



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Agenda
Item 7.2**

June 26, 2026

Subject: **Final Draft Benefits & Obligations (B&O) Contract, Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and Operations Plan**

Requested Action:

Receive and comment on the final draft of the Benefits & Obligations Contract, updated Bylaws, amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement, and Operations Plan, incorporating the direction provided at the May 8 workshop. Confirm that these Final Drafts are ready to proceed to be executed by the Sites Authority.

Detailed Description/Background:

The B&O Contract, JPA and Phase 3, 4, and 5 Bylaws as a whole form the contract documents, including the governance structure for Phase 3, 4, and 5. The latest drafts of all three documents were commented on by Participants and Authority Board members, at the workshop was held on May 8, 2026.

Following the workshop, staff distributed a summary document outlining the direction provided, along with draft terms requiring further discussion. Staff subsequently updated the draft documents based on feedback from the May workshop. Also, discussion sessions were conducted with Participants, as needed, to review their specific comments that were not discussed during the May 8 workshop.

The Final drafts attached to this staff report (Attachment A – Draft B&O Contract, Attachment B – Updated Draft Bylaws, Attachment C – Updated Draft JPA, and Attachment D Draft Sites Reservoir Operations Plan). These documents were posted on the Sites Authority’s website on June 15, 2026.

The purpose of this item is to closeout any remaining issues or concerns that Participants or Authority Board members may have so that the documents can be prepared for final approval at an upcoming Board meeting.

Staff understands the following outstanding items need to be discussed among the Board members to reach a resolution, as listed below:

- **Operational Guarantees:** Participants requested that the B&O Contract specify flow quantities, delivery timelines, and more explicit operational commitments to maximize water diversions to ensure modeled baseline

project benefits are met. There is concern that putting rigid operational metrics into the contract could create enforceable obligations that increase risk exposure for Participants which ultimately puts all Participants at risk of claims. Board direction is needed on whether to specify these guarantees or, instead, describe operational goals, benchmarks and example calculations in a future iteration of the Operations Plan.

- Super-Priority for Sites Water: Certain Participants propose that moving *Sites Water* through downstream facilities should always take priority over the conveyance of *Other Water*. This proposal would represent a departure from the current priority framework, under which Downstream Capacity Interest holders retain first priority access to available capacity regardless of water type. Board direction is needed on whether to reaffirm that downstream conveyance priority belongs to capacity right holders, or to defer prioritization contract terms until "Other Water" storage is officially requested and permitted in the future.
- Dedicated Central Valley Project / State Water Project Exchange Sections: Participants request contract language guaranteeing water exchanges with the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) will be implemented by the Authority. While exchanges are addressed within the existing Section 8 and Appendix 9, this request appears to reflect a structural and stylistic preference rather than a policy conflict. Board direction is needed on addressing the requested change. Staff would recommend the text, if incorporated, clearly assigns all associated costs, regulatory approvals, and localized operational risks of the specific exchanges to the requesting Participant(s).
- Procedural Exhibits: Participants request that detailed mathematical examples or visual exhibits be added to the contract appendixes to clearly illustrate how complex formulas—such as pro-rata capacity trimming and default reallocations—would operate in real-world scenarios. Board direction is needed on whether to develop a formal, separate administrative document (such as a future Board-approved whitepaper or policy resolution) to define these calculations for the official record rather than embedding them into the contract body.
- Opt-Out Discretion: Participants request more explicit discretion to "opt out" of receiving project water diversions into their designated storage allocations. The Contract currently includes provisions addressing this concept though some Participants seek additional clarity and discretion. Board direction is needed on whether to include additional opt-out discretion. If implemented, Staff would suggest this be paired with a mandatory "meet and confer" process if the decision to opt out is determined to have a negative impact on the project's broader water rights.

- Indemnity: Participants request that when the Authority delegates decision-making powers to the Reservoir Management Board, the RMB members should be provided with formal indemnity covering their actions. Because any such indemnity would ultimately be funded collectively through the Authority, Board direction is needed on whether the current contract structure already provides sufficient protection through existing liability and risk allocation provisions, or whether additional RMB-specific indemnity protections are warranted.
- Good Industry Practice and consistency with draft Facilities Use Agreements (discussed under Agenda Item 07-02).

Following today's discussion, staff will revise the draft documents based on direction received and to conform with the revised draft Water Right as needed, which is anticipated to be received on July 15, 2026.

Prior Action:

May 2026: Held a Benefits and Obligations workshop.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The Amendment 3 Work Plan includes sufficient budget to cover required resources and activities to finalize the Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract. The drafting of the Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws was anticipated in General Counsel's (Young Wooldridge) Amendment 3 scope, with \$100,000 of the contract authority being allocated, which is believed to be sufficient to finalize these documents.

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Attachments:

Attachment A – June 2026 Draft Benefits and Obligations Contract

Attachment B - June 2026 Draft Phase 3/4/5 Bylaws

Attachment C – June 2026 Draft Joint Powers Agreement

Attachment D – June 2026 Draft Operations Plan V2.3

[Note: The Benefits and Obligations Contract is being provided as a draft, and the terms reflected in this draft remain subject to further revision and negotiation among the parties involved.]

**Draft Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations
Contract
Among
Participants, Acquirer and Sites Authority**

Dated as of [____], 2026

[Board Report Draft: June 15, 2026]

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Draft Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract Between the Sites Authority, each Participant in Appendix 2 and the Acquirer

This Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract (this “**Contract**”), among the Participants listed in Appendix 2, the Acquirer and the Sites Project Authority (“**Sites Authority**”), sets forth the rights and obligations of the Parties with respect to the Project. Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalized acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Contract shall have the meanings given in Appendix 1.

RECITALS

A. The Sites Authority is a California Joint Powers Authority operating under and by virtue of Section 6500 et seq., of the California Government Code and formed in accordance with the Sites Authority JPA Agreement. The Sites Authority was established for the purpose of designing, constructing, owning, operating and maintaining the Project. The JPA Agreement together with the Phase 3-4-5 Bylaws are in full force and effect as of or prior to the date of this Contract.

B. The Project Facilities consist of Sites Owned Facilities and Partner Facilities.

C. Partner Facilities include facilities: (i) owned in whole or in part by Reclamation, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and Reclamation District 108, and (ii) operated, maintained and/or repaired by the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, and Reclamation District 108. Use of these Partner Facilities for Project purposes is subject at all times to Section 2.6 of the JPA Agreement, which prohibits the Sites Authority from entering into any agreements or otherwise taking any action that will, directly or indirectly, decrease, restrict, or in any manner alter, modify or limit water rights, water supplies or contractual entitlements to water of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, and Reclamation District 108 (and, in the case of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, the water agencies it serves) or the operations of their Partner Facilities or any facilities they operate under contract without the express written consent of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, or Reclamation District 108, depending on which facilities are at issue.

D. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“**CEQA**”) and its implementing guidelines, the Sites Authority released a Final Environmental Impact Report (“**Final EIR**”) for the Project on November 2, 2023. The Sites Authority certified the Final EIR and approved the Project with Board Resolution 2023-02 at its November 17, 2023 meeting.

E. Subject to compliance with Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals (including CEQA and NEPA), the Sites Authority intends to (i) design and construct the Sites Owned Facilities and certain other facilities, (ii) own the Project Assets, excluding the Partner Facilities, (iii) operate and maintain the Sites Owned Facilities; and (iv) contract with certain entities for the use, operations and maintenance of and improvements to and conveyance through existing Partner Facilities, in each case, for the benefit of the Storage Partners and in accordance with this Contract.

F. The Sites Authority will grant each Storage Partner, and each Storage Partner will own a Base Facilities Capacity Interest. Each Participant will receive certain benefits and have certain obligations in accordance with this Contract. The Sites Authority will also grant to each Storage Partner who elects to acquire a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, and such Storage Partners shall own a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest in accordance with this Contract.

G. The Sites Authority expects to obtain the Sites Water Right and will provide water service to the Participants in accordance with this Contract and in accordance with the direction of the Participants, consistent with Section 4.124 of this Contract.

H. DWR operates and maintains the State Water Project pursuant to the laws of the State of California, involving the development and conveyance of water supplies to water supply agencies throughout the State of California. DWR, as the Acquirer, will acquire Sites Water and convey Sites Water through the State Water Project Facilities, and certain other benefits from the Project for the benefit of the SWP Participants as further described in Section 1.3 and Appendix 9 of this Contract.

I. The Sites Authority intends to enter into certain agreements and contracts with State and Federal agencies pursuant to which the State and Reclamation will receive certain benefits (including water service) and have certain obligations related to the Project. These include the: (i) Reclamation Partnership Agreement; (ii) State and Federal Operations Agreement; (iii) Public Benefits Agreements with State Agencies; (iv) Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract with the California Water Commission; and (v) an Excess Capacity Agreement with Reclamation related to the Tehama-Colusa Canal.

J. The governance powers delegated to the Reservoir Management Board described in Section 4.12 of this Contract are a material benefit to the Participants and important to the Participants' decision to enter into this Contract and to commit to the investments described therein.

In consideration of the above Recitals and of the mutual promises and agreements contained in this Contract, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. CONTRACT APPLICABILITY; DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Contract and Relationship with JPA Agreement

1.1.1 This Contract means the contractual relationship among the Parties:

(a) for Self-Funding Participants, constituted by:

(i) this Contract and all Appendices and Exhibits (excluding Section 5.3 and Appendix 7, except to the extent set out in Section 1.1.1(a)(iii));

(ii) Section 5.5 only to the extent that a Participant satisfies all or a portion of its Fixed Project Cost Funding Obligations through Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments, and then only for the term of any payments for Fixed Project Costs using proceeds from such Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments; and

(iii) the applicable payment appendix in Appendix 7A, Appendix 7B or Appendix 7C, identified for each Participant in the Project Specific Information; or

(b) for Financing Participants constituted by:

(i) this Contract and all Appendices and Exhibits (excluding Section 5.5 and Appendix 7 except to the extent set out in Section 1.1.1(a)(iii));

(ii) Section 5.3 only to the extent that it satisfies all or a portion of its Fixed Project Cost Funding Obligations through participation in a Sites Financing. With respect to a Financing Participant, the terms of Section 5.3 are not in effect at such times as there is no outstanding Sites Financing or the Sites Authority is not in the process of entering into a Sites Financing in which such Participant is or will be participating; and

(iii) the applicable payment appendix in Appendix 7A, Appendix 7B or Appendix 7C, identified for each Participant in the Project Specific Information.

1.1.2 Where the Sites Authority or the Sites Authority Board is authorized to take actions with respect to the Project under this Contract, such authorization extends to any committee of the Sites Authority to the extent such responsibility for such actions has been lawfully delegated to such committee by the Sites Authority Bylaws or by an action of the Sites Authority Board, including to the Reservoir Management Board.

1.1.3 The Sites Authority Bylaws, the JPA Agreement and this Contract are to be interpreted in a manner that attempts to reconcile each with one another and affords the terms of each the fullest possible effect. In no event shall any such interpretation be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. If there is an ambiguity, discrepancy, inconsistency or conflict between this Contract and the JPA Agreement or the Sites Authority Bylaws, then subject to Section 1.1.4, the following order of precedence from highest to lowest shall apply:

- (a) this Contract;
- (b) the Sites Authority Bylaws; and
- (c) the JPA Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, in the event of any conflict between the JPA Agreement and either the Sites Authority Bylaws or this Contract, the JPA Agreement shall control as to Section 2.6 of the JPA Agreement, which provides as follows:

“GCID, RD 108 and TCCA Operations: The Authority Members anticipate that the Project will be within or adjacent to GCID, RD 108, and/or TCCA districts with at least a portion of the conveyance of water into the Sites Reservoir to be accomplished by wheeling water through GCID’s Main Canal, facilities that currently exist or that might in the future be constructed within the boundaries of RD 108, and/or the Tehama-Colusa Canal. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Bylaws, the Benefits & Obligations Contract, or any other Authority document, record or instrument concerning Project operations or governance, as the same may now exist or be amended from time to time, in no event shall the Authority have the power, except with the express written consent of GCID, RD 108 and/or TCCA, depending on which facilities are at issue, to enter into any agreements or otherwise take any action that will, directly or indirectly, decrease, restrict, or in any manner alter, modify or limit water rights, water supplies or contractual entitlements to water of GCID, RD 108 and/or TCCA (and, in the case of TCCA, the water agencies it serves) or the operations of their facilities or any facilities they operate under contract.”

