Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Agenda Item 2.2** **November 20, 2026**

Subject: **2027 Consultant Contract Authority**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval to update the specified consultant contracts through June 30, 2027 and set the not-to-exceed (NTE) consultant contract authority at the amounts shown for each contract, in alignment with the Board-adopted FY 2027 Budget for the period January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027.

Detailed Description/Background:

In alignment with and pending Board action under November Board Meeting Agenda Items 2.1, 2027 Budget and Extension of Amendment 3 and 2.5, Approved Updated Contracts for Independent Contractors, the Sites Project Authority approves a revised Amendment 3 Work Plan and Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Consistent with prior practice, a separate action is now required to obtain the corresponding contract authority adjustments necessary to align with the adopted budget allowing the Executive Director to enter into contracts with the various consulting firms.

It is important to note that while the 2027 Budget that is being proposed for adoption covers a 12-month period (calendar year 2027), the Contract Authority being requested will only cover January 2027 through June 2027 (6-months). Task Orders and Task Order Amendments will be drafted to only provide authorization for the first 6-months of 2027. A separate Board action will be required prior to the authorization of work beyond June 30, 2027.

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

Prior Action:

November 2025: 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.

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. This requested Board action is pending related approvals taken under November

Board Agenda Items *2.1 2027 Budget and Extension of Amendment 3* & *2.5 Approved Updated Contracts for Independent Contractors*.

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 FY27 Adopted Budget

Attachment A: 2027 Not-To-Exceed Active Contract Authority

Consultant	Adjusted 5½ yr Contract Ceiling	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027 Jan - June
AECOM	13,746,854	1,215,677	6,986,913	4,014,138	568,003	587,123	375,000
Ag & Water Financial Consulting, LLC	965,805				369,112	390,000	206,693
Barnard	3,334,949					2,334,949	1,000,000
Best Best & Krieger	980,349			226,613	277,836	300,900	175,000
Brown and Caldwell	15,119,976	2,862,282	4,142,322	3,002,421	2,314,251	1,999,700	799,000
California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife	389,948				60,573	200,000	129,375
CH2M Hill Engineers (Conveyance & Operations)	19,250,829	2,923,969	8,344,755	3,195,208	1,906,297	1,750,600	1,130,000
CMD West	499,342					338,800	160,542
County of Colusa	279,400	40,600	49,800	54,000	54,000	54,000	27,000
Cox, Castle & Nicholson	591,148			75,438	235,710	160,000	120,000
Creative Environmental	816,360					518,360	298,000
Dunn Consulting	609,000	108,000	108,000	108,000	114,000	114,000	57,000
Forsythe Group, LLC	2,351,912	390,431	411,009	424,537	444,267	445,281	236,388
HDR	18,725,738	4,089,205	4,402,058	3,887,955	4,078,609	1,555,558	712,353
HH Consultants	98,121				36,746	37,000	24,375
Hodge Executive Services	200,838					105,000	95,838
Hughes Consulting, LLC	782,743				238,027	356,040	188,676
ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc.	16,252,849	3,905,405	3,322,245	2,013,694	2,416,431	3,230,074	1,365,000
JEM Land Consulting	86,000					50,000	36,000
Bodewell (formerly Katz & Associates)	2,528,562	430,337	749,112	446,530	442,583	300,000	160,000
Lasswell Strategic Consulting	82,483			8,000	29,483	30,000	15,000
MBK Engineers - Operations	1,059,006	23,437	118,016	248,700	269,213	309,640	90,000
MM Water Resources	577,590					365,040	212,550
Montague DeRose & Associates, LLC	1,839,950	330,494	409,481	739,975	200,000	70,000	90,000
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	185,131				71,192	36,314	77,625
Natoli Consulting	606,960					390,600	216,360
Nossaman, LLP	2,836,596	200,327	423,852	388,877	448,540	805,000	570,000
Pacific Land & Energy	292,529					131,375	161,154
Richardson, Auditing	71,500					35,750	35,750
Robinette Consulting, LLC	2,285,430	325,403	411,763	424,537	444,077	444,204	235,446
Somach Simmons & Dunn	5,034,973	791,503	745,968	1,676,336	951,166	570,000	300,000
Spesert Consulting	1,800,545	289,669	314,162	332,287	338,423	343,812	182,192
Starting Line Advisory	618,733				40,733	350,000	228,000
Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth	1,235,492	156,243	284,423	440,666	84,160	210,000	60,000
T Lightle	80,000					50,000	30,000
The Catalyst Group	253,479	40,806	42,390	15,719	14,564	80,000	60,000
The Ferguson Group	1,398,580	210,580	248,000	252,000	264,000	292,000	132,000
UC Santa Cruz	248,402	81,766	17,287	74,349			75,000
Welsh Consulting	72,354				28,694	30,000	13,660
Young Wooldridge, LLP	891,840	114,101	134,871	133,262	121,606	250,000	138,000
Total							**$ 10,218,977**

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.