

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 2.2: Closing the Water Right
Application Protest Resolution Period

February 16, 2024



Background

- Application noticed from June 1 to August 31
- 15 protests received
 - SWRCB has not determined that all are valid
- Protest resolution period – 180 days from Sept 1, 2023 to end of February 2024
 - Over 30 meetings to resolve protests to date
 - Additional meetings schedule into end of February
 - One protest resolved
 - Handful of others close to resolution
 - Can be resolved while the hearing process moves forward
 - Number of protests that we are not likely to resolve
 - Will need to be resolved in hearing

Sites Project Estimated Water Right Hearing Components and Schedule

- April/May timeframe
 - Pre-hearing Conference and Hearing Notice Issued
- June timeframe
 - Case in Chief Written Testimony Submitted
 - June 2024 – Under judicial streamlining, the CEQA challenge of the Project case CV2023-2626 is scheduled for hearing on May 3, 2024 and decision no later than June 3, 2024
- July through October timeframe
 - Hearings including Written Rebuttal Testimony Submittal and Rebuttal Hearing Days
- October/November
 - Post Hearing Briefs Due
- January/February 2025
 - AHO SWRCB Issues Order/Decision for SWRCB Board Consideration
 - SWRCB Board Approves Order and Issues Water Right Permit

Questions?