1.1.4 The Sites Authority Board, each Participant and the Acquirer shall undertake prompt and good faith efforts to eliminate any ambiguity, discrepancy, inconsistency or conflict that may exist or arise among the documents described in Section 1.1.3 in a manner consistent with the governance structure for the Project described in Section 4.12.

1.2 Interpretation

In this Contract, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.2.1 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

1.2.2 references to statutes or regulations include all statutory or regulatory provisions consolidating, amending or replacing the statute or regulation referred to;

1.2.3 the words “including,” “includes” and “include” are deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”;

1.2.4 a reference to a Section is a reference to a Section of this Contract;

1.2.5 a reference to any entity includes such entity’s successors and permitted substitutes and assigns; and

1.2.6 words of any gender used in this Contract shall include each other gender where appropriate.

1.3 Role of DWR in Project

1.3.1 By entering into this Contract, DWR agrees to fulfill the role of the Acquirer for the benefit of the SWP Participants and receive the benefits and perform the obligations set forth in Appendix 9, provided that DWR’s obligations under this Contract are limited such that DWR’s only financial obligation to the Sites Authority or any other Party to this Contract pursuant to this Contract is to pay such sums to the Sites Authority as DWR receives from the SWP Participants in payment of that portion of their State Water Project annual charges traceable to this Contract as determined by DWR. Except where the Acquirer has a right, obligation or liability expressly stated in this Contract, including Appendix 9, DWR shall have no rights, obligations or liabilities under this Contract.

1.3.2 Deliveries of Sites Water to Participants and other entities may utilize the State Water Project conveyance facilities, subject to terms and conditions agreed upon by DWR and such Participants or other entities and memorialized in other agreements. This Contract does not authorize or create a right to any such deliveries.

1.3.3 DWR is an ex-officio member of the Sites Authority per California Water Code Section 79759, and this Contract does not affect or limit DWR’s relevant statutory authorities.

1.3.4 DWR may participate in water rights proceedings involving the Project or enter into contracts with the Sites Authority, and this Contract does not affect or limit DWR’s ability to engage in these activities, including taking positions that are adverse to or differ from the positions of the Sites Authority or any of the Participants; provided that such activities are not inconsistent with DWR’s obligations under this Contract.

1.3.5 The Sites Authority and DWR have the responsibility under Proposition 1 in California Water Code to enter into Public Benefit Agreements, including with the each other, provided certain requirements are satisfied. The responsibilities to enter into Public Benefits Agreements are separate from DWR’s role as an ex-officio member of the Sites Authority or DWR’s role as the Acquirer under this Contract, and this Contract neither constitutes a Public Benefit Agreement nor affects DWR’s ability to enter into such agreements.

1.3.6 DWR has other responsibilities under State law for water management in the State, including relating to flood management and dam safety, that may relate to the Project, and this Contract does not affect or limit DWR’s responsibilities under these laws.

1.4 Colusa County / Sites Authority MOU

This Contract incorporates the Colusa County / Sites Authority MOU in its entirety by reference.

SECTION 2. TERM; PRIOR AGREEMENTS; RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT BOARD; PAYMENT APPENDICES

2.1 Term

2.1.1 This Contract shall take effect upon:

(a) due execution of:

(i) the Contract by the Sites Authority, each of the Participants and the Acquirer; and

(ii) State and Federal Contracts by the Sites Authority, Reclamation and the State,

collectively representing 100% of the Base Facilities Capacity Interest;

(b) delivery to the Sites Authority by each Participant of (i) an opinion from an attorney or firm of attorneys in substantially the applicable form attached as Appendix 5 and authorization as required by Section 15.13; and (ii) an executed version of the Payment Appendix applicable to such Participant in substantially the form attached as Appendix 7A, Appendix 7B or Appendix 7C (as applicable); and

(c) due execution by the Sites Authority of this Contract and delivery to such Participants of an opinion for the Sites Authority of special counsel and general counsel to the Sites Authority, in substantially the form of Appendix 6.

2.1.2 This Contract shall:

(a) be dated and commence as of the signature and delivery date of the last executing and delivering Participant under Section 2.1.1 (the “**Effective Date**”); and

(b) as to each Participant and the Acquirer, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Sites Authority Bylaws and this Contract, continue for so long as each of that Participant and the Sites Authority continue to have their obligations under this Contract.

2.1.3 Section 1, Section 2, Section 3.4, Section Error! Reference source not found.3.5, Section 4, Section 5, Section 6, Section 7, Section 8, Section 9, Section 10, Section 11, Section 12, Section 13, Section 14 and Section 15 of this Contract shall be perpetual unless terminated in accordance with this Contract. Section 3.1, Section 3.2, and Section 3.3 shall be in effect until Completion.

2.2 Notwithstanding the Effective Date of this Contract being fixed on the date that all Participants, the Acquirer, the Sites Authority, Reclamation and the State (in their capacities as signatories to the State and Federal Contracts), have complied with Section 2.1.1, it is agreed by each Participant that in consideration for the Sites Authority's signature to this Contract, and for its commitment to use its best efforts to obtain the commitment of all Participants, the State and Reclamation (in their capacities as signatories to the State and Federal Contracts), to the Project, each Participant upon its execution and delivery of this Contract to the Sites Authority along with the required authorization and opinion described in Section 15.13 and any required evidence of compliance as required by Section 2.1.1 shall be immediately bound not to withdraw its respective offer made to enter into this Contract as executed and/or supplemented or to decrease or terminate its Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest for a period of 180 days from the date of the execution of this Contract by such Participant.

2.3 Prior Agreements

2.3.1 All Interim Agreements are terminated and of no further force and effect upon the Effective Date and all obligations identified in the Interim Agreements have been fulfilled. Such Interim Agreements shall have no force or effect on this Contract or the construction, and operation of the Project, including its governance.

2.3.2 Any unexpended funds made available to the Sites Authority in accordance with such Interim Agreements shall be transferred into the Revenue Fund and credited by the Sites Authority to amounts payable by applicable Storage Partners under this Contract for their respective Fixed Project Costs.

2.4 Reservoir Management Board

2.4.1 By executing this Contract, each Participant (i) shall designate a representative to become a member of the Reservoir Management Board, who shall actively participate in the Reservoir Management Board on behalf of such Participant, each in accordance with the JPA Agreement and the Sites Authority Bylaws, and (ii) agrees not to challenge the governance structure of the Sites Authority, specifically its delegation of powers and authority to the Reservoir Management Board.

2.4.2 The Sites Authority Board agrees not to challenge the governance structure of the Sites Authority, specifically, its delegation of powers and authority to the Reservoir Management Board.

2.4.3 The Sites Authority recognizes that the governance powers delegated by it to the Reservoir Management Board, which powers give Participants meaningful governance protections over their respective investments in the Project, is a primary and material benefit to each Participant and a primary and material inducement to each Participant's decision to enter into this Contract and to commit to fund the Project.

2.5 Payment Appendices

2.5.1 Subject to Section 2.5.2, if at any time a Participant elects to change its source of payment for Fixed Project Costs which election shall be subject to the Sites Authority's approval, in its reasonable discretion, such Participant shall provide to the Sites Authority an executed version of the applicable Payment Appendix reflecting such change.

2.5.2 If any Project Obligation under a Financing Agreement is outstanding (but only to the extent required under such Financing Agreement), a Participant's election to change its source of payment for Fixed Project Costs shall be subject to the terms of such Financing Agreement, including the right of the applicable Lender to consent to such change, if any.

SECTION 3. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND OWNERSHIP

3.1 Obligation of the Sites Authority to Construct and Complete the Project

3.1.1 Subject to compliance with all Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals, the Sites Authority agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to construct and complete the Project in accordance with the Approved Design Documents, provided that (i) each Participant provides its share of all required funding under this Contract; (ii) the Sites Authority is not prohibited by Applicable Law from proceeding; and (iii) the Sites Authority and the Reservoir Management Board have not mutually determined the Project to be infeasible and impractical.

3.1.2 By this Contract taking effect and the Sites Authority accepting payments for Project Costs under this Contract, the Sites Authority does not warrant that it will construct and achieve Completion.

3.2 Conditions Precedent to Construction

[Note to Participants: The list of conditions precedent may be revised closer to execution of the Contract.]

3.2.1 Subject to Section 3.2.2, the Sites Authority shall commence construction, through execution of a Construction Contract of all or a portion of the Project, upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) the Sites Authority's execution of initial Construction Contract, provided such action is permitted under the Sites Authority Bylaws, Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals and any necessary Partner Agreements; and
- (b) receipt by the Sites Authority of (i) a certified resolution of the Reservoir Management Board confirming commencement of all or a portion of construction under that Construction Contract; and (ii) Governmental Approvals and any necessary Partner Agreements required to commence all or a portion of construction by the Sites Authority.

3.2.2 Where the total amount of Participants' payments under this Contract from and after the Effective Date exceeds \$500,000,000, the Reservoir Management Board shall provide a one-time certified resolution authorizing further payment of expenses of the Project in accordance with the Sites Authority Bylaws before further expenses may be incurred.

3.3 Construction Progress Reports

The Sites Authority will provide Participants with construction progress reports in a form and substance approved by the Reservoir Management Board.

3.4 Ownership of Project Assets

Subject to Section 3.5 and Section 3.6, the Sites Authority shall own all Project Assets,).

3.5 Base Facilities Capacity Interest

The Sites Authority hereby grants to each Participant, and each Participant shall own, a Base Facilities Capacity Interest in the amounts described in the Project Specific Information and otherwise in accordance with this Contract.

3.6 Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest

The Sites Authority hereby grants to those Participants indicated in the Project Specific Information as holding a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, and such Participants shall own, a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest in the amounts described in the Project Specific Information and otherwise in accordance with this Contract.

3.7 Updates to Project Specific Information and Sites Operations Plan

3.7.1 The Parties agree that the Project Specific Information and the Sites Operations Plan may be updated from time to time as provided below to reflect changes or issues impacting the Project without amending the terms of this Contract.

3.7.2 No less frequently than annually, the Sites Authority will update:

- (a) the Project Specific Information to reflect (i) any changes in each Storage Partner's Capacity Interest percentage(s) as a result of sale or acquisition of Capacity Interest in accordance with Section 8, any acquisition or disposition of Capacity Interest in accordance with Section 10, or any other changes in Capacity Interest in accordance with this Contract; and (ii) other changes to the Project Specific Information to reflect changes or issues impacting the Project; and
- (b) Appendix 8 to reflect changes, if any, to the Sites Operations Plan made in the prior year.

SECTION 4. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

4.1 Obligation of the Sites Authority to Operate and Maintain the Project

4.1.1 The Sites Authority shall develop, operate and maintain the Project for the benefit of all Storage Partners. This duty applies to all aspects of Project development, permitting, and operations including: negotiating and entering into Partner Agreements, or easements or other instruments for the use of third-party facilities and/or real property; negotiating and entering into regulatory permits; operating and maintaining the Project in accordance with Good Industry Practice; timely communicating with Storage Partners regarding anticipated or actual Project diversions and releases of water; and timely communication with all Storage Partners of

anticipated or actual problems or concerns with regard to the Project and potential remedies for the same.

4.1.2 Subject to compliance with all Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals, the Sites Authority agrees to diligently operate and maintain the Project Facilities, administer and maintain all Partner Agreements necessary for Project operations, and ensure compliance with such Partner Agreements, in accordance with this Contract, the Sites Operations Plan, Applicable Law, and Good Industry Practice, provided that (i) the Participants and the Acquirer provide all funding required under this Contract for operations and maintenance; and (ii) the Sites Authority and the Reservoir Management Board have not mutually determined the continued operation of the Project is infeasible and impractical.

4.1.3 The Sites Authority shall take all commercially reasonable steps to protect the Sites Water Right, implement the policy direction of the Reservoir Management Board and the Sites Authority Board in accordance with this Contract, and manage, control and protect Sites Water. The Parties agree that maximizing diversions and beneficial use under the Sites Water Right is in the best interest of all Parties. Subject to compliance with all Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals, Good Industry Practice and Section 8, the Sites Authority and the Participants agree to take reasonable steps to optimize the diversion and beneficial use of Sites Water.

