

Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 3.1: Water Management Activities
Relative to Sites

November 21, 2022



California Water is Dynamic

- Some of the most complicated water challenges in the world are in California
- Can not wait for all issues and projects to be resolved as this will never happen – things are constantly changing
- Proceed with flexibility and understanding
- Continuously monitor, coordinate and adjust

Projects/Activities that have the Potential to Affect the Sites Project

- 2021 Consultation on the Long-term Operations of the CVP and SWP
 - Staff staying apprised
 - Continue to evaluate as reconsultation progresses
- Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update
 - Completing additional analysis on “reasonable likelihood of water available” as part of response to State Water Board’s letter – theoretical analysis, NOT operational analysis
 - Waiting for State Water Board to release usable Sac WAM model to be able to simulate operationally

Projects/Activities that are Neutral or Not Likely to Affect the Sites Project

- Delta Conveyance Project
 - DCP and Sites are separate and independent projects
 - All Sites modeling analysis assumes no DCP
 - DCP analyzed as a cumulative project in RDEIR/SDEIS
 - Not expected to impact water available for Sites
 - Staff continue to stay apprised
- Other Proposition 1, WSIP Projects
 - Staff collaborating with other WSIP projects on regular basis
- Other WIIN Act Projects
 - Staff collaborating with other WIIN Act projects on items of common interest
- Water Right Curtailments and Water Unavailability Tool
 - Not expected to impact water available for Sites (diversion criteria likely controlling)
 - Staff continue to stay apprised

Projects/Activities that May be Complementary or Work in Conjunction with the Sites Project

- Voluntary Agreements
 - Staff considering collaboration with VA habitat enhancement projects to further benefit species

It Takes a Village to Stay Appraised and Coordinate

- Staff, consultant team and legal team continue to track and participate in a number of activities throughout the state
- Staff greatly appreciates the updates provided by members involved in these activities

Questions?