

Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 3-1, Fundamentals of the Water
Right Application to the State Board

May 26, 2021



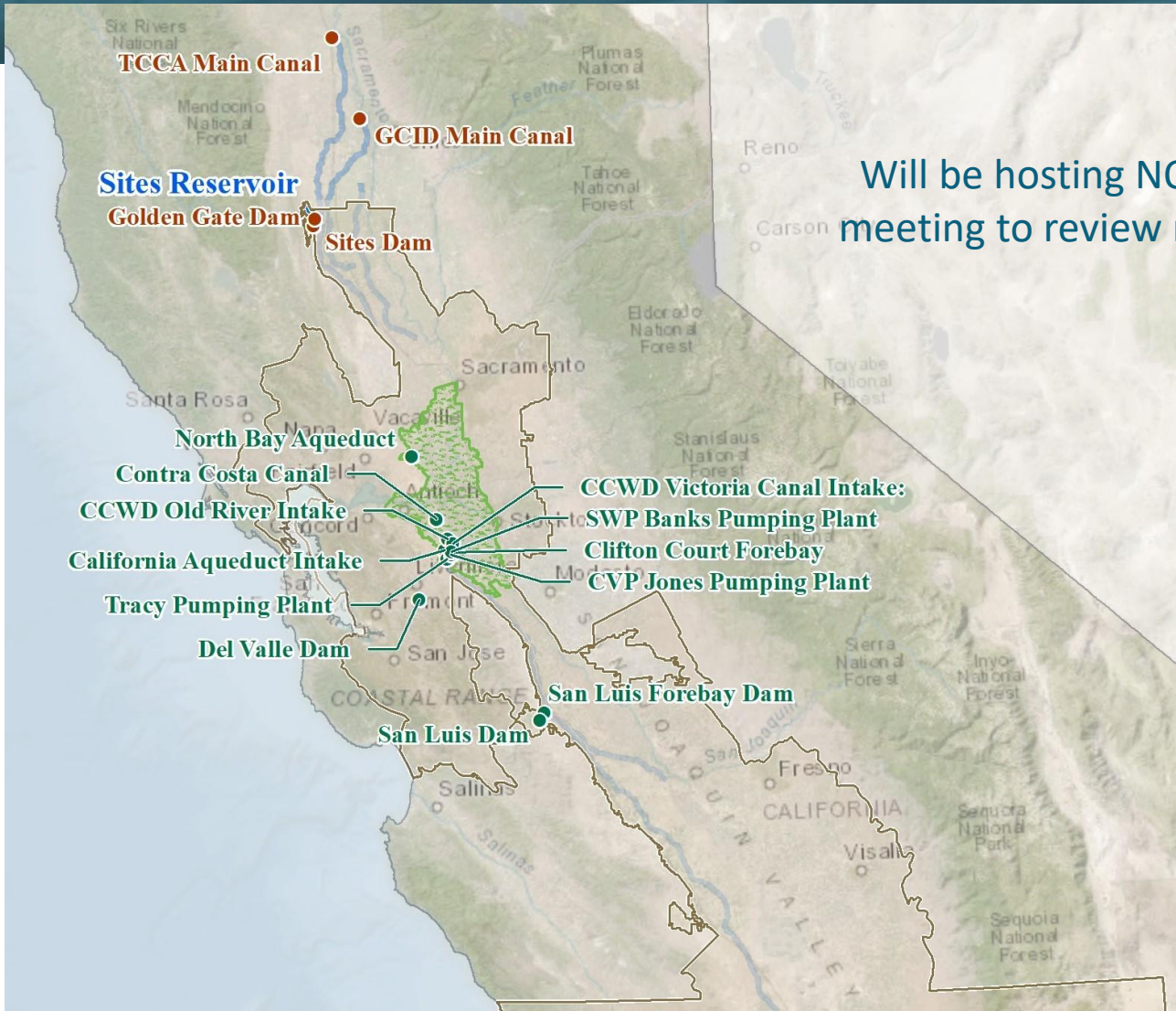
Water Rights Application Update

- Since Nov 2020 key parameters briefing, team has focused on:
 - Refining parameters and discussing them with State Board staff
 - Developing approach for Water Availability Analysis
 - Establishing regular coordination meetings with State Board staff
 - Developing approach to navigating the new State Board on-line application process
 - Discussions with Reclamation and DWR through the Operations Agreement efforts

