

# Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 2.1:  
Maxwell Irrigation District MOU

August 23, 2023

# Maxwell Irrigation District

- Nine appropriative water rights
  - All are or will be senior to the Project
- Four points of diversion
  - One is on Stone Corral Creek
    - Changes in flows in Stone Corral Creek could affect the ability of Maxwell ID to exercise its senior water rights
- Water quantity (amounts and timing) concern
- Proposing MOU to address concerns
  - Establish process and timeline to ensure Project operations do not affect ability to Maxwell ID to exercise its rights

# Key Terms for Maxwell Irrigation District MOU

- Recognize Maxwell's senior water rights as senior to those of the Project
- Commit the Authority and Maxwell ID to work cooperatively on a technically feasible operations plan to avoid Project impacts to Maxwell ID
- Acknowledge commitments in Section 2.6 of JPA bylaws and seek written consent from Maxwell ID consistent with Section 2.6 prior to the State Water Board issuing the Authority's water right permit
- Commit the Authority and Maxwell ID to working cooperatively and in good faith to finalize an agreement by February 29, 2024
- In reliance on these commitments, Maxwell ID will refrain from protesting the water right application

# Next Steps, If Authorized

- MOU is largely completed
  - Final review and execution
- Schedule and host initial discussions with Maxwell ID and Colusa County
  - Focus on listening and sharing to set a common foundation/understanding

# Questions?

