

Meeting: **Sites Reservoir Committee Meeting**

November 18, 2022

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Maxwell Project Office, 122 Old Highway 99
(See below for alternate meeting locations)

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Reservoir Committee Chair: Thad Bettner (Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District)

Reservoir Committee Vice-Chair: Valerie Pryor (Zone 7 Water Agency)

Treasurer: Jamie Traynham (Davis Water District)

AGENDA

ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER:

- Introductions.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of the November 18, 2022, Meeting Agenda.
- Announcement of Closed Session.
- Period for Public Comment.

Any person may speak about any subject of concern, provided it is within the jurisdiction of the Reservoir Committee, and a public comment card is submitted. The time allotted for receiving such public communication shall be limited to 3 minutes per person. Note: No action shall be taken on comments made during this period.

1. Consent Agenda:

Approximate start time 9:15 am

The Executive Director reviewed the following items. To his knowledge, there is no opposition to the action. The items can be acted on in one consolidated motion as recommended or may be removed from the Consent Calendar and separately considered at the request of any person.

- 1.1 Approve the October 21, 2022, Reservoir Committee Meeting Minutes. **(Attachments A & B)**
- 1.2 Accept the Sites Project Authority Treasurer's Report. **(Attachment A)**
- 1.3 Approve the Payment of Claims. **(Attachments A & B)**
- 1.4 Accept the Sites Project Authority's Q3 2022 Budget Year Quarterly Financial Report. **(Attachment A)**
- 1.5 Authorize an increase to the Perkins Coie legal services contract by the amount of \$250,000, which would increase the 2022 task order amount and increase the total contract ceiling amount for the A3 work period to \$1,294,000 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

2. Action Items: Approximate start time 9:20 am

- 2.1 Approve the following actions related to the Amendment 3 Work Plan:
 - a) Acknowledge adjustments to total planned A3 work plan revenues and expenditures of less than 10% change to reflect updated conditions.
 - b) Approve the 2023 Budget.
 - c) Authorize invoicing the 2nd cash call of the A3 work period of \$100/af in January 2023.
 - d) Authorize increases to total consultant contract authority for specified consultant contracts to cover new work scope items.

(Attachment A)

- 2.2 Adopt the Final Guiding Principles and Preliminary Terms as supporting materials for the WIFIA loan application and to serve as the basis for the drafting of the Sites Reservoir Benefits and Obligations Contract. **(Attachments A, B & C)**

- 2.3 Adopt the following documents in relation to preparing an application for WIFIA loan:

- a) Master Resolution describing the Authority’s approach and priorities to collection and use of revenues to pay Authority expenses.
- b) WIFIA Reserve Policy of the Authority consistent with the Final Guiding Principles and Preliminary Terms.
- c) Debt Management Policy in compliance with Government Code requirements.

(Attachments A, B & C)

- 2.4 Approve the Authority Board membership dues covering Authority general and administrative costs estimated to not exceed \$470,000 in fiscal year 2023, which equates to dues per member of \$50,000 (9 members total) and \$5000 per Associate Member (2 members total). Authorize release of invoices in January 2023.

- 2.5 Authorize a monthly compensation adjustment to the consulting contracts with the Executive Director and Authority Agents.

3. Discussion and Information Items: Approximate start time 10:00 am

- 3.1 Review and comment on other water management activities across the state relative to Sites.

4. Reports: Approximate start time 10:15 am

- 4.1 Chairpersons’ Report:

This time is set aside to allow the Chair/Vice-Chair an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

4.2 Workgroup Chairpersons' Report:

This time is set aside to allow the Workgroup Chairpersons an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

4.3 Reservoir Committee Participant Reports:

This time is set aside to allow Representatives or their Alternates an opportunity to disclose/discuss items related to the Sites Project.

4.4 Executive Director's Reports:

- Monthly status report. **(Attachment A)**
- Work Plan Progress Report. **(Attachment B)**
- Meetings Action Items Summary. **(Attachment C)**

5. Closed Session: Approximate start time 10:30 am

5.1 Negotiations concerning Sites Project operation terms, conditions and agreements with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (Govt. Code §§54956.9(c)).

5.2 Negotiations concerning water rights permit terms and conditions (Govt. Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.9(d)(4)).

5.3 Negotiations concerning Sites Project operation terms, conditions, and agreements with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Gov. Code 54956.6(c)).

5.4 Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation; significant exposure to litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(2)) (1 Item)

5.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code §§54956.8)
Property: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Main Canal, Tehama Colusa Canal rights of way and associated conveyance facilities.

Agency Negotiator: Jerry Brown, Kevin Spesert, JP Robinette; Negotiating parties: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority and Bureau of Reclamation.

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment for facilities lease/common use agreement.

6. Report from Closed Session Approximate start time 11:50 am7. Recap: Approximate start time 11:55 am

7.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items.

7.2 Upcoming Meetings:

Authority Board Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2022 (1:30 – 4:00 pm)

Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board

Friday, December 16, 2022 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Metropolitan Water District, 700 N. Alameda St., Rm 9-359, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314

San Geronio Pass Water Agency, 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, 3880 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408