



Meeting: **Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board
Agenda Item 1.4**

March 17, 2023

Subject: **Master Lake & Streambed Alteration Agreement**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider authorization to submit the Master Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement Application and pay associated fees.

Detailed Description/Background:

Fish and Game Code Section 1602 requires any entity to notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) before beginning any activity that will substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow, change or use material from the bed, channel, or bank, or deposit or dispose of debris, waste, or other material into any river, stream, or lake. Given the scope of the effects and the multi-year nature of the work, the Sites Project is proposing to use a programmatic approach under a Master LSA Agreement.

In December 2022 when this subject was reviewed with the Board in detail, the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board requested that staff coordinate with Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District on the Master LSA prior to finalizing the document. Staff has completed this effort and the application packet is now ready for submittal.

The Master LSA notification packet requests a term of no less than 10 years. The packet proposes to include the same avoidance, minimization and compensatory mitigation measures as were included in the Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS (as may be slightly modified based on comments for the Final EIR/EIS).

The initial filing fee for processing a Master LSA Agreement is \$105,226. Additional fees include an annual fee of approximately \$8,768 for each year the Master LSA Agreement is in place and a \$877.75 per sub-notification fee that will be paid as sub-notifications are submitted to the CDFW. The fees provided here are based on 2023 fee schedule; annual fees and sub-notification fees are subject to change annually.

Prior Action:

December 16, 2022 – Reviewed the approach for complying with the State’s Lake and Streambed Alteration requirements in the form of a near term Master Agreement followed up with site specific agreements through construction.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Efforts to prepare the application, work with CDFW to receive the Master Agreement, and pay the necessary fees are covered in the Amendment 3 Work Plan.

Staff Contact:

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Primary Service Provider:

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Attachments:

None