



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board
Agenda Item 2.1**

November 21, 2025

Subject: **2026 Consultant Contract Authority**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval to adjust the contract authority for Fiscal Year 2026 and adjust the five-year not-to-exceed (NTE) consultant contract authority for specified consultant contracts to align with the Board-adopted FY 2026 Budget, and to extend the related contracts through December 31, 2026.

There are no changes to the Master Contracts as part of this action.

Detailed Description/Background:

In October 2025, the Sites Project Authority Board approved a revised Amendment 3 (A3) Work Plan and Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. This action adopted the FY 2026 budget by project component. Consistent with prior practice, a separate action is now required to obtain the corresponding contract authority adjustments necessary to align with the adopted budget.

No changes are proposed to the underlying Master Contracts. Instead, new task orders will be issued to align consultant work scopes and funding with the approved FY 2026 budget.

A complete listing of the adjusted consultant NTE contract authority based on the adopted budget is provided in Attachment A.

Attachment A includes proposed adjustments to the Executive Director, manager, and office lead contracts. The proposed changes include the following items:

1. Contract Term Extension – Extend the contract term to December 31, 2026.
2. Retroactive Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) – Should the Authority elect to extend any contract beyond December 31, 2026, the consultant shall be entitled to a retroactive lump-sum payment equal to 3% multiplied by the monthly rate for each of the twelve (12) months of services actually performed in 2026. Also the monthly rate for determining any pay adjustments after 2026 shall be based upon the Consultants monthly rate multiplied by 1.03.

As part of this action, the Authority is also combining two existing CH2M (Jacobs) task orders into a single, consolidated agreement. The purpose of this consolidation is to create greater administrative efficiencies, reduce duplicative oversight and leverage unified project management practices across overlapping scopes of work. Historically, the two task orders supported related technical and management functions under separate authorizations, which required parallel reporting and contract administration.

This consolidation aligns with the Authority's ongoing efforts to strengthen consistency across consultant contracts, simplify fiscal tracking in the revised budget, and ensure that management resources are applied in the most efficient and coordinated manner to support project delivery objectives.

Prior Action:

October 2025 – Approval of the revised work plan and FY26 Budget.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Approval of the not-to-exceed contract authority will allow the Executive Director to execute contracts with the various consultants necessary to perform the work plan. The adopted 2026 budget remains the same, as approved October 2025.

Staff Contact:

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Primary Service Provider:

Brown and Caldwell

Attachments:

Attachment A – Complete Listing of all consultant not-to-exceed authority based on FY26 Adopted Budget

