

Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 3.4:
Operations Plan Development

September 22, 2023



Operations Plan – Version 2.0

- Staff are working on next version of Operations Plan
 - Target completion in Spring 2024
- Questions have come up in the B&O contract development on roles and responsibilities relative to water deliveries
 - Current, proposed approach based on adopted Storage Principles
 - Would like concurrence with the proposed approach

Roles and Responsibilities for Delivery of Sites Project Water

- Primary point of delivery for all Storage Partners
 - Funks Reservoir
 - Terminal Regulating Reservoir
- Two options from primary point of delivery
 - Storage Partner makes arrangements for delivery
 - Storage Partners identifies a secondary point of delivery and Authority retains control and delivers water to this secondary point of delivery
 - For all or a portion of their water

Why Have A Secondary Point of Delivery?

- From a water rights perspective
 - Sites water will always be “Sites Water”, developed under the Sites water right
 - Authority, as the holder of that right is best suited to maintain control of the water to avoid others diverting it
 - Similar approach taken for most water transfers
- From a logistics and coordination perspective
 - Most efficient for the Authority to manage releases and quickly address challenges
 - Most efficient for the Authority to coordinate with Reclamation and DWR on releases and movement of water to and through the Delta

Implementing a Secondary Point of Delivery

- Early in the calendar year, Storage Partners submit “request” (including schedule) for release and delivery
 - Amounts by point(s) of delivery
- Staff will
 - Compile all Partner's requests
 - Assess capacity and conveyance conflicts throughout system
 - Coordinate with Reclamation and DWR to schedule releases and exports through Delta facilities
 - Work with Partners on any conflicts
- As year develops and Sites Water is being released and moved, staff will continually assess conditions, work to resolve challenges, and report to Partners

Examples – North of Delta Partners

- Secondary point of delivery
 - Along TC Canal, GCID Main Canal
 - Other point
 - Such as Sacramento River at Partner's diversion facility
- Partner responsible for coordination and arrangements beyond secondary point of delivery
- Transfer water can be handled in a similar way

Examples – South of Delta Partners

- Secondary point of delivery
 - Delta export facilities
 - North Bay Aqueduct
 - Other point
 - Such as CCWD's diversion facilities
- Partner responsible for coordination and arrangements beyond secondary point of delivery
- Transfer water can be handled in a similar way

Secondary Point of Delivery – And Water Right Compliance

- Sites Water must be conveyed, diverted, rediverted, used in compliance with the Authority's water right
- Secondary points of delivery
 - That are also points of rediversion in the Sites water right are more easily accomplished
 - That are NOT points of rediversion in the Sites water right may require a water right change
 - Would have to assess on a case-by-case basis

Questions?