

Agenda Item 2.2:

Policy Recommendations from the Local Community Working Group

Background

- The LCWG established in the Fall of 2022
- Forum for efficient, effective and meaningful local community engagement
- The Authority is a values-based organization
 - "Respect for Local Communities – The Authority recognizes the significant contributions of local Sacramento Valley landowners and communities and will be a respectful, supportive partner and be a good neighbor throughout the project."*
- The LCWG is helping to be the Authority's liaison to the local community
- Seven meetings have been conducted in 2023
 - Planning quarterly meetings in 2024

Who has been participating to date?

- Broad cross-section of local/regional government agencies, business organizations, and community associations
- Includes county government, public safety agencies, school districts, farm bureaus, chambers, community organizations, and business owners
- Federal and State Elected Official's staff
- Participation is open to those in the counties where the project is and in JPA members service areas
 - Staff is actively recruiting additional participants

Providing Valued Project Input

- Has provided insight into local community concerns - and identified potential solutions
- Identified several areas of shared interest between the local community and the Authority
- Staff has and will continue to seek feedback from the LCWG to refine project design and planning
- The LCWG would like to propose four broad policy recommendations at this stage of the project
- Staff recommends the AB/RC direct that action be taken to integrate these into the project planning, design and construction

Policy Recommendation #1 – Meeting Maxwell community needs

Require all construction contractors to be responsive to the Maxwell community needs (due to the proximity to most of the project work) and develop standard provisions to be included in all Sites construction contract documents requiring all work to be performed in a manner compatible with local needs.

Policy Recommendation #2 – Local hiring and contracting goals

Establish goals and incentives for a local hiring. Implement a program that trains and hires residents and set a goal for a specific percentage of the project workforce to reside in Colusa, Glenn, Yolo, Sutter, Butte, Tehama, Shasta, Placer, and Sacramento counties. Ensure that local businesses can compete for the contracts and purchase orders necessary to construct the project

Policy Recommendation #3 – Evaluate and address shortfalls in the existing public services capacity

Recognizing that there are long-term effects of the project on the provision of public services in the vicinity of the reservoir (e.g. emergency response, crime prevention, school population, etc.), the Sites Project should perform an analysis of the current public service staffing and equipment limitations and take steps in the project planning to address these issues in the near term with the goal of achieving improved public service for all after the Project is in operation.

Policy Recommendation #4 – Evaluate and address shortfalls in the existing infrastructure capacity

Conduct a study to determine the existing capacity of local infrastructure (e.g., broadband, water, sewer) and implement needed improvements in a manner that supports the project and also provides for potential improvements in service to the local community. This study should be conducted in conjunction with the Maxwell Community Plan that is required in the Colusa County General Plan.

Considerations related to local hiring and contracting goals

- Due to scope, cost, complexity, and duration of the project
 - need to utilize a broad mix of organized labor, local contractors, non-local contractors, and a regional workforce
- A Project Labor Agreement (PLA) will be necessary for the project's construction.
 - Would establish terms and conditions for project labor and contracting - including incorporating the goals outlined by the LCWG
 - Negotiation of a PLA will be conducted under the Construction Legal Services contract
 - Continued outreach to organized labor and the local community is important and will be conducted as the PLA is developed

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Preliminary Summary Data* Representing Existing General Contractor Pool within the Local Community Areas

Local Counties	General Contractors Qty (+/-)	Owner Operator Contractors	Average \$ Capacity	Average Number of Employees	% of Contractors with Organized Labor Affiliation
Butte	103	67	11,786,666	23	11%
Colusa	11	4	520,000	2.8	0%
Glenn	17	12	1,920,000	6.8	0%
Placer	131	111	7,404,000	17.65	5%
Sacramento	145	109	31,392,000	54.6	23%
Shasta	142	110	5,458,064	15	21%
Sutter	35	20	13,894,285	24	5%
Tehama	32	22	5,880,000	15.9	0%
Yolo	43	29	9,942,857	21.4	15%
Estimated Total/Averages	659	484	\$9,799,764 Average \$ Capacity	20.13 Average Employees	9% Average

General Contractors within a 50-mile radius	Owner Operator Contractors	Average \$ Capacity	Average Number of Employees	Percent of Contractors with Organized Labor Affiliation
170	93	18,994,053	33.4	4.1%

*This is estimated data for informational purposes only.

Fiscal Impact and Next Steps

- Funding to support the Maxwell Community Plan, Local Public Service Staffing Analysis, and the Local Infrastructure Capacity Study will require reallocations of what is currently budgeted in 2024/2025.
- The estimated cost to complete the three studies is \$250,000.
- Staff will further refine the scope and costs of these studies and identify potential funding to support the effort

Questions