4.2 Sites Operations Plan

4.2.1 Each Party acknowledges and understands that the storage and conveyance of Water through the Project Facilities and applicable Partner Facilities consistent with each Storage Partner's Capacity Interests will be implemented in accordance with the Sites Operations Plan. The Sites Authority shall administer Partner Agreements as necessary to implement such storage and conveyance.

4.2.2 The initial form of the Sites Operations Plan approved by the Reservoir Management Board and the Sites Authority (as applicable) in accordance with the Sites Authority Bylaws is included as Appendix 8. Following a change to the Sites Operations Plan in accordance with Section 4.2.4, the updated Sites Operations Plan will be attached to this Contract in accordance with Section 3.6.

4.2.3 The Sites Operations Plan is intended to implement and provide detail to the terms of this Contract, including administration of Partner Agreements and use of Partner Facilities necessary to achieve expected Project benefits to the extent feasible, and shall not modify or amend this Contract in a manner that results in a material adverse effect on a Participant's rights under this Contract or the State or Federal Contracts (as applicable) to control its respective Base Facilities Capacity Interests or Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, or its ability to have Sites Water or Other Water diverted into, stored in, released or conveyed through the Project Facilities on a pro-rata and substantially similar basis with other Storage Partners taking into account each Storage Partner's applicable Capacity Interests. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sites Operations Plan and this Contract, the terms of this Contract shall prevail. All Participants, and the Acquirer shall be subject to uniform operational standards regarding diversion, storage, release, and conveyance of Water through Project Facilities, except where expressly modified by Base Facilities Capacity Interests, Downstream Facilities Capacity Interests, or specific contractual rights under this Contract. The State and Federal Capacity Interest shall be subject to operation standards described in their respective contracts.

4.2.4 Subject to the Sites Authority Bylaws (including, in particular, Section 10.3), and the JPA Agreement (including, in particular, Section 2.3), changes to the Sites Operations Plan are subject to approval by the Reservoir Management Board as described in the Sites Authority Bylaws. Prior to any such approval, the prior version of the Sites Operations Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

4.3 Use of Capacity Interests

Each Participant acknowledges and agrees:

4.3.1 that its Capacity Interests shall only be used for the storage and conveyance of Sites Water, or storage and conveyance of Other Water which may be stored in and conveyed through the Project Facilities in accordance with Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals and the Sites Operations Plan;

4.3.2 that except as set out in this Section 4 or in Section 8, it may not use another Storage Partner's Capacity Interests for the storage and conveyance of Sites Water or Other Water, that it shall utilize Sites Water in accordance with Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals and shall timely provide any information the Sites Authority may need to comply with Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals as described in the Sites Operations Plan;

4.3.3 that it shall make reasonable efforts to optimize diversion and beneficial use of Sites Water during the Sites Water Right Development Period and shall not interfere with the Sites Authority's efforts to optimize diversion and beneficial use of Sites Water during the Sites Water Right Development Period;

4.3.4 Storage Partners who hold a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest have first priority to use Downstream Facilities, including any Available Downstream Capacity. Where use of Downstream Facilities exceeds a Storage Partner's Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, the Storage Partner shall incur wheeling costs [on a per Acre-foot basis] determined as described in the Operations Plan, which wheeling fee shall be credited to those holders of Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest who provided the Available Downstream Capacity. Where Available Downstream Capacity is insufficient to meet demands, such capacity shall be apportioned pro rata based on the relative Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest; and

4.3.5 Storage Partners who do not hold a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest shall have second priority access to use of the Available Downstream Capacity unless such Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest is leased or acquired in accordance with Section 8 of this Contract. If conveying Water under a second priority access to use of Available Downstream Capacity, the Storage Partner shall incur wheeling costs [on a per Acre-foot basis] determined as described in the Operations Plan, which wheeling fee shall be credited to those holders of Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest who provided the Available Downstream Capacity.

4.4 Storage and Release of Sites Water

4.4.1 Subject to Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals, the diversion of Sites Water to storage will take priority over the release of Water. Sites Water diverted from the Sacramento River by the Sites Authority will first be used to fill the Inactive Storage Pool. After the Inactive Storage Pool is filled, Sites Water diverted by the Sites Authority will be allocated to Storage Partners in Sites Reservoir based on each Storage Partner's Base Facilities Capacity Interest up to the Storage Partner's Storage Allocation, including any Storage Allocation leased,

or acquired by such Storage Partner in accordance with Section 8 of this Contract. If a Storage Partner's Storage Allocation is not available or is full, then diverted Sites Water will be allocated to the remaining Storage Partners who have available Storage Allocation in proportion to their Base Facilities Capacity Interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Sites Water originating from Funks Creek and its tributaries, Stone Corral Creek and its tributaries, and the watershed of Sites Reservoir shall be allocated consistent with the Colusa County/Sites Authority MOU.

4.4.2 In accordance with the timing and process described in the Sites Operations Plan and Section 4.3, each Participant shall provide the Sites Authority with (i) a projected request for Sites Water the Participant seeks to have stored in the Project ("**Storage Opportunity Request Form**"), which, when added to such Participant's Stored Water, shall not exceed the sum of (a) that Participant's Storage Allocation; and (b) any other Storage Allocation leased or acquired by such Participant in accordance with Section 8 of this Contract; and (ii) a projected schedule for releases of such Participant's Stored Water ("**Release Request Form**").

4.4.3 Upon receipt of each Participant's Storage Opportunity Request Form, Release Request Form, and any other forms required in the Sites Operations Plan, the Sites Authority will review each Participant's proposed schedules and make necessary modifications in the manner provided in the Sites Operations Plan to ensure that the amounts, times, and rates of delivery of Sites Water to the Participant will be consistent with the Participant's Capacity Interests, Storage Partner's Stored Water, Storage Allocation and the Sites Authority's overall delivery ability, considering the then current delivery schedules of all Storage Partners. The Sites Authority will not unreasonably withhold any decisions made pursuant to this subsection and will not make a decision that results in a material adverse effect on a Storage Partner's rights under this Contract or the State and Federal Contracts (as applicable) to control its Capacity Interests, or its ability to have Water diverted into, stored in, or released through the Project Facilities in accordance with its Capacity Interests on a pro-rata and substantially similar basis with other Storage Partners.

4.4.4 All Storage Partners shall bear the risk of loss of Sites Water and any shortfall or reduction in Sites Water as set out in the Sites Operations Plan.

4.4.5 The Project provides water supply and water supply related environmental benefits, including water quality benefits, as well as flood control, recreation, and power generation benefits. The Project will be operated so as to maximize the water supply and water supply related environmental benefits while continuing to provide the flood control and recreational benefits.

4.5 Other Water

4.5.1 Subject to Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals, all Storage Partners may store Other Water in, or convey Other Water by use of the Storage Partner's respective Capacity Interests in the Project Facilities as described in the Sites Authority Bylaws. The use of Project Facilities for Other Water must not negatively impact other Storage Partners' rights as set forth in this Contract or the State and Federal Contracts (as applicable) and shall be subject to the approval of the Sites Authority and the Reservoir Management Board as described in the Sites Authority Bylaws, whose approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any costs to the Sites Authority associated with Other Water shall follow Beneficiary Pays Principles, including if the Sites Authority is required to take actions to comply with Applicable Law or obtain or modify any new or existing Governmental Approvals.

4.5.2 The diversion and conveyance of Sites Water into Sites Reservoir will be prioritized over the diversion and conveyance of Other Water into Sites Reservoir.

4.5.3 Other Water shall accrue losses in a substantially similar manner as Sites Water, and the Storage Partner seeking to store or convey Other Water shall bear the risk of loss of the Other Water and any shortfall or reduction in Other Water.

4.6 Release of Water

4.6.1 Subject to Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals, the terms of this Contract, Project operational constraints and Partner Agreements, Participants retain discretion over release scheduling for Water held within their Capacity Interests..

4.6.2 The Delivery Point for Water shall be either Funks Reservoir, the Terminal Regulating Reservoir, the downstream confluence with the Sacramento River Knights Landing Outfall Gates or a nearby location specified by each Storage Partner in their Release Request Form (“Delivery Point”). The Sites Authority’s obligations and responsibilities for Water terminate at the Funks Reservoir and Terminal Regulating Reservoir, as applicable; provided that the Sites Authority shall comply with any water rights permit or license requirements relating to the re-diversion of Sites Water through the Delta and will conform to any applicable facility usage agreements and operations agreements. See Section 4.6.9 for limitations of Sites Authority liability for deliveries to the downstream confluence with the Sacramento River and any Secondary Delivery Point.

4.6.3 For releases of Water to the Delivery Point at the downstream confluence with the Sacramento River (the “Sacramento River Delivery Point”), the Sites Authority, following the approval of the Reservoir Management Board and Authority board, as necessary, shall negotiate, enter into, and enforce any agreements necessary to convey Water from Funks Reservoir to the Sacramento River Delivery Point, including a Partner Agreement with the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority and agreements or real property instruments executed with public agencies and landowners along the stretch of the Colusa Basin Drain between the Dunnigan Pipeline and the Sacramento River Delivery Point.

4.6.4 If the Reservoir Management Board and Authority Board, as applicable, determine that the Colusa Basin Drain is inadequate to reliably convey Water to the Sacramento River Delivery Point, the Sites Authority shall undertake reasonable efforts to secure improved conveyance through existing Downstream Facilities and/or will study, plan, design, and construct new downstream facilities, such as a Dunnigan Pipeline extension to the Sacramento River upon designating funding for these purposes. As provided in Section 4.6.5 below, any costs borne by the Sites Authority in connection with these efforts shall follow Beneficiary Pays Principles. The Parties understand and agree that Downstream Facilities improvements related to Partner Facilities may be subject to the requirements of Section 2.6 of the JPA Agreement.

4.6.5 All releases of Water to the Sacramento River Delivery Point or another agreed Delivery Point beyond Funks Reservoir and Terminal Regulating Reservoir are subject to Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals and Partner Agreements and Section 4.1.2(i). Each Storage Partner shall bear the costs (monetary or otherwise) and risk of reasonable loss or reduction in moving their own Water between Funks Reservoir and/or the Terminal Regulating Reservoir and the Sacramento River Delivery Point or other agreed Delivery Point. Any costs borne by the Sites Authority associated with delivering Water from Funks Reservoir and/or the Terminal Regulating Reservoir to the Sacramento River Delivery Point or another agreed Delivery

Point shall follow Beneficiary Pays Principles. The Parties understand and agree that Downstream Facilities improvements related to Partner Facilities may be subject to the requirements of Section 2.6 of the JPA Agreement.

The Sites Authority, upon direction from the Reservoir Management Board, will analyze, explore, evaluate, investigate, develop and report data in a timely manner to the Storage Partners to determine losses of Sites Water. Upon direction and designated funding from the Reservoir Management Board and the Authority Board as applicable, the Sites Authority shall develop and implement remedies to address losses of Sites Water between Funks Reservoir and/or the Terminal Regulating Reservoir and any alternative Delivery Point (if different than Funks Reservoir or the Terminal Regulating Reservoir).

4.6.6 The Sites Authority will convey released Water through Project Facilities in accordance with the provisions of this Contract and undertake all reasonable measures, consistent with Applicable Law and Partner Agreements, to manage, control, and protect Sites Water to the applicable Delivery Point. Storage Partners may specify a Secondary Delivery Point(s) in their respective Release Request Form as described in the provisions of this Contract, subject to reasonable approval by the Sites Authority. The Sites Authority shall enter into, maintain, and administer Partner Agreements and use best efforts to assist Participants in conveying their Water to a Secondary Delivery Point(s) consistent with Good Industry Practice to facilitate conveyance of Participants' Water to approved Secondary Delivery Points. Such actions taken by the Sites Authority are subject to Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals and Partner Agreements and Section 4.1.1(i). Participants shall bear all costs (monetary or otherwise), the risk of loss and any shortfall or reduction in Water between the Funks Reservoir and Terminal Regulating Reservoir, as applicable, and the Sacramento River Delivery Point and/or any other Delivery Point or Secondary Delivery Point(s). Any costs borne by the Sites Authority associated with delivering Water to the Secondary Delivery Point shall follow Beneficiary Pays Principles.

