

Joint Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 3.1: State Operations ITP
Applications and Federal BAs/BOs

January 19, 2024



State ITP Construction Consultation Status

- Construction ITP Application submitted in June 2023
- Late July 2023 CDFW notified the Authority that the ITP application was incomplete
 - Provided a request for addition information
- August 2023 a bi-weekly meetings between Sites and CDFW team were established to address requests
- November 29, 2023, the Authority submitted supplemental information in response CDFW's July request
- December 8, 2023, CDFW deemed the Authority's Construction ITP application complete
- Construction ITP expected to be issued in July 2024
 - At a similar timeframe with the Operations ITP

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- Late November 2023 CDFW notified the Authority that the ITP application was incomplete
 - Provided a request for addition information
 - Complex permit for a number of reasons including size and interconnection with the SWP, CVP and operations of existing facilities along the Sacramento River
- December 2023 established bi-weekly technical and management meeting between Sites and CDFW
 - Good progress being made on technical items
 - Policy and legal items being worked through
- Operations ITP expected to be issued in July 2024
 - Goal is to have ITP for water rights hearing (Case in Chief briefing)

Federal ESA Consultation Status

- Two step ESA approach
 - Step 1 – Mixed programmatic consultation for Sites
 - Programmatic operations in the Reconsultation on the CVP/SWP BA/BiOps AND
 - Sites Project-level construction BA/BiOp
 - Step 2 – Project-level operations
 - Reinitiate consultation after CVP/SWP BiOps to cover Sites operations at a project-level
- Step 1 has been initiated
 - November 9, 2023, Reclamation submitted Sites as a programmatic action in the CVP/SWP Reconsultation BA
 - No additional feedback received
 - Staff anticipate that additional quantitative analysis may be needed
 - November 16, 2023, Reclamation submitted the Project's Construction BA to the USFWS
 - USFWS has confirmed receipt but has not provided additional feedback
- Schedule
 - Step 1 BiOps expected July 2024
 - Tied to CVP/SWP BiOps, so schedule may be adjusted based on CVP/SWP BA/BiOp schedule
 - Step 2 BiOps expected May 2025

Questions?

