



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Agenda
Item 2.3**

October 16, 2026

Subject: **Recommended Conveyance Construction Manager at Risk Shortlist**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider acceptance of the Evaluation Committee recommendation of the Conveyance Construction Manager at Risk statements of qualifications deemed best qualified to continue in the procurement process and be requested to submit proposals.

Detailed Description/Background:

In May 2026, the Authority Board and Reservoir Committee authorized the Executive Director to initiate the Conveyance Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) procurement including issuance of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) including the Form of CMAR Contract. Following RFQ issuance in May 2026, staff conducted the procurement process as described in the RFQ which included conducting a mandatory pre-Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) meeting and site tour, determining whether submitted SOQs were responsive to the RFQ, and conducting reference checking. SOQs were due August 12, 2026 and the three respondents are listed alphabetically as follows:

- Barnard-Ames Joint Venture
- FlatironDragados Aecon Joint Venture
- Kiewit Infrastructure West Company

The Evaluation Committee, led by the Deputy Engineering and Construction Manager, has convened and completed its assessment of the submitted SOQs. Each member of the committee independently reviewed the SOQs and subsequently engaged in discussions to assess the information provided by each respondent, with reference to the criteria specified in the RFQ.

The committee determined that all three firms were responsive and met the non-scored criteria. The RFQ also included scored criteria to evaluate qualitative factors and identify distinguishing capabilities. The scored criteria areas and weightings were specified in the RFQ.

Each of the firms demonstrated experience and capabilities in key areas of importance to the success of the project including the following:

- Significant and relevant experience delivering large pumping and generating plants, large diameter pipelines, tunneling, electrical transmission facilities, and appurtenant structures,

- Experience of prime contractor, key subcontractors, and key personnel with CMAR contracting
- Organizational structures with clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Experience dealing with relevant and similar labor relations, community, environmental, and construction issues.

All Respondents have been notified of the results of evaluations and that the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board is considering this action today.

Following approval of the short-list, the anticipated Conveyance CMAR Procurement Schedule is as follows:

1. Provide an update to the Operations and Engineering Workgroup on the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) evaluation criteria – November 2026
2. Issue RFP to short-list – November 2026
3. Proposals Due – February 2027
4. Proposal Review and Interviews – February/March 2027
5. Authority Board and Reservoir Committee approvals – April/May 2027

Prior Action:

May 2026: Authorized the Executive Director to initiate the Conveyance Package CMAR procurement.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The Amendment 3 Work Plan includes sufficient budget to cover required resources and activities to implement these next steps for the adopted Contracting Strategy.

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Attachments:

None