4.6.7 In the event that requests by Storage Partners for the conveyance of Water to, or release of Water from, the Project exceed available conveyance capacity at any Project Facilities, such request will be considered and determined by the Sites Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Contract; provided that Storage Partners have a right to use facilities necessary to convey Water to the Delivery Point in proportion to their Base Facility Capacity Interest; and to Downstream Facilities in proportion to their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest.

4.6.8 The Sites Authority may temporarily discontinue or reduce the conveyance of Water to, and release of Water from, the Project Facilities, if necessary, as described in the Sites Operations Plan.

4.6.9 Each Participant shall indemnify the Sites Authority, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising in connection with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water beyond the Delivery Point, except for any damage or claim arising in connection with (i) acts or omissions of the Sites Authority or any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the Sites Authority or any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns; (iii) negligence of the Sites Authority or directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns; (iv) damage or claims resulting from a malfunction of Project Asset.

4.7 Power Generation

To the extent power, energy or other services are generated by Project Facilities, sales of such power, energy and all other services will be managed by the Sites Authority. Any revenues received by the Sites Authority for the sale or other disposition of power, energy or other services shall be used to offset Variable O&M Costs (including funding of reserves in accordance with the Sites Authority Policies), and to the extent that such revenues exceed Variable O&M Costs in a Fiscal Year, any remaining revenues will be used to offset Fixed O&M Costs. Any such revenues will be allocated by the Sites Authority to Storage Partners in proportion to the amount of Water released on behalf of the Storage Partners during the Fiscal Year.

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the release of Water has a higher priority than the generation of power by Project Facilities and power generation is not guaranteed to Storage Partners with the release of Water.

4.8 Entry and Inspection

The Sites Authority and the Participants each agree that Participants shall be allowed, at reasonable times and upon reasonable prior notice, and at the Participant's expense, to enter onto the Sites Owned Facilities for reasonable purposes (including dam safety), in accordance with the Sites Authority's reasonable safety regulations and policies and subject to Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals.

4.9 Measurement of Water

The Sites Authority shall measure, or cause to be measured, Water and shall keep and maintain accurate and complete records of diversions, storage and release of Water in accordance with Good Industry Practice.

4.10 Excused Performance

4.10.1 Upon the occurrence of an event of Force Majeure, (a) the Sites Authority shall be excused from its obligations under this Contract for the period during which it is unable to comply with such obligations as a result of such event of Force Majeure, and (b) the Participants and the Acquirer shall be excused from their obligations under this Contract for the period during which they are unable to comply with such obligations as a result of the event of Force Majeure, other than the payment of Project Costs described in Section 6 of this Contract, which obligations are not subject to reduction or abatement.

4.10.2 Any excuse of obligations in accordance with this Section 4.10 is subject to the proviso that, upon obtaining knowledge of an event of Force Majeure, such Party: (a) promptly notifies the Sites Authority and/or the other Party or Parties of the event of Force Majeure; (b) provides reasonable details and updates relating to such event of Force Majeure; and (c) implements mitigation measures to the extent commercially reasonable.

4.11 Shortages and Water Quality

4.11.1 If for any reason other than those described in Section 4.11 there is a reduction in the Sites Water diversions or releases or other circumstances, which, notwithstanding preventive or remedial measures that the Sites Authority may or may not take in its sole discretion, threatens a permanent or sustained material reduction in the supply of Sites Water, including reductions

resulting from loss of reservoir capacity, Inactive Storage Pool conditions, infrastructure impairment, regulatory restrictions, sedimentation, or other long-term operational limitation to be made available to the Storage Partners, the Sites Authority will adjust the storage, diversion and release of Sites Water in proportion to each Storage Partner’s applicable Capacity Interest.

4.11.2 Neither the Sites Authority nor any of its directors, officers, agents, or employees shall be liable for any damage, direct or indirect, arising from the shortages in the amount of Water to be made available to the Participants under this Contract caused by non-availability of Water to the Sites Authority under the Sites Water Right (as applicable to Sites Water), Applicable Law, Governmental Approval or caused by drought, or any other cause beyond the Sites Authority’s control.

4.11.3 The Sites Authority makes no representation, warranty or guarantee of the quality of Water delivered under this Contract.

4.12 Governance

4.12.1 The Parties agree that:

- (a) the Sites Authority Board has reserved certain powers, as described in the JPA Agreement;
- (b) the Reservoir Management Board has been delegated exclusive decision-making authority for specified activities, identified as “Delegated Authorities” in Section 10.2 of the Sites Authority Bylaws, which shall not be amended without approval of the Reservoir Management Board;
- (c) the Sites Authority and the Reservoir Management Board have shared decision-making authority for specified activities, as described in the Sites Authority Bylaws;
- (d) the Sites Authority Bylaws and the JPA Agreement set out voting procedures for amendment thereof that shall be complied with by all Parties; and
- (e) any Participant shall have the option to serve as an Associate Member of the Sites Authority Board, subject to the rights and limitations set forth in the Sites Authority Bylaws.
- (f) no change can occur and no modification can be made to the governance structure described in this Section 4.12 except in the manner provided for in the Sites Authority Bylaws.

4.13 Maintenance and Compliance with Partner Agreements

The Sites Authority shall (i) enter into, (ii) maintain, and (iii) ensure compliance with, each applicable Partner Agreement necessary for the operation of the Project in accordance with this Contract, the Sites Operations Plan, Applicable Law and Good Industry Practice.

In performing its obligations under this Contract, the Sites Authority shall use best efforts, consistent with Good Industry Practice and subject to applicable technical, legal, and third-party constraints, to ensure that the terms of the Partner Agreements are complied with. Any

amendment to a Partner Agreement shall be subject to the approvals specified in the Sites Authority Bylaws.

The Sites Authority shall undertake all reasonable measures, consistent with Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals and Partner Agreements, to manage, control, and protect Water through the applicable Delivery Point.

4.14 SWP Participant Operations Coordination

Each SWP Participant shall coordinate with Acquirer and the Sites Authority regarding annual scheduling, conveyance, use, and operational planning for its Capacity Interests and Sites Water, all in Accordance with Appendix 9.

4.15 Capital Improvement Plan

4.15.1 Every year starting at the Completion, the Sites Authority shall generate a five year forecast for all capital improvements including capital cost estimates for each improvement, any operating cost changes associated with the capital expenditure, and project funding prioritization for the Project Facilities subject to approval by the Reservoir Management Board and the Sites Authority (as applicable) as described in the Sites Authority Bylaws (“**Capital Improvement Plan**”). The approved Capital Improvement Plan shall be reflected in the annual budget. The Sites Authority shall make good faith efforts to include any activities that the Sites Authority reasonably anticipates would require amendment to the adopted annual budget for Project Costs for each Fiscal Year.

4.15.2 The Parties agree that additional activities, work or services may be required that were not contemplated in the Capital Improvement Plan. The Parties therefore agree to use best efforts and take reasonable actions to address and resolve any such increased or additional activities, work or services, and associated expenses.

4.16 Drought Emergency Supplies Requirement

4.16.1 The Parties acknowledge that the Sites Authority has entered a Contract for Administration for Public Benefits with the Department of Water Resources and is to receive State Prop 1 funds relating to the Sites Project delivering public benefits associated with drought emergency response and associated adaptive management requirements (“**CAPB-DWR**”).

4.16.2 Nothing in the CAPB-DWR shall restrict or impair the right of any Participant, in its sole discretion and consistent with Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals and this Contract, to use, deliver, transfer, exchange, sell, store, release, or otherwise manage its Sites Water or Other Water, including before, during or after state or locally declared drought emergency conditions or periods of water shortage.

4.16.3 The Participants agree to perform the following tasks related to supporting the Sites Authority’s demonstrating compliance with the CAPB-DWR:

- (a) Prepare and incorporate a Drought Emergency Response Program (“**DERP**”) into the Sites Operations Plan which shall be activated and administered by the Sites Authority. No Participant is obligated to dedicate, reserve, or release its Sites Water for public benefit purposes except as voluntarily determined by such Participant.

- (b) Reasonably cooperate with any actions and provide any information reasonably necessary for the Sites Authority to demonstrate compliance with the CAPB-DWR, including implementing any associated reporting, accounting and monitoring.
- (c) Reasonably cooperate in the implementation of adaptive management obligations contained in the DERP. The Parties recognize that implementation of adaptive management actions does not imply or warrant guaranteed achievement of any specific delivery quantity, operational outcome, or drought emergency response target in any individual year or series of years.
- (d) To the extent that a Participant chooses to relocate its Sites Water from Sites Reservoir to another storage location south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (“SOD”) in non-emergency years for the purpose of making Sites Water available from SOD storage in subsequent emergency years, and Participant is able to demonstrate that previously relocated Sites Water was physically delivered from such SOD storage during the subsequent emergency year, the Sites Authority shall seek DWR approval to account for such deliveries as contributing to the target volume in the emergency year such Sites Water is delivered.

4.16.4 Nothing in any Public Benefit Agreement or adaptive management process shall be construed to amend this Contract or alter the allocation of rights, responsibilities or Capacity Interests established under this Contract except through an amendment approved in accordance with Section 15.12.

SECTION 5. FINANCING OF THE PROJECT

5.1 The Sites Authority Financing of the Project

The Sites Authority:

5.1.1 agrees to provide Sites Financing for Fixed Project Costs, provided that each Financing Participant and the Acquirer (as applicable) shall pay Sites Financing Costs relating to such Sites Financing allocable to the Participant in accordance with Section 6.4;

5.1.2 may incur Project Obligations from time to time for the purpose of financing or refinancing the Fixed Project Costs on an interim or permanent basis; and

5.1.3 in incurring Project Obligations, will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain cost effective financing for the Fixed Project Costs on reasonable terms and conditions consistent with this Contract and with the approval of the Reservoir Management Board.

5.2 Notice of Expected Incurrence of Sites Financing

5.2.1 The Sites Authority will provide written notice to the Participants substantially in the form of Appendix 4 of the expected incurrence of (i) the first Sites Financing, at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days prior to, or (ii) any other Sites Financing at least 150, but not more than 180 days prior to (A) the expected date of the incurrence of such Sites Financing, or (B) if the Project Obligations are expected to be sold in the public capital markets, the Business Day prior to the scheduled date on which the offering document (which may be a preliminary offering document) relating to such Sites Financing is anticipated to be made available to potential investors, that includes:

- (a) the anticipated date of the incurrence by the Sites Authority of such Sites Financing (a “**Proposed Sites Financing Incurrence Date**”);
- (b) a description of the proposed financing structure, expected method of sale, expected term, pro-forma cash flows and each Participant’s estimated share of the Fixed Project Costs to be financed or refinanced from the proceeds of such proposed Sites Financing;
- (c) each Participant’s estimated annual Sites Financing Costs relating to the proposed Sites Financing; and
- (d) the amount that the Participant would be required to deposit with the Sites Authority if the Participant elects to self-fund such costs in accordance with Sections 5.4 and 5.5,

(each such notice constituting a “**Sites Financing Incurrence Notice**”).

5.3 Provisions Applicable to Financing Participants

5.3.1 This Section 5.3 shall be applicable to each Financing Participant participating in a Sites Financing.

5.3.2 No later than 30 days following a request by the Sites Authority, each Financing Participant shall:

- (a) provide to the Sites Authority such information and disclosure as may be reasonably required by the Sites Authority in connection with the incurrence of a Sites Financing;
- (b) provide to the Sites Authority such information regarding that Participant as the Sites Authority may reasonably require in order to comply with (i) any reporting obligations under any Sites Financing; or (ii) the obligations of the Sites Authority under any continuing disclosure undertaking entered into in connection with the incurrence of a Sites Financing;
- (c) deliver to the Sites Authority all certificates and Participant counsel opinions reasonably required by the Sites Authority or bond counsel to the Sites Authority in connection with the sale and closing of such Sites Financing; and
- (d) execute and deliver to the Sites Authority such additional documents, including, any necessary further assurances in relation to the incurrence of any Sites Financing as the Sites Authority may reasonably request, provided that all such documents will be provided in accordance with Applicable Law.

5.4 Participant Self-Funding Election

5.4.1 Each Participant may elect to self-fund all or a portion of the Participant’s share of Fixed Project Costs proposed by the Sites Authority to be financed or refinanced in accordance with a Sites Financing Incurrence Notice.

