



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Agenda
Item 3.7**

October 16, 2026

Subject: **Update on Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and Tehama-Colusa Canal
Authority Facilities Use Agreements**

Requested Action:

Receive an update on the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) and Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) Facilities Use Agreements and provide feedback on any critical issues to address before the agreements return for consideration and approval in November.

Detailed Description/Background:

Staff is continuing negotiations on the GCID and TCCA Facilities Use Agreements. The negotiations are progressing but are not yet to a final completed state. Staff expects to complete negotiations and post the final recommended versions of the agreements ahead of the November special Reservoir Committee and Authority Board (RC/AB) meeting on November 6. The posting is expected to occur to allow Participants 7-10 days of time to review the agreements before they are presented for consideration and approval.

Since the September update, staff has worked to refine the closing approach for each agreement. The remaining issues generally concern compensation, allocation of operating responsibilities and risk, and equitable treatment across facility partners. At a high level:

- TCCA: Staff continues to work with TCCA to finalize the Facilities Use Agreement for use of the Tehama-Colusa Canal facilities to convey diversions to and releases from Sites Reservoir. The agreement addresses the Project's share of costs to operate, maintain, and sustain the facilities over time, together with coordination of Sites operations and service to existing canal users.
- GCID: Staff continues to work with GCID to finalize the Facilities Use Agreement for conveyance of diversions to Sites Reservoir through the district's facilities. The agreement addresses coordination of Sites diversions with seasonal irrigation demands and maintenance shutdowns, while protecting GCID's existing water deliveries and drainage functions, including its use of Funks and Stone Corral creeks.

Broader alignment discussions remain on a separate track from these agreements. Those discussions continue to be important to TCCA and GCID long-term participation, but staff's objective is to avoid making completion of the Facilities Use Agreements dependent on resolving every broader alignment issue.

At this meeting, staff will brief the RC/AB on the remaining issues and the path to completion and receive feedback on any critical concerns that should be addressed before finalization. Any unresolved material issues or provisions requiring additional policy direction will be identified before the agreements return for approval.

Prior Action:

September 2026: Receive an update on the development of the Sites Project Agreements for use of local water conveyance infrastructure including the GCID Facilities Use Agreement, TCCA Facilities Use Agreement, and RD108 Operations Agreement.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Negotiation of both Facilities Use Agreements is to be conducted within the budgeted funds currently authorized by the Board.

There is an attachment in both agreements that describes the methodology previously determined for setting rates and charges by the non-Federal Operating Entity. While the exact amounts have not yet been determined, current estimates that have been discussed are in the range of \$10-30/af (2026 dollars), which is consistent with prior versions of the Plan of Finance. The rates would be set such that diversions and releases constitute an independent proportionate share of the existing O&M for the reaches of Canal in use.

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Attachments:

None