

Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 2.2: Reimbursable Agreement
with NMFS

May 19, 2023



Why Enter Into a Reimbursable Agreement with NMFS?

- NMFS has limited staff to work on the Project
- Reimbursable agreement allows for NMFS to retain qualified, senior staff dedicated to the Project
 - Brings experience, consistency and creativity
 - Improves understanding of the Project opportunities and constraints
 - Improves consistency in decisions over time
 - Avoids competition with other projects for staff resources
 - Ensures workload is anticipated
- Stability of NMFS staff working on the Sites Project reduces costs, schedule and uncertainty risk

Agreement Details

- Costs of up to \$1,388,277 through September 30, 2028
 - Not to exceed of \$65,400 for Authority's fiscal year 2023
 - Subsequent Notices to Proceed through 2028 as needed
 - Costs reimbursed based on time and materials (only pay for time individuals work on Sites Project)
- Funding assumed for one full-time equivalent
- Dedicated staff would be senior scientist and scientific staff already familiar with the Project
- Scope would generally include technical assistance with the Authority's ESA permit development, issuance and implementation (including mitigation and adaptive management)

Balancing with Other Competing Costs

- Activity not included in Amendment 3 Work Plan
- Funds from unrestricted contingency
- With the possible need to stretch funds into 2025
 - This is a high priority effort
 - ESA compliance is a critical permit the Board identified as necessary to proceed to investor commitment
 - Agreement would allow authorized amounts to be changed in future years
 - However, most activities between now and 2025 are high priority ESA compliance efforts

Questions?