5.4.2 Such election shall be made by delivering written notice to the Sites Authority, substantially in the form attached as Appendix 3 (each, a “**Self-Funding Notice**”), on or before the 90th day prior to (i) the anticipated date of the applicable Sites Financing Incurrence Date or (ii) if the Project Obligations are expected to be sold in the public capital markets, the Business Day prior to the scheduled date on which the offering document relating to such Sites Financing is anticipated to be made available to potential investors, as applicable (a “**Self-Funding Election Date**”), setting forth the amount of Fixed Project Costs that the Participant proposes to finance or refinance from the proposed Sites Financing and any share of Fixed Project Costs that the Participant proposes to self-fund.

5.4.3 A Participant making an election in a Self-Funding Notice to self-fund only a portion of the applicable Fixed Project Costs assignable to that Participant with respect to Sites Financing shall be treated both as a Financing Participant and a Self-Funding Participant under this Contract with respect to such Sites Financing.

5.4.4 A Participant shall not be permitted to withdraw, change or otherwise terminate a Self-Funding Notice with respect to such self-funded portion of a Sites Financing after the applicable Self-Funding Election Date; provided that a Participant may increase its self-funded portion of a Sites Financing after the Self-Funding Election Date if the financing structure, terms, or conditions set forth in the good faith estimates accompanying the resolution of the Sites Authority authorizing such financing deviate materially from those provided in the Financing Incurrence Notice; provided further that an election of a Participant to increase its self-funded portion pursuant to this Section 5.4.4 must be made within 10 days after the consideration of the resolution of the Sites Authority authorizing such financing.

5.4.5 The execution of a master agreement by the Sites Authority in connection with the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan program, any other State, federal or other public agency loan or any agreement relating to short-term or interim borrowing, including revolving credit agreements, lines of credit and commercial paper notes, shall constitute a Sites Financing for purposes of this Section 5, regardless of when funds are drawn thereunder.

5.5 Provisions Applicable to Self-Funding Participants

5.5.1 This Section 5.5 shall apply to each Self-Funding Participant to the extent such Participant complies with such Participant’s obligation to pay the Fixed Project Costs identified in the respective Participant’s Self-Funding Notice through Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments.

5.5.2 Each Self-Funding Participant shall deposit cash with the Sites Authority in the amount specified in the Self-Funding Notice provided by the Self-Funding Participant to the Sites Authority under Section 5.4.2 (each, a “**Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment**”), by the date that is 60 days prior to (i) the applicable Sites Financing Incurrence Date, or (ii) if the Project Obligations are to be sold in the public capital markets, the Business Day prior to the scheduled date on which the offering document (which may be a preliminary offering document) relating to such Sites Financing is anticipated to be made available to potential investors (the “**Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment Date**”); provided that if the Self-Funding Cash Payment is not received by the Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment Date, the Participant will be provided with a grace period of 45 days after the Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment Date for the Participant to make such Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment. If payment of the Self-Funding Participant

Cash Payment is made within such grace period, such Participant will be treated as a Self-Funding Participant.

5.5.3 The Sites Authority will deposit each Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment in an individual account or accounts for each Self-Funding Participant established and held by the Sites Authority separate and apart from the Sites Authority's other funds and accounts, and shall apply such amount, including the investment earnings thereon, to pay such Self-Funding Participant's share of the cost of the applicable Fixed Project Costs in accordance with Section 6.5 or to pay costs of any refinancing, as applicable. Such accounts and any investments shall be held in compliance with Applicable Law.

5.5.4 In the event that the Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment is not received prior to the expiration of the grace period described in Section 5.5.2, such Participant shall constitute a Financing Participant with respect to such Sites Financing and be obligated to pay Sites Financing Costs relating to such Sites Financing.

5.5.5 To the extent a Self-Funding Participant meets its obligation under this Contract to pay Fixed Project Costs through Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments, such Participant hereby represents, warrants, and covenants that such Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments shall and will be delivered to the Sites Authority free and clear of any prior lien.

5.5.6 At the time of disbursement of any proceeds of Project Obligations there will be a disbursement of proceeds from the accounts holding the Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments made by Self-Funding Participants, and in each instance, the disbursement of proceeds of Project Obligations and the disbursement of proceeds from the accounts holding the Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments made by the Self-Funding Participants shall be made proportionately based on each such Participant's Capacity Interests. In the event that a Participant is both a Financing Participant and a Self-Funding Participant, the allocation of the proceeds of Project Obligations and the disbursement from the account holding such Participant's Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment to the payment of such Participant's share of Fixed Project Costs, will be made in proportion to such Participant's Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment and the Participant Fixed Project Costs to be financed from the proposed Sites Financing identified in such Participant's Self-Funding Notice relative to the Total Participant Obligation set forth in such Participant's Self-Funding Notice; provided that if a Participant that is both a Financing Participant and a Self-Funding Participant elects to increase its self-funded portion of Fixed Project Costs after the Self-Funding Election Date pursuant to Section 5.4.4, the amounts used to determine the allocation between the proceeds of Project Obligations and disbursements from the account holding such Participant's Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment will be adjusted to take into account the increase to such Participant's self-funded portion of Fixed Project Costs.

5.5.7 If, following (i) Completion or (ii) to the extent a Participant elects to self-fund its share of Fixed Project Costs of additional Project Facilities following Completion, the completion of the additional Project Facilities funded, in part, with a Sites Financing that such Participant elected not to participate in, there is any portion of any Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments (and investment earnings thereon) remaining unspent by the Sites Authority, then such unspent Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments (including investment earnings thereon) shall be returned by the Sites Authority to the applicable Self-Funding Participants, or, at the written direction of each such Self-Funding Participant shall be paid to the Sites Authority and credited to future Fixed Project Costs of the applicable Self-Funding Participant under this Contract.

SECTION 6. PAYMENT OF PROJECT COSTS

6.1 Overview of Project Costs

6.1.1 Subject to the special provisions for SWP Participants in Appendix 9, each Participant shall be required to pay Project Costs as follows:

- (a) Financing Obligations as set out in Section 6.4 for Financing Participants;
- (b) Fixed Project Costs, calculated in accordance with Section 6.5;
- (c) Fixed O&M Costs, calculated in accordance with Section 6.6; and
- (d) Variable O&M Costs, calculated in accordance with Section 6.7.

6.2 Estimated Charges

6.2.1 On or before March 1 of each Fiscal Year or such other date agreed in the Sites Authority Policies, the Sites Authority shall provide (i) each Participant, and (ii) the Acquirer and the SWP Participants, in the case of the SWP Participants ((i) and (ii) together, to be referred to as the “**Billing Party(ies)**”) with an estimated statement of anticipated Project Costs required to be paid by each Participant in (i) the following Fiscal Year and (ii) under this Contract, which statement may be used by the Billing Parties for budgeting purposes.

6.2.2 In accordance with the timing required by the JPA Agreement, the Reservoir Management Board shall prepare and recommend, and the Sites Authority Board will adopt a budget for Project Costs for the following Fiscal Year. Such budget shall include any costs associated with the Capital Improvement Plan.

6.3 Billing Statements

6.3.1 Within 30 days after the Effective Date and thereafter, on or before [January][1] and [July][1] of each Fiscal Year or such other dates as may be provided in the Sites Authority Policies, the Sites Authority will provide each Billing Party with a billing statement (“**Billing Statement**”) setting forth:

- (a) from the Effective Date until the termination of this Contract, for Financing Participants, for the Participant’s share of the Participant’s Financing Obligations due for the applicable six-month period, calculated in accordance with Section 6.4;
- (b) from the Effective Date until the termination of this Contract, for Self-Funding Participants, for the Participant’s share of Fixed Project Costs due for the applicable six-month period, calculated in accordance with Section 6.5; provided, to the extent all or a portion of such costs have been self-funded with a Self-Funding Cash Payment, then such amounts shall be deducted from the applicable account established for the respective Self-Funding Participants in accordance with Section 6.8.1(b);
- (c) from twelve months prior to completion of construction of the Project until the termination of this Contract, for all Participants, the Participant’s share of Fixed

O&M Costs, due for the applicable six-month period calculated in accordance with Section 6.6; and

- (d) from six months prior to completion of construction of the Project until the termination of this Contract, for all Participants, the Participant's share of Variable O&M Costs due for the applicable six-month period calculated in accordance with Section 6.7.

6.3.2 Project Costs billed to each Billing Party and included on any Billing Statement shall be billed as follows:

- (a) Fixed O&M Costs, Financing Obligations and Fixed Project Costs shall be billed one-year in advance; and
- (b) Variable O&M Costs shall be billed for the applicable six-month period commencing on the succeeding [January][1] or [July][1].

6.3.3 Each Billing Statement shall:

- (a) be consistent with the approved Sites Authority budget;
- (b) be based upon Project Costs incurred by the Sites Authority during the current Fiscal Year and planned Project Costs for the upcoming Fiscal Year;
- (c) take into account applicable credits received by the Sites Authority and estimated investment earnings on moneys related to the Project held by the Sites Authority, provided that amounts paid to the Sites Authority for Fixed Project Costs shall not be invested at a yield or in any manner which would result in interest on any Project Obligations being includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes; and
- (d) be accompanied by reasonable supporting documentation showing the basis of the Project Costs shown on the Billing Statement.

6.4 Financing Obligations

Each Financing Participant's Financing Obligations shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$FO = [BFO \times BFPP] + [DFO \times DFPP]$$

Where:

FO = Financing Obligations

BFO = Financing Obligations allocable to Base Facilities

BFPP = Base Facility Financing Participation Percentage

DFO = Financing Obligations allocable to Downstream Facilities

DFPP = Downstream Facility Financing Participation Percentage

6.5 Fixed Project Costs

Each Participant's Fixed Project Costs shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$FPC = [BFC \times BCI] + [DFC \times DCS]$$

Where:

FPC = Participant Fixed Project Costs

BFC = Fixed Project Costs allocable to Base Facilities

BCI = Each Participant's Base Facilities Capacity Interest

DFC = Fixed Project Costs allocable to Downstream Facilities

DCS = Each Participant's Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest,

in any case to the extent that such Fixed Project Costs are not also included in such Participant's Financing Obligations.

6.6 Fixed O&M Costs

Each Participant's Fixed O&M Costs shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$FOMC = [BFOMC \times BCI] + [DFOMC \times DCS]$$

Where:

FOMC = Fixed O&M Costs

BFOMC = Fixed O&M Costs allocable to Base Facilities

BCI = Each Participant's Base Facilities Capacity Interest

DFOMC = Fixed O&M Costs allocable to Downstream Facilities

DCS = Each Participant's Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest

6.7 Variable O&M Costs

Each Participant's Variable O&M Costs shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$VOMC = [(PWP / TWP) \times BPVOMC] + [(PWR / TWR) \times BRVOMC] + [(PWRD/TWRD) \times DVOMC]$$

Where:

VOMC = Variable O&M Costs

PWP = Water conveyed into Sites Owned Facilities attributable to a Participant

TWP = Total Water conveyed into Sites Owned Base Facilities

BPVOMC = Variable O&M Costs allocable to Water conveyed into Base Facilities

PWR = Water released from Sites Owned Base Facilities attributable to a Participant

TWR = Total Water released from Sites Owned Base Facilities

BRVOMC = Variable O&M Costs allocable to Water released from Base Facilities

PWRD = Water released from Sites Owned Base Facilities that flows into Downstream Facilities attributable to a Participant

TWRD = Total Water released from Sites Owned Base Facilities that flows into Downstream Facilities

DVOMC = Variable O&M Costs allocable to Downstream Facilities

6.8 Due Date and Method of Payments by Participants

6.8.1 Within 30 days after receipt of each Billing Statement:

- (a) each Financing Participant shall pay the charges for Project Costs shown on the Billing Statement; and
- (b) each Self-Funding Participant shall pay the charges for Project Costs shown on the Billing Statement (which shall reflect such Self-Funding Participant's Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments). The Sites Authority shall withdraw from Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments on deposit in the account established for such Self-Funding Participant the Fixed Project Costs that such Self-Funding Participant has elected to self-fund in accordance with the applicable Self-Funding Election.

6.8.2 Each Participant shall make payments under this Contract whether or not the Project is completed or operable and notwithstanding the suspension, interruption, interference, reduction or curtailment of operation of the Project or of water service in whole or in part for any reason.

