



Meeting: **Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**  
**Agenda Item 3.2**

**December 17, 2021**

Subject: **Water Right – Draft Application Update**

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**Requested Action:**

Review and comment on the status of the preparation of the water right application.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

The team has been working diligently on preparing the water right application. The water rights team have the following activities in progress or completed:

- Continuing to refine and wrap up the Place of Use and Points of Rediversion, including preparing the maps necessary to submit with the water right application. Staff expects to hold meetings in early January to receive additional member input on these items.
- Staff has identified several organizations and other water right holders to reach out to and discuss the Authority's approach on water rights and work to address any concerns of the organization/other water right holder prior to submitting the water right application. The team is working to address concerns proactively.
- Staff has largely prepared several sections of the water right application and is working on review and revisions.
- Staff has several components related to the Water Availability Analysis underway, including the historical analysis and preparation of the document itself. Productive discussions continue with State Board staff to determine the level of analysis required for these elements
- Staff continues to hold monthly coordination meetings with the State Water Resources Control Board staff to discuss key application components.

The submittal of the water application is delayed due to continued efforts to revise the Project's diversion criteria and revisions to the exchanges criteria in working with Reclamation to enhance ecosystem benefits. Once these two items are finalized, the team will need about 2.5 months to finalize the application including completing and finalizing the Water Availability Analysis.

**Prior Authority Board Action:**

October 2021: Received an update on the status of the development of the Authority's water right permit application, including approach for the water availability analysis.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

None.

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**Attachments:**

None.