Key Refinements Since Nov 2020

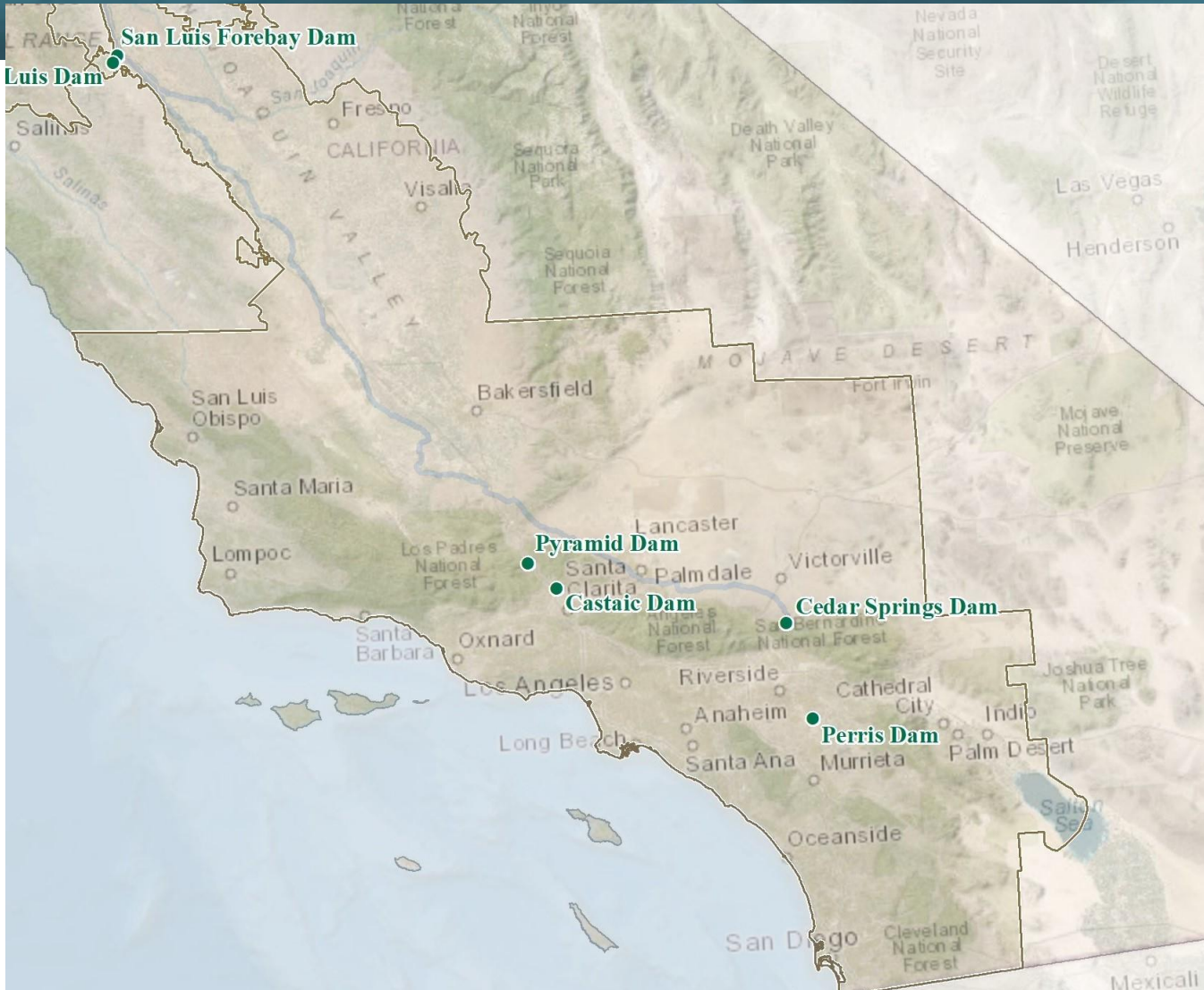
- Purpose of Use
 - Added stockwatering based on discussions with Reclamation
 - Discussed groundwater banking and undesirable effects of overdraft with State Board staff
 - In and of itself, its not currently a recognized purpose of use
 - Purpose of use is when water is withdrawn and subsequently used
 - Will adjust if/when the State Board changes in the future
- Points of Rediversion
 - Adding more for refuges
 - Considering adding Freeport
 - Survey to members to make sure we have captured them all

Place of Use – North of Delta and Delta



Will be hosting NOD Member meeting to review map in detail

Place of Use – South of Delta



State Filing

- Petition to amend and assign A025517 (Colusa Reservoir)
 - Full Application package to describe current project
- Request release from priority
 - A025514 (Glenn Reservoir)
 - A025513 (Glenn Reservoir - power)
- Key Benefit of Assignment / Release
 - Prevents another party from assigning state-filed application in the future and directly competing with Sites in terms of priority
- Key Risk Of Only Petitioning for Assignment
 - State Board may not grant assignment
 - Would then need to go back through the process with new application (18 month delay)
 - Would lose application fee (\$570,000) and have to pay again
- Team continues to assess pros and cons of assignment and backup application

Next Steps

- Finalized key parameters
 - Survey on points of rediversion
 - North-of-Delta member meeting on place of use
- Complete Water Availability Analysis
- Begin developing application materials and navigating through the new electronic filing format

Questions?