6.8.3 Payments under this Contract by each Participant or withdrawals from any account established for a Self-Funding Participant are not subject to any reduction, whether offset or otherwise, and are not conditioned upon performance by the Sites Authority or any other Participant under this Contract or any other agreement.

6.8.4 The obligation of each Participant to make payments under this Contract (including Financing Obligations with respect to each Financing Participant) is absolute, irrevocable and unconditional irrespective of: (i) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of its

obligations under this Contract (including the terms in Section 6.8.1 of this Contract) or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to departure from any of the terms of this Contract or the Project Obligations; (ii) any release or amendment or waiver of, or consent to departure from, any State and Federal Contract, (iii) any taking, exchange, sale or release of any collateral, for any Project Obligation or any manner of application of collateral, or proceeds thereof, to any Project Obligation; (iv) any change, restructuring or termination of the existence of the Sites Authority or any Participant; (v) any present or future law, regulation or order of any jurisdiction or of any agency thereof purporting to increase, reduce, amend, restructure or otherwise affect any term of this Contract or the Project Obligations; and (vi) any other setoff, defense or counterclaim whatsoever with respect to this Contract, the Project Obligations or the transactions contemplated thereby which may constitute a legal or equitable defense available to, or discharge of, the Sites Authority or any Participant.

6.8.5 Subject to Section 10.3.6, each Participant shall:

- (a) not be liable under this Contract for the obligations of any other Participant; and
- (b) be solely responsible and liable for performance of its obligations under this Contract.

6.8.6 The obligation of each Participant to make payments under this Contract is a several obligation and not a joint obligation with those of the other Participants.

6.9 Interest on Late Payments

6.9.1 Any amount of the Project Costs billed in a Fiscal Year by the Sites Authority under this Section 6, which remains unpaid 30 days after the due date in Section 6.8.1, as applicable, shall bear interest from such day at the per annum interest rate equal to the then-current rate on the LAIF until paid.

6.9.2 Interest paid under Section 6.9.1 by a Financing Participant shall not change the Financing Participation Percentage of such Financing Participant, but shall be applied to the payment of Sites Financing Costs of all Financing Participants other than the Financing Participant paying such interest in accordance with the applicable Financing Agreement.

6.10 Annual True-Up

6.10.1 No later than 180 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, the Sites Authority will evaluate the Project Costs paid by or deducted from the deposit made by each Participant under this Contract against the actual Project Costs for the Fiscal Year and will credit any overpayment by any Participant to such Participant's payment for the following Fiscal Year; provided, however, that to the extent any Project Costs have not been finally determined within 180 days after the end of a Fiscal Year, following the final determination of such Project Costs, the Sites Authority will promptly, and in no case later than 60 days after finalization of Project Costs, credit any overpayment by any Participant to such Participant's payment for the following Fiscal Year.

6.11 Supplemental Billing

6.11.1 Billing Statements sent to each Billing Party will be based on the factors identified in Section 6.3. In the event that the amounts paid by the Participants are insufficient to pay the actual Project Costs, as applicable, for the applicable Fiscal Year, the Sites Authority may issue

supplemental Billing Statements to the Billing Parties apportioned in accordance with the terms in this Section 6, and such amounts will be due and payable by the Participants within 90 days after receipt of such Billing Statement; provided, however, that the Sites Authority shall not issue supplemental Billing Statements for any charges 3 years or more after the underlying costs for such supplemental Billing Statements were incurred by the Sites Authority, unless the Sites Authority did not know, and would not have known through exercise of reasonable care, that such underlying costs would require supplemental Billing Statements during such 3 year period.

6.11.2 If the Sites Authority becomes aware of circumstances which may result in the need to issue supplemental Billing Statements to the Billing Parties, the Sites Authority will notify the Billing Parties of such circumstances as promptly as reasonably possible.

6.12 Contest of Accuracy of Charges

If a Billing Party questions or disputes the correctness of any Billing Statement by the Sites Authority, such Billing Party shall pay the Sites Authority the amount claimed when due and shall within 30 days after receipt of such Billing Statement request an explanation from the Sites Authority. If the bill is determined to be incorrect, the Sites Authority will adjust the bill to such Billing Party in the next applicable Billing Statement. If the Sites Authority and the Billing Party fail to agree on the correctness of a bill within 30 days after Billing Party has requested an explanation, the Sites Authority and such Billing Party shall use the dispute resolution process in accordance with Section 12.

SECTION 7. SITES AUTHORITY FINANCIAL COVENANTS

7.1.1 The Sites Authority will keep appropriate accounting records in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the Project, which records shall be available for inspection by each Participant upon at least 2 Business Days written notice, at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions.

7.1.2 The Sites Authority will prepare within 270 days after the close of each Fiscal Year (commencing with the Fiscal Year ending [December 31, 2026]) financial statements of the Sites Authority for the preceding Fiscal Year prepared by a recognized independent auditor in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, together with an accountant's report on such financial statements. The Sites Authority will promptly furnish a copy of such accountant's report to each Participant. If requested by Participants holding at least [%] of the Base Facilities Capacity Interest, the independent auditor will also audit annual invoices for that fiscal year.

7.1.3 The Sites Authority will faithfully observe and perform all the agreements, conditions, covenants and terms contained in the Master Resolution required to be observed and performed by the Sites Authority and shall apply amounts received pursuant to this Contract in accordance with the Master Resolution.

7.1.4 The Sites Authority shall maintain all records related to the Project for a minimum period of 10 years after Completion, or, in the case of records related to any Project Obligations, for a period as required by the terms of such Project Obligations.

SECTION 8. LEASING, SALE, TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT OF CAPACITY INTERESTS AND SALES OF WATER

8.1 Lease of Capacity Interests by Participants

8.1.1 Participants may lease Capacity Interests to other Storage Partners and to other entities subject to the following conditions:

- (a) each Participant may negotiate in its discretion the commercial terms of the lease of its Capacity Interests (“**Lease Negotiated Terms**”) provided that:
 - (i) the Lease Negotiated Terms must not negatively impact other Participants’ rights to store or convey Water in accordance with this Contract, or the rights of Storage Partners to store or convey Water in accordance with the State and Federal Contracts (as applicable);
 - (ii) any lease of Capacity Interests must be consistent with the Sites Water Right, Governmental Approvals and Applicable Law;
 - (iii) subject to Section 8.1.2, a lease of Capacity Interest shall not impact or limit a Participant’s rights or obligations to the Sites Authority under this Contract and each Participant shall remain responsible for all of its obligations to the Sites Authority under this Contract;
 - (iv) no lease of Capacity Interests can cause or be construed to cause a reduction in any Project Obligation bond credit rating or put the tax exempt borrowing status of the Sites Authority in violation of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as reasonably determined by the Sites Authority;
 - (v) no agreement for a lease of a Participant’s Capacity Interests shall be for a term of longer than 10 years, nor shall it provide for any renewal of a term in a manner that would result in a lease having an effective term in excess of 10 years, unless such lease and/or renewal exceeding 10 years is approved pursuant to the same procedure and conditions that apply to the sale of a Capacity Interest as provided in Section 8.2; provided, however, that the preceding 10-year limitation shall not apply to Colusa County’s lease of storage for “creek water”, as that term is described and used in the Colusa County / Sites Authority MOU. If any lease of Base Facilities Capacity Interest is to a Participant with a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, the Sites Water may be conveyed on a first priority basis up to the Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest. Should the Participant wish to convey more Sites Water than its Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest allows, this would be on a second priority basis and would incur wheeling costs [on a per Acre-foot basis] determined as described in the Operations Plan. Leases to non-Participants would be provided access to Downstream Facilities on a second priority basis and would incur wheeling costs [on a per Acre-foot basis] determined as described in the Operations Plan, which wheeling fee shall be credited to those holders of Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest who provided the Downstream Facilities capacity;
 - (vi) prior to any lease by a Participant of Base Facilities Capacity Interest and Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, the leasing Participant shall provide to the Sites Authority such information and documents as reasonably requested by the Sites Authority, except for any commercial terms which may be held confidential to public disclosure in accordance with Applicable Law; and
- (b) any lease of Base Facilities Capacity Interest and Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest (as applicable) shall be confirmed with staff of the Sites Authority to

maintain proper accounting and verify that Project operations will not be adversely affected;

- (c) any lease agreement for Capacity Interest must acknowledge that conveyance constraints will limit withdrawals from the Project Facilities from time to time, and must specify how Project Facilities losses will be accounted for between the lessee and lessor; and such provisions shall be consistent with this Contract, the then-current Sites Operations Plan and any other requirements established by the Reservoir Management Board and the Sites Authority;
- (d) as a condition of any Participant leasing all or a portion of its Capacity Interest, the Participant must first pay any amounts due to the Sites Authority under this Contract and receive written confirmation of such from the Sites Authority;
- (e) where a Participant proposes to lease Base Facilities Capacity Interest and Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest to a non-Storage Partner, and receives a bona fide offer for the same, the leasing Participant must first provide written notice of such offer (“Lease Offer Notice”) to the other non-leasing Storage Partners holding a Capacity Interest in the same Project Facilities (the Base Facilities or the Downstream Facilities, as applicable) including a term sheet with all material terms of the proposed lease, including, the duration of the lease. The Storage Partners shall have a “right of first refusal” with respect to the lease of such Capacity Interest on the terms provided in the Lease Offer Notice. Each Storage Partner shall respond to such terms in writing within 60 days of receipt of the Lease Offer Notice or such longer time proposed by the leasing Participant, and a failure to so respond shall be deemed a waiver of such Storage Partner’s right to first refusal with regard to the transaction set forth in the Lease Offer Notice. If the terms presented to the Storage Partners in the Lease Offer Notice are changed in any material way following provision of the Lease Offer Notice to the non-leasing Storage Partners, the leasing Participant will provide a revised Lease Offer Notice and the non-leasing Storage Partners shall again have a “right of first refusal” on the new terms in the revised Lease Offer Notice. In the event that more than one non-leasing Storage Partners timely notifies the leasing Participant of such non-leasing Storage Partner’s interest in leasing the Capacity Interest upon the terms set forth in the Lease Offer Notice, the Capacity Interest shall be apportioned pro rata based on the non-leasing Storage Partner’s applicable Capacity Interest in each of the Base Facilities and Downstream Facilities unless the non-leasing Storage Partners agree otherwise. While the Sites Authority may act in an administrative role with respect to such leases, the Sites Authority will not have any authority to set prices or terms except as set forth in Section 8.1.1(a);
- (f) the Participant must provide notice to the Sites Authority of the final lease within 5 days of execution and shall ensure that appropriate communication protocols are in place so that the Sites Authority is able to convey Water on behalf of the lessee; and
- (g) Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest can only be leased to another Participant with Base Facilities Capacity Interest or to an entity leasing Base Facilities Capacity Interest.

8.1.2 In the event that a Participant leases its Base Facilities Capacity Interest and Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest as described in Section 8.1.1(a), such leasing Participant shall remain signatory to this Contract and shall continue to be liable and responsible for all of its obligations under this Contract, and shall not be relieved of any such obligations as a result of such lease.

