

AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

JULY 22, 2020

STORAGE POLICY



Background

- Reservoir Committee conditionally approved the Storage Policy in August 2019
- Policy describes how participants can manage diversions, storage, and releases
- Has not been updated since the Value Planning process, and therefore contains some outdated information and areas for further consideration
- Policy is a foundational building block to accomplishing 2021 milestones

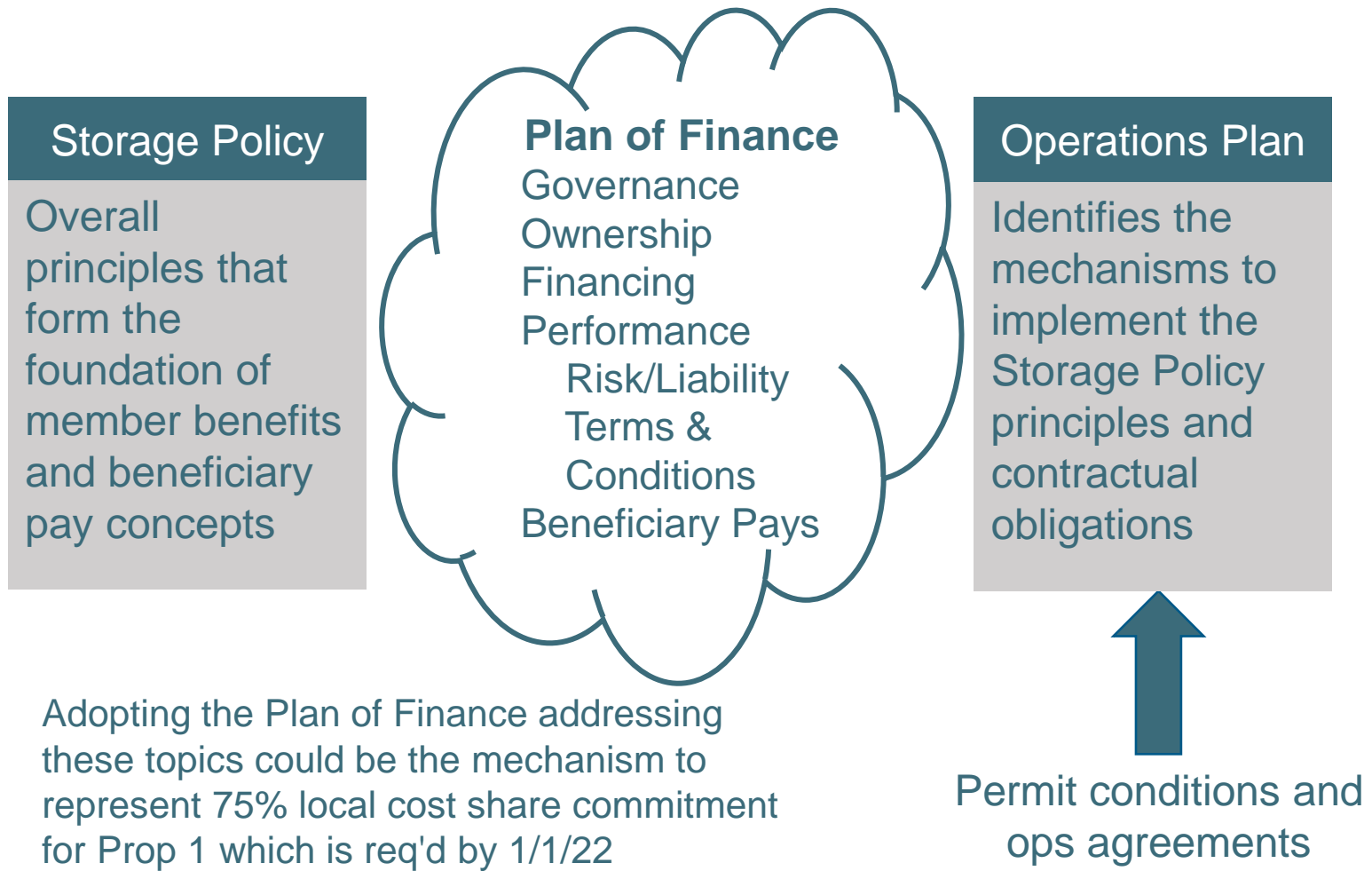
Current Policy

- Foundational Components:
 - Sites participants are purchasing storage space in a reservoir that can be used at their discretion, subject to permitting and operating constraints
 - Water supply benefits derived from allocated space will depend in large part on how each Storage Partner manages its space
- Subject to Further Discussion:
 - Sites Authority holds water rights and responsible for operations
 - Reservoir Committee responsible for accounting

Potential Areas for Changes

- Value Planning identified individual participant constraints and needs which the Reservoir Committee may wish to consider in the policy
- May be considerations related to State and Federal participation
- Staff recommends delegating refinement of Policy to ad hoc Reservoir Operations & Engineering Workgroup

The Foundation of the Sites Project



Next Steps

- Refer to Reservoir Operations and Engineering Workgroup for policy updates
 - Target revisions and determine if further work is needed in 2 months
 - Individual agency legal review
- Initiate Plan of Finance development
 - Review approach at September meeting
- Continue to develop Operations Plan along with permits and operating agreements

DISCUSSION

