



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**  
**Agenda Item 3.1**

**February 16, 2024**

Subject: **Operations Plan Development**

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**Requested Action:**

Review and comment on the status of the Operations Plan, Version 2.0 preparation.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

Staff are working to prepare the next version of the Operations Plan. Version 1.0 of the Operations Plan, which was completed January 2022 upon review by the Board, focused on presenting model results associated with Alternative 1B of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Version 2.0 will be updated to reflect current operation assumptions: those developed for Alternative 3 in the Final EIR/EIS and included in the water right and Incidental Take Permit applications. Recall that last month's Board agenda included a review of CalSim 3 modeling where the presentation included modeling results for these assumptions using CalSim 2, which result are not expected to be much different from CalSim 3. The Version 2.0 update will include describing how the Sites Project is proposed to operate based on what we know today. As the Project progresses through construction, additional updates will be needed to identify further granularity in some non-routine operations but its too soon to be into that level of detail because of missing information. It is prudent to plan for operations that we are aware of today and include a process for making necessary changes as conditions are adjusted in the future.

As previously discussed, the Benefits and Obligations (B&O) contract includes cross-references to the Operations Plan, which makes its content part of the consideration of the B&O contract. . The B&O contract grants capacity interests in the Project and a right to water service to Participants and defines obligations. Whereas the Operations Plan describes day-to-day operations including the process the Authority will use to decide when and how to divert and release water. The Operations Plan is meaningful in understanding the anticipated day to day evaluation and decision-making processes that the Authority will undertake in meeting conditions of the B&O Contract, but it is not meant to define contractual obligations between the Authority and the Participant.

Attachment A is a copy of the current draft table of contents for Version 2.0 of the Operations Plan. Although this table of contents may change, it provides a summary of topics that will be included in Version 2.0. Topics that are cross-referenced in the B&O contract are identified in this attachment with two asterisks (\*\*). Staff would

like to get Board feedback on 1) whether the topics proposed to be covered in the Operation Plan Version 2.0 provide Storage Partners with sufficient information for coordinating your water management and planning that each does independent of the Sites Project and 2) if there should be elements of the Operation Plan topics incorporated into the B&O Contract and made contractual.

Staff will be developing Version 2.0 of the Operations Plan over the next six months and will work with members to develop and refine key concepts, including those identified as cross-referenced to the B&O contract. Below is the current proposed schedule to develop and adopt the Operations Plan.

- Draft to Operations & Engineering Workgroup in May with comments due back early June.
- Incorporate comments and meet with Participants throughout June.
- Prepare Final in early July for adoption at July Board meeting.

**Prior Action:**

September 2023 – Version 2.0 preparation. Concur with proposed roles and responsibilities relative to Sites Project Water deliveries.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

The preparation of the Operations Plan, Version 2.0 can be completed within the Amendment 3 Work Plan total budget.

**Staff Contact:**

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**Primary Service Provider:**

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A. Operations Plan Version 2.0 Draft Table of Contents



## **Operations Plan Version 2.0 Draft Table of Contents**

- 1.0 Definition of Terms**
- 2.0 Introduction and Approach**
- 3.0 Operations Planning, Forecasting, and Accounting**
  - 3.1 Annual Operating Cycle
  - 3.2 Forecasting
  - 3.3 Real-time Tracking and Accounting
  - 3.4 Year-end Accounting
  - 3.5 Periodic Synthesis Reporting
- 4.0 Diversions and Conveyance to Sites Reservoir**
  - 4.1 Overall Project Diversions
  - 4.2 Diversion Criteria
    - 4.2.1 System-wide Criteria and Regulations
    - 4.2.2 Project-specific Diversion Criteria
    - 4.2.3 Operating Agreements
    - 4.2.4 Diversion from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks
  - 4.3 Diversion Orders\*\*
    - 4.3.1 Priority of Diversions\*\*
    - 4.3.2 Diversions of Non-Sites Water\*\*
- 5.0 Storage in Sites Reservoir**
  - 5.1 Losses from Storage
  - 5.3 Dead Pool
  - 5.4 Storage Allocation, Leasing, and Transfers\*\*
    - 5.4.1 Storage Allocation\*\*
    - 5.4.2 Storage Leasing and Transfers\*\*
- 6.0 Releases from Sites Reservoir**
  - 6.1 Overall Project Releases
  - 6.2 Release Criteria
    - 6.2.1 Release Requests\*\*
    - 6.2.2 Release Order Adjustments
  - 6.3 Storage Partner Deliveries and Losses\*\*

6.4 Releases to Funks and Stone Corral Creeks

**7.0 GCID and TCCA Coordination**

7.1 Facilities Use Agreements and Annual Coordination

7.1.1 TCCA Coordination

7.1.2 GCID Coordination

7.2 Real-time Exchanges

**8.0 Central Valley Project and State Water Project Cooperative Operations and Exchanges**

8.1 Operational Agreement and Annual Coordination

8.2 Exchanges with Reclamation

8.3 Reclamation as an Investor

8.4 Exchanges with DWR

8.5 Operations for Proposition 1 Benefits

**9.0 Recreation, Flood Control, and Health and Safety Considerations**

9.1 Emergencies

9.2 Flood Damage Reduction

9.3 Recreation Considerations

**10.0 Changes to this Operations Plan\*\***