8.1.3 The Participant leasing Capacity Interest shall receive Sites Authority and Reservoir Management Board approvals, as necessary, prior to executing any agreements for lease of Capacity Interest requiring such approvals under this Contract. The provisions for leasing specified in this Section 8.1 and Appendix 9, if applicable, constitute all provisions necessary for the Sites Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board approving a lease, and such approvals shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

8.2 Sale of Capacity Interest by Storage Partners

8.2.1 Subject to special provisions for the SWP Participants in Appendix 9, Participants may sell all or a portion of their Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest to other Storage Partners and to other entities subject to the following conditions:

- (a) each Participant may negotiate in its discretion the commercial terms of the sale of its Capacity Interest (“Sale Negotiated Terms”) provided that:
 - (i) the Sale Negotiated Terms must not negatively impact other Participants’ rights to store or convey Water in accordance with this Contract, or the rights of Storage Partners to store or convey Water in accordance with the State and Federal Contracts (as applicable);
 - (ii) any sale of Capacity Interest must be consistent with the Sites Water Right, Governmental Approvals and Applicable Law;
 - (iii) subject to Section 8.2.2, a sale of Capacity Interest shall not impact or limit a Participant’s rights or obligations to the Sites Authority under this Contract and each Participant shall remain responsible for all of its obligations to the Sites Authority under this Contract;
 - (iv) no sale of a Participant’s Capacity Interest can cause or be construed to cause a reduction in any Project Obligation bond credit rating or put the tax exempt borrowing status of the Sites Authority in violation of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as reasonably determined by the Sites Authority;
 - (v) subject to Section 8.2.3, prior to any sale by a Participant of Capacity Interest, the selling Participant shall provide to the Sites Authority such information and documents as reasonably requested by the Sites Authority, except for any commercial terms which may be held confidential in accordance with Applicable Law; and
 - (vi) any sale must be approved by the Reservoir Management Board and the Sites Authority (as applicable) consistent with this Section 8.2.1(a) and the Sites Authority Bylaws, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed by the Sites Authority;
- (b) any sale of Capacity Interest shall be confirmed with staff of the Sites Authority including (i) verifying that Project operations and Water accounting may be maintained; and (ii) providing notice of the proposed buyers credit rating. Any sale

to a party with a lower individual credit rating than the proposed seller that represents 5% or greater of all Base Facilities Capacity Interest or Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, as applicable, will be subject to Sites Authority approval;

- (c) any sale agreement for Capacity Interest must acknowledge that conveyance constraints will limit withdrawals from the Project Facilities from time to time, and must specify how Project Facilities losses will be accounted for; and such provisions shall be consistent with this Contract, the Sites Operations Plan and any other requirements established by the Reservoir Management Board and the Sites Authority;
- (d) as a condition of any Participant selling all or a portion of its Capacity Interest, and of the Sites Authority signing the Contract with the purchaser of the Capacity Interest, the Participant must first pay any amounts due to the Sites Authority under this Contract and receive written confirmation of such from the Sites Authority;
- (e) where a Participant proposes to sell Capacity Interest to a non-Storage Partner, and receives a bona fide offer for the same, the selling Participant must first provide written notice of such offer (“**Sale Offer Notice**”) to the other Storage Partners including a term sheet with all material terms of the proposed sale. The Storage Partners shall have a “right of first refusal” with respect to the sale of such Capacity Interest on the terms provided in the Sale Offer Notice. Each Storage Partner shall respond to such terms in writing within 60 days of receipt of the Sale Offer Notice or such longer time proposed by the selling Participant, and a failure to so respond shall be deemed a waiver of such Storage Partner’s right to first refusal with regard to the transaction set forth in the Sale Offer Notice. If the terms presented to the Storage Partners in the Sale Offer Notice are changed in any material way following provision of the Sale Offer Notice to the non-selling Storage Partners, the selling Participant will provide a revised Sale Offer Notice and the non-selling Storage Partners shall again have a “right of first refusal” on the new terms in the revised Sale Offer Notice. In the event that more than one non-selling Storage Partners timely notifies the Selling Participant of such non-selling Storage Partner’s interest in purchasing the Capacity Interest upon the terms set forth in the Sale Offer Notice, the Capacity Interest shall be apportioned pro rata based on the non-selling Storage Partner’s applicable Pro-rata Share unless the non-selling Storage Partners agree otherwise. While the Sites Authority may act in an administrative role with respect to such sales, the Sites Authority will not have any authority to set prices or terms except as set forth in Section 8.2.1(a); and
- (f) the Participant must provide notice to the Sites Authority of the final sale within 5 days of execution.

8.2.2 In the event that a Participant sells all or a portion of its Capacity Interest as described in Section 8.2, such selling Participant shall remain liable and responsible for all of its obligations under this Contract related to such Capacity Interest until such time as the purchaser of such Capacity Interest has entered into this Contract.

8.2.3 If any Project Obligation under a Financing Agreement is outstanding (but only to the extent required under such Financing Agreement), any sale by a Participant of all or a portion

of its Capacity Interest shall be subject to the terms of such Financing Agreement, including the right of the applicable Lender to consent to such sale, if any.

8.2.4 The Participant selling Capacity Interest shall receive Sites Authority and Reservoir Management Board approvals, as necessary, prior to executing any agreements for sale of Capacity Interest requiring such approvals under this Contract. The provisions for sale specified in this Section 8.2 and Appendix 9, if applicable, constitute all provisions necessary for the Sites Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board approving a sale, and such approvals shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

8.3 Sites Water Sales or Exchanges (Other than with SWP or CVP Supplies)

8.3.1 Subject to special provisions for the SWP Participants in Appendix 9, Participants may sell or Exchange their Sites Water component of their Base Facilities Capacity Interest to other Storage Partners or other entities.

8.3.2 The terms of sales or Exchanges of Sites Water are at the sole discretion of the Participant(s), provided that:

- (a) terms must not negatively impact other Participants' rights as described in this Contract, the Sites Water Right or the rights of other Storage Partners as set out in their respective contracts;
- (b) notice of any sale or Exchange shall be provided to the staff of the Sites Authority so that Project operations and Water accounting may be maintained;
- (c) any costs to the Sites Authority associated with any sale or Exchange shall follow Beneficiary Pays Principles; and
- (d) a Participant may not transfer or assign its Capacity Interest or any other rights or obligations under this Contract as part of any sale or Exchange, except as set forth in Section 8.2.

8.3.3 Other Water may also be sold or exchanged if the terms of any sale or Exchange is consistent with Section 8.2.2 above, and otherwise meets all legal requirements.

8.4 Exchanges of Water with SWP or CVP Supplies

8.4.1 The operation of the Project includes the potential for Exchanges of Sites Water or Other Water with DWR or Reclamation.

8.4.2 Subject to Applicable Law, all Participants that are SWP or CVP contractors may, if allowed by DWR or Reclamation, respectively, Exchange their Sites Water or Other Water with DWR or Reclamation, and the Sites Authority will facilitate such Exchanges provided they are consistent with the requirements of Section 8.3 (regarding other Exchanges).

8.4.3 Any Participant making an Exchange under this Section 8.4 shall bear all costs (monetary or otherwise), the risk of loss and any shortfall or reduction in Water caused by or incurred in the performance of such Exchange.

8.5 Maintenance of Tax-Exempt Status of Project Obligations

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, no Participant shall sell any portion of its Capacity Interest, directly or indirectly, or effect a change in the ownership of its Capacity Interest in any other manner, or take or permit to be taken any other action or actions, which would result in any of Project Obligations being treated as an obligation not described in Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, by reason of classification of such Project Obligations as a "private activity bond" within the meaning of Section 141 of said Code or for any other reason; provided, however, that in the event a Sites Financing is accomplished under terms that make the Interest thereon subject to federal income taxation, the foregoing restrictions will be inapplicable to the portion of the Project so financed.

SECTION 9. MODIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 9.1 Subject to Section 9.2, the Sites Authority or any Participant may request capital improvements to provide an added benefit to the Project. Such capital improvements shall be subject to approval by the Sites Authority and the Participants in accordance with Section 4.12. The Sites Authority will prepare and distribute a document detailing the anticipated Project Costs and benefits of the proposed capital improvements.
- 9.2 Participants may not opt out of costs of necessary capital improvements required to maintain initial Project functions and that provide benefits initially contemplated for the Project.
- 9.3 In the event that such proposed capital improvements are not approved in accordance with Section 4.12, a subset of Participants may elect to continue with the capital improvements. Those Project Costs and benefits associated with such capital improvements shall be allocated only to the subset of Participants electing to proceed with the capital improvements in accordance with an agreement among the Sites Authority and such Participants.

SECTION 10. DEFAULT

10.1 Written Demand

10.1.1 Subject to special provisions for the SWP Participants in Appendix 9, if a Participant fails to (i) make any payment in full when due under this Contract or (ii) perform any other obligation under this Contract, the Sites Authority shall make written demand upon such Participant. If a failure described in this Section 10.1.1 is not remedied within 30 days from the date of such demand, such failure shall constitute a default at the expiration of such period; provided that if a failure described in Section 10.1.1(ii) cannot be remedied within 30 days from the date of such demand but (A) the defaulting Participant commences remedial action within such 30-day period and diligently pursues the remedy of such default until the remedy is complete and (B) such failure is remedied within 90 days from the date of the initial demand, such failure shall not constitute a default under this Contract. Notice of any such demand shall be provided to each other Participant by the Sites Authority.

10.1.2 Upon failure of the Sites Authority to perform any obligation of the Sites Authority under this Contract, a Participant may make written demand upon the Sites Authority. If such failure is not remedied within 30 days from the date of such demand, such failure shall constitute a default at the expiration of such period. Notice of such demand shall be provided to all other Participants and the Acquirer by the Participant making such written demand.

10.1.3 In addition to any default resulting from breach by the Sites Authority or a Participant of any agreement, condition, covenant or term of this Contract, if the Sites Authority or a Participant files any petition or institutes any proceedings under any law, state or federal, dealing with or relating to the subject of bankruptcy or insolvency or under any amendment of such law, either as a bankrupt, as an insolvent, as a debtor or in any similar capacity, wherein and whereby the Sites Authority or a Participant asks or seeks or prays to be adjudicated as bankrupt, or is to be discharged from any or all of its debts or obligations, or offers to its creditors to effect a composition or extension of time to pay its debts, or asks, seeks or prays for a reorganization or to effect a plan of reorganization or for a readjustment of its debts or for any other similar relief, or if the Sites Authority or a Participant shall make a general or any assignment for the benefit of its creditors, then, in each and every such case, the Sites Authority or such Participant, as applicable, shall be deemed to be in default under this Contract.

10.2 Suspension or Termination of Rights; Continuing Obligations

10.2.1 Upon the occurrence and continuance of a default as provided in Section 10.1.1 or in Section 10.1.3, Reservoir Management Board or the Sites Authority Board (as applicable), may give notice of suspension or termination of the defaulting Participant's:

- (a) right to participate or vote as a member of the Reservoir Management Board;
- (b) Capacity Interest, such Participant's interest in Water and such Participant's right to convey Water; and / or
- (c) right to the services obligated to be provided by the Sites Authority relating to the operation of the Sites Project, as provided in the Sites Operations Plan,

which notice shall be effective within 30 days after receipt unless such termination or suspension shall be enjoined, stayed or otherwise delayed by judicial action. The Sites Authority Board shall make determinations under this Section 10.2 pertaining to the Sites Authority Board and the Reservoir Management Board, and the Reservoir Management Board shall make determinations under this Section 10.2 pertaining to the Reservoir Management Board. In the event of a suspension under this Section 10.2.1, the suspension shall remain in effect until the default has been cured to the reasonable satisfaction of the Sites Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board, as applicable, and notice of such cure and termination of the suspension has been provided to the Participant.

10.2.2 Irrespective of such suspension or termination, the defaulting Participant shall remain liable to the Sites Authority to pay the full amount of Project Costs allocated to such Participant in accordance with Section 6; provided that the Sites Authority shall act reasonably and in good faith to mitigate any damages caused by such Participant's default.

10.3 Disposition of Defaulting Participant's Capacity Interest, Interest in Water and Right to Convey Water

10.3.1 Upon a default and the termination of such Participant's Capacity Interest in accordance with Section 10.2.1(b), the Sites Authority shall use its best efforts to facilitate a sale, for such Participant's account, of all or a portion of the Participant's Capacity Interest, interest in Water and right to convey Water (the "**Defaulted Interests**") for all or a portion of the remainder of the term of this Contract.

10.3.2 The other non-defaulting Storage Partners holding a Capacity Interest in the same Project Facilities (the Base Facilities and/or the Downstream Facilities, as applicable) shall have a “right of first offer” to assume all or a portion of the defaulting Participant’s Defaulted Interests and that Participant’s related obligations under this Contract, at a price mutually agreed between the defaulting Participant and the Storage Partner purchasing all or a portion of the defaulting Participant’s Defaulted Interests. In the event that more than one non-defaulting Storage Partners wish to acquire the Defaulted Interests on the same terms, the Defaulted Interests shall be apportioned *pro rata* based on the non-defaulting Storage Partner’s applicable Capacity Interest in each of the Base Facilities and/or Downstream Facilities unless the non-defaulting Storage Partners agree otherwise.

10.3.3 Subject to Section 10.3.4, in the event that the Sites Authority is unable to facilitate a sale of all of the defaulting Participant’s Capacity Interest, interest in Water and right to convey Water to other non-defaulting Storage Partners in accordance with Section 10.3.2, the Sites Authority may make such Defaulted Interests available to entities other than the non-defaulting Participants, and may enter into an agreement with such entities for the purchase of all or a portion of the defaulting Participant’s Defaulted Interests and the assumption of the related obligations under this Contract.

