



Meeting: **Joint Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**  
**Agenda Item 3.3**

**July 21, 2023**

Subject: **Update on the Local Community Working Group (LCWG)**

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**Requested Action:**

Receive and comment on a status update of discussions with the Local Community Working Group.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

The Local Community Working Group was established in the fall of 2022 to provide a forum for efficient, effective and meaningful local community engagement in the development of the project. The adopted 2020 Strategic Plan includes as one of the central values of the organization “Respect for the Local Communities,” and this group serves as the Authority’s liaison to the local community.

The LCWG was developed to represent a broad cross-section of local governmental, business organizations, and community associations in the Colusa, Glenn and Yolo County areas. Representation included county government agencies, local public safety agencies, county farm bureaus, local school districts, community organizations and local businesses. Staff is actively identifying and inviting additional local community members to participate in the LCWG and over the past couple of meetings have had several new participants. The current list of invitees to the LCWG is shown in **Attachment A**.

Five LCWG meetings have been held (October 2022 and January, March, May and July 2023). In addition, Staff hosted a project site tour for members of the LCWG in November 2022. Summary meeting notes from these meetings are available upon request.

The meetings were very productive, provided vital insight into the local community’s concerns, and identified several areas of shared interests between the community and the Project. The proactive engagement with the LCWG participants is building a spirit of collaboration and teamwork which will be vital to successfully communicating with the community throughout construction and developing a project that meets the needs of the Authority and the community. Some topics discussed to date include recreation development, socioeconomic effects of the project, workforce development, retaining historical significance of the area, construction activities, roadway and traffic considerations, etc.

Through the course of the meetings, Staff has developed a LCWG Issues & Opportunities Matrix (**Attachment B**). This matrix outlines the local community’s input regarding the project as expressed by the LCWG participants, as well as identifying opportunities for shared interest between the Authority and the

community. The matrix tracks the issues raised by LCWG members through resolution and gets updated and shared at each meeting.

Two additional LCWG meetings are planned for 2023 (September & November). Staff in collaboration with the LCWG, will develop a list of potential policy recommendations for the Authority Board and Reservoir Committee's consideration based on the discussions and feedback received during the LCWG meetings.

As originally envisioned, LCWG meetings were planned only through the end of 2023. However, Staff will look to facilitate additional LCWG meetings into 2024 if there is continued interest from the LCWG participants.

**Prior Authority Board Action:**

The Joint Authority Board/Reservoir Committee Meeting received an informational presentation from staff on creating a Local Community Working Group on June 17, 2022. The AB/RC agreed by consensus to its establishment.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

No fiscal impact. The services needed to support these groups are included in the approved Amendment 3 Work Plan. It is envisioned that the working groups will assist in creating specificity to the locally driven project elements already involved in the project cost estimate.

