



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**
Agenda Item 1.6

September 18, 2026

Subject: **Task Order Amendment for Somach Simmons & Dunn for additional Water Right support legal services**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of a task order amendment with Somach Simmons & Dunn (Somach) for additional water right legal services support in the amount of \$300,000, increasing the 2026 not to exceed amount from \$550,000 to a revised 2026 not to exceed of \$850,000.

Detailed Description/Background:

Somach provides legal services related to the water right process along with several subconsultants working under their direction. The proposed task order amendment would provide contract authority and budget to address additional level of effort for Somach and their subconsultants in securing the Project water right(s).

The proposed changes to scope and budgets have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee.

Prior Action:

June 2026: Task Order Amendment to increase Somach contract authority and budget by \$150,000.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The requested action will result in no change to the overall approved FY2026 budget that was adopted at the October 2025 Board meeting. Funding for the increase in effort to the task identified above will be provided from various budget sources primarily related to Construction and Operations ITP compliance activities. Approximately half of the identified funding will come from savings and approximately half will come from deferring unallocated funds for species relocation plans that do not need to be completed in the near term into 2027.

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Primary Service Provider:

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Attachments:

None