

Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 3-6, Table for Progress Update

March 24, 2021



Affordability

- a. **Secure a final funding agreement with California Water Commission for the remainder of the MCED.**
- b. Execute final operations and benefits agreements with federal and state agencies.
- c. Secure federal funding from the WIIN Act and other sources. Receive final federal commitments for project construction and execute Water Storage and Supply Services Contract with Reclamation.
- d. Complete loan applications and related activities to immediately initiate bank financing at the start of the next phase.
- e. Complete and execute Water Supply and Storage Services Contracts with each Local Agency participating in the Project.
- f. **Continue to refine affordability analysis based on updated capital and operating cost estimate, cost of capital, cost allocation and benefits analysis.**

Permittability

- a. **Complete Final EIR/EIS, Authority approves Project, certifies the Final EIR, adopts the MMRP, and issues a Notice of Determination; Reclamation executes the Record of Decision.**
- b. **Complete and obtain all necessary environmental permits and approvals for construction and operations (such as, Biological Opinions, Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, State incidental take permits, Clean Water Act Section 404 and 401 permits).**
- c. **Receive water right Order and Permit from the SWRCB.**
- d. Develop draft and/or final all plans, as appropriate, identified in the EIR/EIS (such as the recreation management plan, traffic management plan, land management plan, operations plan, etc).
- e. Complete and obtain local agency agreements and permits along with any required city or county actions necessary to support the next phase of the Project.
- f. Complete and execute benefit contracts with DWR (flood control and recreation benefits) and CDFW (environmental benefits) for public benefits.
- g. Develop a mitigation acquisition master plan and approach for mitigating the Project effects. Begin biological and cultural resources surveys to refine impacts and mitigation obligations on properties where willing land access can be obtained.
- h. **Receive permit to construct from DSOD all jurisdictional dams within the Project.**

Buildability

- a. **Complete engineering design to 30% level and provide updated construction and operations cost estimates. Complete further facility designs as needed to get permits and approvals required for WSIP funding.**
- b. Evaluate alternative project delivery methods, determine risks for project variances and recommended risk management strategies, finalize construction bid packages, and determine overall Project schedule.
- c. **Develop land acquisition master plan, conduct land negotiations and execute land acquisitions with “willing sellers”.**
- d. Perform geotechnical evaluations of all “willing seller” properties related to long-lead Project facilities.
- e. Continue coordination with local community organizations and agencies to address Project effects during construction and operations.

Effectiveness

- a. Develop and define the organizational culture, values and management approaches.
- b. Prepare Project controls and processes to ensure continued transparency and efficient operations through detailed design and construction.
- c. Determine the organization structure for the remainder of the Project and create the basic infrastructure to effectuate it at the start of the next work period.**

