

Reservoir Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 2.10: Terminal Regulating Reservoir
Early Evaluation Geotechnical Investigations

November 19, 2021



Agenda

- Background
- CEQA and Permitting Approach
- Action Requested

Background

- Additional geotechnical investigations in the area of TRR West
 - Determine the preferred location of the TRR facilities
 - Inform comparative engineering analysis
 - Inform TRR West costs
- Anticipated to include
 - 6 borings
 - 7 cone penetration test probes
 - 2 seismic cone penetration test probes
 - Installation of up to 4 piezometers
- Scheduled for Quarter 1, 2022



CEQA and Permitting Approach

- Authority lead activity
 - Authority will be doing the drilling using Fugro
- Avoiding all effects on resources
 - Locations selected to avoid effects
 - Implementing same biological and cultural resource avoidance measures as previously
 - Limited to areas previously disturbed or developed
 - Limited by access granted by landowner

CEQA and Permitting Approach (cont)

- CEQA required, but no permits needed (avoiding effects)
- Staff propose that geotechnical investigations are categorically exempt under CEQA State Guidelines
 - Section 15304, Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land)
 - Section 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection)
- Notice of Exemption
 - Colusa County Clerk
 - State Clearinghouse

Action Requested

- Authorize the Executive Director to approve the Terminal Regulating Reservoir (TRR) Early Evaluation Geotechnical Investigations and file a Notice of Exemption under CEQA

Questions?