

# Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 2.2: Biological Terrestrial  
Mitigation RFQ

October 17, 2025



# Why is mitigation important?

- Many of our permits require mitigation in place prior to construction or financial security
  - Late mitigation = increased cost for the Authority
  - Important for mitigation to get ahead of construction to control costs
- Biological terrestrial mitigation is the Project's largest construction mitigation cost
- Construction targeted to start in early 2027

# Strategy → RFQ, RFP and Contract



# Procurement Checklist Background and Purpose

- Items that the Authority will complete prior to issuing the RFQ
  - Focused on RFQ now
  - Second checklist later for RFP
- Provides staff with the policy guidance necessary for efficiently and effectively conducting the procurement
- Board → EPP Work Group → Small Group

# Procurement Checklist Resolution

1. Defining mitigation contract terms that properly assign implementation risks and performance guarantees.
  - Addressed through a variety of ways in the structure of the RFQ / RFP process and contract
2. Ensuring cost effective delivery of mitigation that incorporates the critical stacking assumptions and assignment of long-term permit requirements
  - Addressed through removing barriers to competition, pricing structure and progress payments and engaging with industry in the development and formulation
3. Application of any locational preferences or other Authority implementation preferences
  - Working with local entities and organizations will be required
  - Specific location preferences for mitigation is best addressed in the first planning Task Order
4. RFQ selection criteria
  - Mix of pass/fail and weighted criteria similar to CMAR approach

# Two Additional Items

1. Discussion with labor representative
  - Require mitigation contractors to comply with State statute and Authority's Construction Workforce Policy for construction actions
2. First Task Order will be a planning task to establish items like locality preferences, communications protocols, and similar that will form the basis of the mitigation task orders
  - Budgeted for in the proposed 2026 Authority budget

# Target Schedule (Subject to Change)

- Board Authorization to Initiate Procurement – Oct 17, 2025
- Issue RFQ – Nov 18, 2025
- SOQs Due – Jan 16, 2026
- Issue RFP to Shortlist – February 2026
- Proposals Due – April 2026
- Proposal Review and Interviews – May 2026
- Board and Reservoir Committee award CMAR contract – June 2026; Begin efforts on first planning task order
- Negotiations of First Mitigation Task Order – Sept 2026 (award to occur immediately following initiation of Phase 3)

**Thank you!**

