

# Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 3-2, Update on Amendment 2  
Permitting Activities

August 25, 2021



# Agenda

- Water Right Application
- Biological Assessment
- Section 106 Programmatic Agreement
- Incidental Take Permits – Section 2081 Permit Applications
- Clean Water Act 404/401 Applications

# Water Right Application (On Track)

- Completed or Largely Completed
  - Key parameters
  - Workable file to draft and review the application prior to submittal on the new on-line portal
- In Development
  - Water Availability Analysis
    - Developing and discussing approach with State Board staff
    - Data collection and analysis underway
  - Coordination with other water right holders
    - Focus to date has been on Reclamation and DWR
- Near-term Focus
  - Complete and review Water Availability Analysis
  - Begin drafting Water Right Application
  - Continue regular discussions with State Board staff
- Submittal of application in December 2021 remains on track

# Biological Assessment (Potentially Delayed)

- Completed or Largely Completed
  - Admin Draft BA
- In Development
  - Resolution of scope of operations analysis with Reclamation
- Near-term Focus
  - Complete review of Admin Draft BA
  - Incorporate changes being made in the RDEIR/SDEIS Aquatics Chapter into the BA
  - Resolve scope of operations analysis by September 1
  - Continue regular discussions with Reclamation
- Potentially delayed from November 2021 submittal

# Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (On Track)

- Completed or Largely Completed
  - Consultation letters sent to Tribes
  - Initiation package sent to State Historic Preservation Officer
- In Development
  - Draft Programmatic Agreement
- Near-term Focus
  - Circulating Draft Programmatic Agreement for review by consulting parties
  - Continue regular discussions with Reclamation and USACE
- Final Programmatic Agreement in December 2021 remains on track

# Incidental Take Permits – Section 2081 Permit Applications (On Track)

- Completed or Largely Completed
  - Majority of the analysis as this is based largely on RDEIR/SDEIS and Admin Draft BA
- In Development
  - Admin Draft ITP Applications (1 for construction; 1 for operations)
- Near-term Focus
  - Incorporate changes being made in the RDEIR/SDEIS Aquatics Chapter into the Admin Draft Applications
  - Complete and review Admin Draft Applications
  - Continue regular discussions with CDFW
- Submittal of applications in December 2021 remains on track

# Clean Water Act 404/401 Applications (On Track)

- Completed or Largely Completed
  - Draft wetlands delineation via desktop analysis
  - Admin Draft 404(b)(1) Analysis Memorandum
- In Development
  - Admin Draft permit applications
- Near-term Focus
  - Receive comments on and revise wetlands delineation
  - Revise 404(b)(1) Analysis Memo based on comments
  - Continue monthly coordination meetings with USACE, State Board and Regional Board
  - Continue coordination with non-Sites Project facility owners
- Submittal of draft applications in December 2021 remains on track

# Questions



