regarding the VP7 recommend project
- Other State Appropriations/Bonds/Grants
 - California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) - Identify opportunities for loan funding for appropriate/eligible project components
 - Track opportunities for state appropriations, grants or other bond funds for eligible project components



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STATE AGENCY COORDINATION

- Pursue development of a **DWR/SWP Coordination Operations Plan** – including a term-sheet whereby the parties agree on key provisions by **July 2021**
- Completion of the recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) by **July 2021**
- Develop strategy to advance the Authority’s water rights application by **September 2020** with a planned submittal of the application by **June 2022**
- Secure permits and approvals of CDFW for ITP & LSA and execute a contract with CDFW for WSIP benefits
- Secure permits and approvals from the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) to initiate preliminary design by **January 2022**
- Work towards completion of approvals and permits to achieve the Final Funding Conditions for Prop 1 by **June 2023**



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Other Administrative Priorities

- **Permitting**
 - Ongoing consultation with state agencies to secure required state permits to advance the project
 - Ongoing consultation with local government/agencies to secure required approvals and permits to advance the project.
- **Public Outreach & Communications**
 - Coordination with local and state agencies on any public outreach/involvement activities associated with a recirculated EIR
 - Reestablish AB 52 engagement with tribes and reengage in consultation to support the development of the recirculated EIR
 - Continued engagement with landowners, local governments and project stakeholders in support of the development of the recirculated EIR



Questions