**Staff Contact:**

Kevin Spesert

**Primary Service Provider:**

Katz & Associates

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Meeting Invitation list

Attachment B: LCWG Issues and Recommendations Matrix

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Assemblyman James Gallagher	Juleah Cordi
Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguliar Curry	Evan Cragin
Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguliar Curry	Eliana Pimentel
Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguliar Curry	Rita Durgin
Assemblywoman Dahle	
Colusa Chamber of Commerce	Maria Gomez de Ramirez
Colusa County	Wendy Tyler
Colusa County Agricultural Commissioner	Anastacia Allen
Colusa County Chamber of Commerce	Jennifer Diaz
Colusa County Fair Board	Laura Ford
Colusa County Farm Bureau	Monica Sankey
Colusa County Farm Bureau	Theresa Bright
Colusa County Sheriff's Department	Mike Bradwell
Colusa County Superintendent of Schools	Michael West
Congressman Doug LaMalfa	Brenda Haynes
Congressman Mike Thompson	
Family Water Alliance	Nadine Bailey
Glenn County	Scott DeMoss
Glenn County Agricultural Commissioner	Marcie Skelton
Glenn County Business Association	Marlena Sparkman
Glenn County Farm Bureau	Lisa Humphreys
Glenn County Sheriffs Department	Barry Corbin
Kanawha-Glenn Fire Protection District	Randell Toews
Maxwell Fire Protection District	Kenny Cohen
Maxwell Inn Bar and Grill	Eric Paden
Maxwell Parks & Recreation	Tish Nerli
Maxwell Public Unity District	Kurt Chambers
Maxwell Unified School District	Summer Shadley
Sacramento Valley Museum	James Pearson
Sour Robs	Rob Timm
State Senator Brian Dahle	Sam Perkins
Stonyford Museum	Joyce Bond
Willows Chamber of Commerce	Grace Wells
Yolo County	Stephanie Cormier
Yolo County Farm Bureau	Denise Sagara
Yolo County Farm Bureau	Chuck Dudley
Yolo County Sheriff's Department	Tom Lopez

Community Partnership Opportunity Requests from Sites Community Working Group							
Meeting Number/Date	Topic	Detail of Request	CWG Member Making Request (if applicable)	Sites Project Team Owner (if applicable)	Status (C - comment noted, I - being investigated, A - action being taken, Closed - no further action)	Next Steps	Outcome
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Internet/Phone Service	Include the community, where feasible, when expanding broadband internet access for the project construction and operations.	General Comment	Kevin Spesert	C	The Project Team and the SPA Federal and State Legislative Advocates will work to identify federal and state funding opportunity to expand broadband access in the local region in coordination with the development of broadband infrastructure for Sites Project operations	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Housing	Talk to other North State communities about lessons learned where there was a large influx of temporary construction labor and evaluate applicability to this Project.	General Comment	JP Robinette	I	The Project Team will reach out to community leaders in the Oroville Area to discuss lessons learned from the Lake Oroville spillway emergency repair and the with community leaders Chico Area regarding the Camp Fire clean-up activities (work with Assemblyman Gallagher's staff)	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Contractor Coordination	Implement requirements and incentives in construction contracts to achieve desired behavior, such as keeping construction traffic out of certain areas during certain times, particularly heavy truck traffic on Oak Street.	Colusa County	JP Robinette	I	The Project Team will investigate contract terms that provides incentives/penalties to achieve desired behavior in relation to construction/contractor traffic.	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Funding	Look for opportunities to leverage Sites investment as a local cost share toward grant funds that can pay for local improvements (e.g., seek state/fed grants for improving public safety services and flood protection in the County).	Colusa County	Kevin Spesert	I	The Project Team and the SPA Federal and State Legislative Advocates will work to identify federal and state funding opportunities in collaboration with local government and community organizations	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Invest in local economy	Ensure Sites agreements allow flexibility and changes to ensure the local area's water needs from the project can be accommodated.	