Attachment A: 2026 Not-To-Exceed Active Contract Authority

Consultant	Adjusted 5-Yr Contract Ceiling					
	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Est.)	2026	
AECOM (Reservoir)	13,791,078	1,215,677	6,986,913	4,014,138	613,350	961,000
Ag & Water Financial Consulting, LLC	714,999				324,999	390,000
BAE Urban Economics, Inc	66,000				20,000	46,000
Best Best & Krieger	592,355			226,613	242,742	123,000
Brian G. Thomas Consulting LLC*	507,000	20,000	115,000	120,000	120,000	132,000
Brown and Caldwell	14,405,938	2,862,282	4,142,322	3,002,421	2,338,213	2,060,700
California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (Services)	266,512				66,512	200,000
CH2M Hill Engineers (Conveyance & Operations)	17,025,747	2,923,969	8,344,755	3,195,208	1,774,815	787,000
CMD West	314,000					314,000
Cox, Castle & Nicholson	464,471			75,438	229,033	160,000
Creative Environmental	518,360					518,360
Dunn Consulting	552,000	108,000	108,000	108,000	114,000	114,000
Forsythe Group, LLC	2,114,947	390,431	411,009	424,537	443,689	445,281
Fugro	11,158,964	3,414,546	6,333,141	1,228,956	152,321	30,000
Glenn Colusa Irrigation District	18,333				5,000	13,333
HdL Companies	22,100			2,100		20,000
HDR	17,757,857	4,089,205	4,402,058	3,887,955	4,171,169	1,207,470
Hughes Consulting, LLC	595,009				238,969	356,040
ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. (Permitting)	12,933,371	3,905,405	3,322,245	2,013,694	2,412,027	1,280,000
Jeff Mathews	50,000					50,000
Katz & Associates	2,338,399	430,337	749,112	446,530	412,420	300,000
Larsen Wurzel & Associates, Inc.	43,350	6,860			16,490	20,000
Lasswell Strategic Consulting	67,500			8,000	29,500	30,000
MBK Engineers - Operations	1,129,351	23,437	118,016	248,700	279,558	459,640
Mizuno Consulting, Inc	31,113				11,113	20,000
Montague DeRose & Associates, LLC	1,966,538	330,494	409,481	739,975	241,588	245,000
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	532,074				254,660	277,414
Nossaman, LLP	1,708,733	200,327	423,852	388,877	290,677	405,000
Perkins Coie, LLP	4,503,851	658,837	1,625,178	1,617,287	352,549	250,000
Reclamation District #108	15,833				2,500	13,333
Regional Government Services Authority	47,938			18,757	24,181	5,000
Richardson, Auditing	67,800					67,800
Robinette Consulting, LLC	2,049,392	325,403	411,763	424,537	443,485	444,204
Sharper Consulting, LLC	411,272				121,272	290,000
Somach Simmons & Dunn	4,620,886	791,503	745,968	1,676,336	1,007,079	400,000
Spesert Consulting	1,618,557	289,669	314,162	332,287	338,627	343,812
Starting Line Advisory	167,738				17,738	150,000
Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth	1,194,132	156,243	284,423	440,666	102,800	210,000
Tehama Colusa Canal Authority	18,333				5,000	13,333
The Catalyst Group	195,791	40,806	42,390	15,719	16,876	80,000
The Ferguson Group	1,238,580	210,580	248,000	252,000	264,000	264,000
US Army Corps of Engineers	500,000				250,000	250,000
Waterology Consulting	2,423,139	447,471	472,783	491,440	504,781	506,664
Young Wooldridge, Law Offices, LLP	655,308	114,101	134,871	133,262	123,074	150,000
Total						\$ 14,403,385

Note: Per the Delegation of Authority approved by the board on October 17, 2025, contract authority may be increased by up to \$500,000 under an action by the Executive Director. These actions will be reported to the Board in the quarterly financial report.

**Reflects an adjustment to the retainer amount to account for inflation.*

Attachment A: 2026 Not-To-Exceed Active Contract Authority

Consultant	Key Agreements & Reports	Key Permits & Environmental Agreements	Interim & Permanent Finance Programs	Project Management Support	Home Board Support	Preparing for Construction & Reservoir CMAR	Priority Acquisition & Land Management	Mitigation Related Activities & Support	Environmental Compliance & Plan Development	Conveyance CMAR
AECOM (Reservoir)	X	X		X		X				
Ag & Water Financial Consulting, LLC				X	X					
BAE Urban Economics, Inc				X						
Best Best & Krieger						X				X
Brian G. Thomas Consulting LLC*				X	X					
Brown and Caldwell	X			X	X					X
California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (Services)				X						
CH2M Hill Engineers (Conveyance & Operations)	X	X		X		X	X			X
CMD West				X						
Cox, Castle & Nicholson								X		
Creative Environmental				X				X	X	
Dunn Consulting				X						
Forsythe Group, LLC				X	X					
Fugro						X				
Glenn Colusa Irrigation District				X						
HdL Companies				X						
HDR	X	X		X	X	X	X			
Hughes Consulting, LLC				X	X					
ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. (Permitting)		X		X		X				
Jeff Mathews							X	X		
Katz & Associates				X						
Larsen Wurzel & Associates, Inc.				X						
Lasswell Strategic Consulting				X						
MBK Engineers - Operations				X	X					
Mizuno Consulting, Inc				X						
Montague DeRose & Associates, LLC	X		X							
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration				X						
Nossaman, LLP	X	X					X			
Perkins Coie, LLP				X	X					
Reclamation District #108				X						
Regional Government Services Authority										
Richardson, Auditing				X						
Robinette Consulting, LLC				X	X					
Sharper Consulting, LLC				X	X					
Somach Simmons & Dunn				X						
Spesert Consulting				X	X					
Starting Line Advisory				X						
Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth	X		X							
Tehama Colusa Canal Authority				X						
The Catalyst Group						X				
The Ferguson Group				X						
US Army Corps of Engineers				X						
Waterology Consulting				X						
Young Wooldridge, Law Offices, LLP				X	X					