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**TO:** Ad Hoc Legislative & Outreach Committee  
**DATE:** February 1, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** State Government Affairs/Legislative Priorities

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The Government Affairs Team have developed the following state government affairs/legislative priorities to focus our activities to align with key Amendment 3 milestones and align in a coordinated manner with our federal government affairs/legislative activities. This document covers the revised priorities through December 31, 2023.

## STATE FUNDING

### **Proposition 1/CWC**

- Continue to advance activities to meet the statutory requirements of WSIP to secure the \$816 million awarded to the project as opportunities arise.
- Continue to secure WSIP Early Funding for the project.
- Evaluate opportunities for additional WSIP benefits if additional dollars are made available.
- Advance discussions with CDFW to ensure flexibility is reflected in the Public Benefit Agreement for the implementation of the public ecosystem benefits.

### **Other State Appropriations/Bonds/Grants**

- Monitor for opportunities from potential state bond (2024 Climate BOND??) measures to support State's project O&M costs or achieve beneficial financing mechanisms related to climate change adaptation, local community issues, infrastructure development, drought resiliency, water resources and flood control.
- Continue to track and pursue opportunities for state appropriations/grants to offset project cost as appropriate for transportation, economic/workforce development, flood control, infrastructure planning, operations & maintenance, etc.

## STATE AGENCY COORDINATION

- Complete a DWR/SWP Coordinated Operations Plan.
  - Continue to Monitor activities of Sites/SWP Participants in their efforts to achieve agreement in principle (AIP) with DWR and other SWC's
- Complete and SUPPORT approvals and permits to achieve the Final Funding Conditions for Prop 1 by **October 2024** for management of WSIP public benefit water produced by the project.
  - All environmental documentation completed, water rights approved, all other federal, state, and local approvals, certifications and agreements required to be completed have been obtained.
- Support the work of the State Strike Team.

## ELECTED OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENT & NGO OUTREACH

- Ongoing engagement with state elected officials and their staff, administration officials and state agency leadership.
- Coordinate a 'in person' legislative tour, Invite the Governor
  - Planning for a State Legislative Day in **March 2023**.
  - State Delegation Coalition letter in **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023**.
- Ongoing engagement with regional/local elected officials (Supervisors & City Council) and local government agencies.
  - Presentations to regional/local electeds (Counties, Cities, Special Districts).
  - Local Government Coalition letter **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023**.
- Ongoing engagement with NGOs and Associations. Continued development of a state-wide project coalition.
  - Presentations to NGOs and Association Boards/Membership as available.
  - NGO/Associations Coalition Letter **1st Quarter 2023**.

Other items that do not require legislative/government affairs action but are administrative in nature are listed below. We will need to keep our legislators informed on progress of these items so that they can step in when/if needed to assist in keeping them on the timeline required to support the project schedule.

**State Permitting** - Ongoing consultation with state agencies to secure required state permits and agreements to advance the project.

**Regional/Local Permitting & Agreements** – Ongoing consultation and coordination with regional and local governmental agencies to advance necessary permits and agreements to advance the project.

**EIR Public Outreach** - Coordinate with appropriate state agencies on any public outreach activities associated with a recirculated EIR. AB 52 engagement with tribes and continued consultation activities. Conduct outreach with local non-English speaking communities in Spring 2023.