

JOINT RESERVOIR COMMITTEE AND AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2020

Agenda Item 3.1: Consideration of
Addition of Alternative 3 to the EIR/EIS
Project Description



Current Project Description Limitations

- Alternative 1 and 2 include a range of \$0 to \$200 million in Federal investment
- WIIN Act authorizes up to 25% Federal investment for state-led projects
 - Federal feasibility report is expected to identify 25% Federal investment
 - About \$760 million for the project, subject to available funding
- Challenge – No CEQA or NEPA coverage for Federal investment above \$200 million in current Alternatives 1 and 2

Potential Solution

- Proposed new Alternative 3
 - Federal investment at 25%
 - Same physical facilities as Alternative 1
 - Same diversion criteria as Alternative 1 and 2
 - Same diversion criteria as Alternative 1 with the potential for increased carryover storage in Shasta Lake as a result of the increased Federal investment
 - Use of Reclamation's Sites water in a similar manner to how this water is used in the project's federal Feasibility Report (i.e., operational flexibility)
- Brackets the range of possibility for federal investment
- Would not change the Authority's preferred project (Alternative 1)

Next Steps

- Complete EIR/EIS Chapter 2, Alternatives
 - Including Alternative 3 and description of proposed operations
 - Return in January with briefing and recommendation to post on Authority's website
- Continue ongoing analysis and chapter preparation
- Outreach with NGOs and Cooperating, Responsible and Trustee Agencies

QUESTIONS?

