

Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 3.2: Federal BA/BO and State
Operations ITP Application

June 16, 2023



Revised Federal ESA Approach

- Original BA approach was project-level analysis
 - Both construction and operations
- Reconsultation on the CVP/SWP LTO BiOp requires a pivot
- Revised approach
 - Step 1 – Mixed programmatic consultation for Sites
 - Programmatic operations in the Reconsultation on the CVP/SWP BA/BiOp AND
 - Sites Project-level construction BA/BiOp
 - Step 2 – Project-level operations
 - Reinitiate consultation after Reconsultation on the CVP completed to cover Sites operations at a project-level
 - Continued work with agencies on this approach

State ITP Operations Consultation Status

- Operations ITP Application largely complete
 - Ready to submit shortly
- Will start consultation with Calsim II modeling and current CVP/SWP operations baseline
 - May amend application in late 2023 with Calsim 3 with new CVP/SWP operations baseline
- Process will be more fluid than normal considering all the changes going on in CA water
- Likely result in additional time for CDFW to issue permit, but still think this is the most expeditious process possible

Questions?