Colusa County	Ali Forsythe	C	The Authority Board has established within its policies that local participation in the project has a priority and the Board continues to ensure local participation in the project continues to be strong and sufficient to meet current demands. The long term agreements for the project will provide flexibility for individual participants to sell or lease their capacity shares and should local needs change in the future there would be opportunities for increasing local participation at that time. The Authority Board has been and remains keenly focused on ensuring its goals for local participation are met at all times.	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Local Economic Stimulation	Encourage construction workers to patronize local businesses and to use local businesses to provide service/materials for the construction of the project.	General Comment	Jerry Brown	A	The Project Team is developing a list of "best practices" for this and other measures that could be taken to achieve the goal of a large share of the economic output from the project to occur for the benefit of the local/region area. This list will be presented to the LCWG to evaluate and determine any recommendations that the LCWG would like the Authority Board to consider in their deliberations of project implementation.	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Housing	Determine housing needs for construction labor force and evaluate requirements for temporary housing. Early communication with the local community on the plans for temporary residents are necessary as these can have effects across almost all aspects of public services (ie schools, police, fire, drinking water, sanitation, waste disposal,etc.)	General Comment	JP Robinette	I	The Project Team is investigating the housing needs for the construction labor force and working to assess the local and regional resources capabilities to accommodate the influx of a project workforce to the region. The Project Team will continue to brief the LCWG on the results of this analysis so that the local perspective can be taken into account.	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Recreation	Consider different types of recreation for local community and students. Disc golf was discussed, since it wouldn't be water dependent and may not require overnight camping. Consider including a community event center as part of the recreation facilities. The area does not currently have a facility that can accommodate a large meeting space type of gathering.	General Comment	Ali Forsythe	I	The Project Team will be investigating various types of recreation activities that could become part of the project. It is important to recognize that State Prop 1 funds are largely paying for the recreation components in the project and that State has certain goals for that investment that the Authority will be contractually required to meet so any consideration of recreation components will need to be evaluated with this in mind. The Authority would like to work with the LCWG to represent the local community and regional recreation stakeholders interests to ensure the final recreation components are compatible.	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Road improvements	Restore or improve roads used for pre, during, and post construction.	General Comment	JP Robinette	A	The Project Team is currently working with Colusa and Glenn Counties to ensure roadway designs will meet their requirements. Maintenance and restoration of the local roads, if damaged, by construction activities will be incorporated into Project construction contract requirements. For the new roads constructed by the Project, the Authority will need to enter into agreements with the counties to transfer long term ownership responsibilities.	
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Traffic Mitigation	Add signage to direct traffic to preferred routes for construction and operations.	General Comment	JP Robinette	C	The Project Team will consider this comment as part of its roadway design and traffic circulation planning. The Team will coordinate with the LCWG to develop an approach that takes this input into consideration.	

Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Road Improvements	Consider including pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure along Oak Street (e.g., sidewalks and crosswalks) as part of ensuring the safety of residents during construction. Assuming the contractor will enforce compliance with contracted road use should not be relied upon alone.	Maxwell School District	JP Robinette	C	The Project Team will will consider this comment as part of its roadway design and traffic circulation planning. The Team will coordinate with the LCWG to develop an approach that takes this input into consideration.
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Traffic Mitigation	Coordinate with local community and schools to ensure use of roads for construction can minimize the commute times during construction for local residents.	Maxwell School District	JP Robinette	C	The Project Team will will consider this comment as part of its roadway design and traffic circulation planning. The Team will coordinate with the LCWG to develop an approach that takes this input into consideration.
Meeting 2, Jan. 19, 2023	Traffic Mitigation	Coordinate construction road use with agriculture groups and businesses during harvest seasons to avoid temporary impacts.	Farm Bureau	JP Robinette	C	The Project Team will will consider this comment as part of its evaluation of restrictions to construction activity which will be addressed in the construction contract documents. The Team will coordinate with the LCWG to develop an approach that takes this input into consideration.
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Internet/Phone Service	Currently communications capability in the Sites Valley is extremely limited. Consider adding a cell tower at the Reservoir for safety, security and recreation purposes. Could be part of the plan for communications improvements for construction and operations of the reservoir.	Sheriff's Department	Kevin Spesert	I	The Project Team will assess communications capabilities and make improvements needed to support the project. If needed and feasible, iincluding a potential cell tower to aid general communications in the project area will be considered in consultation with the Sheriffs Department and the LCWG.
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Local Economic Stimulation	Offer scholarships, apprenticeships, internships and other opportunities for workforce development.	General Comment	Jerry Brown	I	The Project Team is developing a list of "best practices" for this and other measures that could be taken to achieve the goal of a large share of the economic output from the project to occur for the benefit of the local/region area. This list will be presented to the LCWG to evaluate and determine any recommendations that the LCWG would like the Authority Board to consider in their deliberations of project implementation.
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Education	Consider that the effects on the Maxwell school district could be more significant than other public services. For example, the state contribution to local schools if offset by the funds provided by a project owner, so the school district did not see the benefit [for the PG&E plant project]. If funding does not run through the County, then it could be directly given to the school district. The primary way the state would provide more funding is based on community growth."	Maxwell School District	Jerry Brown	I	The Project Team recognizes that school districts may have unique challenges from the temporary influx of new students associated with a project workforce that includes school age families relocating within the school district. The Project Team is investigating the housing needs for the construction labor force and working to assess the local and regional resources capabilities to accommodate the influx of a project workforce to the region. Once this analysis is complete, we can have a more productive discussion and determine the appropriate path forward to ensure these challenges are addressed.
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Education	Should there be project effects that need to be mitigated, consider local enhancements to the school district, such as a gym. This would benefit the community "if it's owned by the community instead of the school district."	General Comment	Jerry Brown	C	The Project Team will consider this comment in the development of the project
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Infrastructure	Add storage space at the project operations facilities or at the recreation admin facilities to house law enforcement's vehicles, boats and/or WaveRunners, as needed for patrol and peace keeping at the reservoir. This can help improve response times.	Sheriff's Department	Kevin Spesert	I	The Project Team has included facilities into the project to accomidate law enforcement and fire resources and personal. The Project Team will work with first responders to further develop and refine the facility types and locations.
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Infrastructure	Consdier that the existing water and sewage infrastructure in Maxwell is incapable of supporting almost any influx of new residents during or after construction.	Maxwell PUD	JP Robinette	C	The Project Team is investigating the housing needs for the construction labor force and working to assess the local and regional resources capabilities to accommodate the influx of a project workforce to the region. The Project Team will continue to brief the LCWG on the results of this analysis so that the local perspective can be taken into account.
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Law Enforcement	Ensure that Sheriff's office (Clousa and Glenn) are involved in communications regarding quantity and location of remote workers to assist with faster evacuations and emergency response..	Sheriff's Department	JP Robinette	A	The Project Team will coordinate with all first responders on field activities and ensure that construction contracts include requirements for a communications/notification process that can used for emergency response.
Meeting 3, March 23, 2023	Recreation	Provide additional details to the LCWG prior to finalizing campgrounds, picnic sites, tables and hiking trails, proposed as part of the Proposition 1 requirements.	General Comment	Ali Forsythe	C	The Project Team will engage the LCWG in the development of recreation plan for the project.
Meeting 4, May 18, 2023	Funding	Establish a subcommittee for funding or host a separate meeting to focus on funding only.	General Comment	Jerry Brown	I	The Project Team will consider scheduling a focused discussion on local finance considerations. The Project expects to enter into a "developer" type of agreement with the counties which is where these issues will be addressed.
Meeting 4, May 18, 2023	Education	Research the property taxes (and related loss) with Sites Reservoir and the funding for county special agencies that rely of sales tax and property tax revenue to fund operations	General Comment	Jerry Brown	I	The Project Team is currently investigation the issues accsociated with local property tax and sales tax losses to local agencies and will continue to coordinate with local agencies and the Counties to address the concerns. The Project expects to enter into a "developer" type of agreement with the counties which is where these issues will be addressed.
Meeting 4, May 18, 2023	Housing	Research renovations and developer impact fees for the region.	Maxwell School District	Jerry Brown	Closed	Loss of developer impact fees would only need to be considered for the property being acquired that is planned for development which is not expected to be significant.

Meeting 4, May 18, 2023	Education	Present at local high schools or participate in career days and local schools and colleges.	General Comment	Kevin Spesert	C	The Project Team will work with the LCWG and local/regional school districts and community colleages to identify oppertunities to present at local career fairs and other workfoce train events	
Meeting 4, May 18, 2023	Education	Connect with parents who are in the trades to recruit potential candidates for MC3 program.	General Comment	Kevin Spesert	C	The Project Team will work with the trades to identify potential canidadts from their current membership	