



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee/Authority Board  
Agenda Item 1.7**

**April 18, 2025**

Subject: **California Independent System Operator Interconnection (CAISO)  
Commercial Readiness Deposit**

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**Requested Action:**

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of the allocation of \$207,000 from unrestricted contingency to be paid as a Commercial Readiness Deposit to satisfy the California Independent System Operator Interconnection application requirement. This deposit is refundable if the application is withdrawn.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

At the November 2024 Board meeting, several payments (including deposits) to CAISO were approved for payment to maintain good standing within the CAISO Cluster 15. One of the approved payments, Commercial Readiness Deposit, got delayed and did not occur within the 2024 budget year as planned. CAISO is now ready to receive this deposit; however, this Deposit was not included in the 2025 budget, which was Board adopted in October 2024. The requested action is to release \$207,000 from the 2025 unrestricted contingency to fund the Commercial Readiness Deposit, thus authorizing this expenditure in the 2025 budget. Maintaining good standing within the CAISO Cluster 15 is important to avoid lengthy delays with potential impacts to our overall critical path. This deposit will pay for needed coordination with PG&E and is refundable if the application is withdrawn before May 30, 2025.

The original Board action in November 2024 reflected an approval of a \$206,000 deposit. Based on latest communication with CAISO, the deposit requested is \$207,000. Approval of this release of contingency would also reflect this de minimis change to the approved deposit amount.

**Prior Action:**

November 2024 – Approved a payment of the California Independent System Operator Interconnection Application Cluster 15 resubmission fees which are partially refundable.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

The Amendment 3 Work Plan includes sufficient budget to support CAISO Cluster 15 Commercial Readiness Deposit. With the approved action, \$207,000 will be

transferred out of Unrestricted Contingency to be provided to CAISO leaving the remaining 2025 Unrestricted Contingency balance of \$5,400,438.

**Staff Contact:**

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**Primary Service Provider:**

CH2M Conveyance

**Attachments:**

None.