10.3.4 If any Project Obligation under a Financing Agreement is outstanding (but only to the extent required under such Financing Agreement), any sale of a defaulting Participant’s Capacity Interest to entities other than the non-defaulting Storage Partners shall be subject to the terms of such Financing Agreement, including the right of the applicable Lender to consent to such sale, if any.

10.3.5 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, and to the extent applicable, the Sites Authority shall not facilitate a sale of any portion of a defaulting Participant’s Defaulted Interests, directly or indirectly, in any manner that would adversely affect the exclusion from gross income of interest on any Sites Financing for federal income tax purposes.

10.3.6 In the event that the Sites Authority is unable to enter into an agreement with entities for the purchase of all or a portion of the defaulting Participant’s Defaulted Interest and the assumption of the related obligations under this Contract under Section 10.3.3, the Defaulted Interests shall, subject to Section 10.3.7, be apportioned *pro rata* based on the remaining non-defaulting Participants’ applicable Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or the Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest unless the non-defaulting Participants agree to an alternative apportionment of such Defaulted Interests. Notwithstanding the relevant apportionment agreed among the non-defaulting Participants, the foregoing re-allocation will result in a proportional increase in each Participant’s Capacity Interest and the related rights and obligations, but in no event shall such re-allocation result in less than 100% of the total Capacity Interests and related rights and obligations (including the defaulting Participant’s Defaulted Interest) being allocated among (i) non-defaulting Participants and (ii) such other entities to which the Sites Authority has successfully transferred such Capacity Interest.

10.3.7 A non-defaulting Participant’s *pro rata* share may not be increased by more than 50% of the Participants’ applicable Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or the Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest voluntarily acquired under Section 10.3.2 by such non-defaulting Participant.

10.3.8 Notwithstanding that all or any portion of the defaulting Participant’s Capacity Interest, interest in Water and right to convey Water is so sold, such Participant shall remain liable

to the Sites Authority to pay the full amount of its share of costs under this Contract as if such sale has not been made, except that such liability shall be discharged to the extent that the Sites Authority shall receive payment from the buyer thereof for that share of costs.

10.4 Enforcement of Remedies

10.4.1 In addition to the other remedies set forth in this Section 10, upon the occurrence of an event of default in accordance with this Contract, any Party shall be entitled to proceed to protect and enforce the rights vested in such Party by this Contract by such appropriate judicial proceeding as such Party shall deem most effectual, either by suit in equity or by action at law, whether for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or to enforce any other legal or equitable right vested in such Party by this Contract or by law. The provisions of this Contract and the duties of each Party, their respective boards, officers or employees shall be enforceable by the other Parties by mandamus or other appropriate suit, action or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction, with the losing Party paying all costs and attorney fees of the prevailing Party.

10.4.2 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Sites Authority, the Participants or Acquirer, as applicable, shall have the right to bring the following actions:

- (a) Accounting. By action or suit in equity to require the Sites Authority Board or the Participants, its officers and employees and its assignee to account as the trustee of an express trust.
- (b) Injunction. By action or suit in equity to enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of any Party.
- (c) Mandamus. By mandamus or other suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity to enforce its rights against the other Party hereto (and its board, officers and employees) and to compel the other Party hereto to perform and carry out its duties and obligations under the law and its covenants and agreements as provided herein.
- (d) Specific Performance. By action or suit in equity to compel a Party to specifically perform under this Contract, including, without limitation, to uphold Section 4.12.1 of this Contract

10.5 Waiver

10.5.1 The waiver by any Party of any breach by any other Party of any agreement, condition, covenant or term under this Contract shall not operate as a waiver as to any subsequent breach of the same or any other agreement, condition, covenant or term under this Contract.”

SECTION 11. TERMINATION

11.1 Termination Because of Infeasibility

11.1.1 Without limiting Section **Error! Reference source not found.**, this Contract may be terminated in the following manner:

- (a) If the Sites Authority and the Reservoir Management Board determine, in accordance with Section 4.12 (including as provided in Section 3.1), that the Project is required to be terminated because of infeasibility, impracticality, inability, failure of the Participants to fund the Project as provided in Section 6, or failure of the Sites Authority to construct the Project as provided in Section 3, the Sites Authority shall adopt a resolution to wind-up the Project (a “**Wind-Up Resolution**”).
- (b) Upon adoption of a Wind-Up Resolution by the Sites Authority, the Sites Authority shall first offer to sell the Project Assets to the Storage Partners (excluding the Partner Facilities), at a fair market value as determined by a majority of a panel of 3 licensed appraisers, including (i) any partially constructed or completed physical works or assets that divert Sites Water into or release Sites Water from the Sites Owned Facilities and (ii) any other non-physical rights, interests, or obligations related to the Project. If any Storage Partners accept such offer for any or all of the offered interests, then the Sites Authority and such purchasing Storage Partners shall work in good faith to close upon the sale of such interests within 180 days after the appraiser panel’s determination of fair market value.
- (c) Upon adoption of a Wind-Up Resolution by the Sites Authority, the Sites Authority shall appoint a winding-up agent (the “**Winding-Up Agent**”). The Winding-Up Agent shall, upon expiration of the time for the Storage Partners to accept the offer described in Section 11.1.1(b), prepare a plan for disposition of the Project Assets, which shall include plans for mitigating or remediating any hazardous or unsafe conditions located on the Project site that are a direct result of the construction of the Project, and upon approval of the Sites Authority, implement the disposition of the Project Assets in accordance with the plan for disposition, including the disposition of unexpended and unobligated funds of the Sites Authority and the Storage Partners. Non-cash assets shall be liquidated by the Winding-Up Agent in a commercially reasonable manner. Proceeds from the disposition of Project Assets and any other cash or cash equivalents then held by the Sites Authority shall first be used, based on the Pro-rata Cost Share, to pay the following amounts in the following order of priority (i) repay debts of the Sites Authority incurred for funding the Project; provided, however, that any moneys contributed by a Self-Funding Participant and held at the time of a winding-up shall not be used to repay debts of the Sites Authority incurred for funding the Project, (ii) pay the costs of mitigating or remediating hazardous or unsafe conditions located on the Project site pursuant to the plan for disposition of the Project Assets, and (iii) distribute cash to the Participants that had satisfied their capital funding obligations in accordance with Section 6. Any remaining funds shall then be distributed to the Storage Partners based on their Pro-rata Cost Share. Subject to the Sites Authority Records Management Policy, Storage Partners shall be entitled to copies of any work products developed by the Sites Authority or its consultants on behalf of the Storage Partners, and the Sites Authority shall convey to the Storage Partners, as tenants in common with all other Storage Partners who are not in default of this Contract, a pro rata interest based on the Pro-rata Cost Share in all real and personal property remaining after implementation of the plan for disposition of the Project Assets in accordance with this Section 11.1.
- (d) Upon completion of the winding-up process described in this Section 11.1, the Sites Authority shall adopt a resolution of termination of the Project. Upon the adoption of such resolution, all Capacity Interests shall be terminated.

11.1.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, so long as any Project Obligation under a Financing Agreement is outstanding (but only to the extent required under such Financing Agreement), the termination of this Contract (including under Section Error! Reference source not found. or Section 11.1.1) shall be subject to the terms of such Financing Agreement, including the right of the applicable Lender to consent to such termination, if any.

11.2 Acquirer Termination

The Acquirer may terminate its role under this Contract upon determination that continued participation materially adversely impacts the SWP contractors that are not SWP Participants. Upon such termination, SWP Participants shall convert to direct Participant status and assume corresponding direct rights and obligations under this Contract.

SECTION 12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

12.1 Informal Dispute Resolution before Mediation

12.1.1 The Participants, the Sites Authority and the Acquirer (as applicable to their rights, obligations and liabilities under this Contract) agree to undertake good faith efforts to resolve any dispute arising in connection with this Contract by meeting within 60 days after the date that notice of such dispute is provided in writing prior to resorting to formal means of dispute resolution, including disputes related to the Sites Operations Plan.

12.1.2 If any dispute is not capable of resolution by and among the representatives of the Participants, Sites Authority and the Acquirer authorized to administer this Contract, the authorized representative of the applicable Participants, the authorized representative of the Acquirer, as applicable, and the Sites Authority's Board Chair or his/her authorized representative (who shall be the Executive Director of the Sites Authority or a member of the Sites Authority Board) shall meet and confer in an effort to resolve any such dispute.

12.1.3 If such efforts between the applicable Participants' principals, the Sites Authority's designee and the Acquirer's designee do not resolve the dispute within [60] days after the commencement of a meeting described in Section 12.1.1, the applicable Participants, the Sites Authority and the Acquirer shall have such other remedies available to them as are provided for in this Contract or as otherwise exist at law or in equity.

12.1.4 No other means of dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration and litigation, shall be available to the Participants, the Sites Authority and the Acquirer unless they have exhausted the process provided for in this Section 12.1.

12.2 Mediation

12.2.1 If a dispute arises among one or more Participants, the Sites Authority and the Acquirer relating to or arising from a Party's rights or obligations under this Contract that cannot be resolved through informal discussions and meetings as described in Section 12.1, the Parties involved in the dispute shall be required to first endeavor to settle the dispute in an amicable manner, using mandatory non-binding mediation under the rules of JAMS, AAA, or any other neutral organization agreed upon by the Parties before having recourse in a court of law. Mediation shall be commenced by sending a notice of demand for mediation to the other Parties involved in the dispute.

12.2.2 A single mediator that is acceptable to all Parties involved in the dispute shall be used to mediate the dispute. The mediator will be knowledgeable in the subject matter of this Contract, if possible, and chosen from lists furnished by JAMS, AAA, or any other agreed-upon mediator.

12.2.3 The expenses of witnesses for either side shall be paid by the Party producing such witnesses. All mediation costs, including required travel and other expenses of the mediator, and the cost of any proofs or expert advice produced at the direct request of the mediator, shall be equally shared by the Parties to the dispute unless otherwise directed by the mediator.

12.3 Conduct of Mediation

12.3.1 Mediation will be conducted in an informal manner. Discovery shall not be allowed except in accordance with the Public Records Act. The discussions, statements, writings and admissions and any offers to compromise during the proceedings will be confidential to the proceedings (pursuant to California Evidence Code §§ 1115 —1128; 1152) and will not be used for any other purpose unless otherwise agreed by the applicable Parties in writing. The applicable Parties may agree to exchange any information they deem necessary.

12.3.2 The Parties involved in the dispute shall have representatives attend the mediation who are authorized to settle the dispute, though a recommendation of settlement may be subject to the subsequent approval of each Party’s governing body. Any involved Party may have attorneys, witnesses or experts present.

12.3.3 Any resultant agreements from mediation shall be documented in writing. The results of the mediation shall not be final or binding unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties to the dispute. Mediators shall not be subject to any subpoena or liability and their actions shall not be subject to discovery.

12.4 Nothing in this Section 12 shall relieve the Parties from performing their obligations under this Contract. The Parties shall be required to comply with this Contract, including the performance of all disputed activity and disputed payments, pending the resolution of any dispute under this Contract.

12.5 Any offers to compromise before or after mediation proceedings will not be used to prove a Party’s liability for loss or damage unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing (pursuant to California Evidence Code §1152).

SECTION 13. LIABILITY

13.1 Sites Authority Liability

Any and all obligations of the Sites Authority that may arise under this Contract, whether financial or otherwise, shall be payable solely from the revenues, income, rents and receipts earned by the Sites Authority. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to prevent the Sites Authority from making any payments from any other legally available source. In no event shall the Sites Authority be required to spend any money from revenue from taxes, assessments, fees or charges in violation of Applicable Law or Governmental Approvals in the performance of its obligations under this Contract. The obligations of the Sites Authority under this Contract do not constitute a debt or indebtedness of the Sites

Authority within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation, and shall not be considered or held to be a general obligation of the Sites Authority.

The Parties agree that the Sites Authority, its officers, agents, and employees will not be liable for any claims arising out of or resulting from the Participants control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Sites Water to any other Delivery Point beyond the Funks Reservoir or the TRR or secondary delivery point, except for any damage or claims arising in connection with (i) acts or omissions of the Sites Authority or any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the Sites Authority or any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns; (iii) negligence of the Sites Authority or directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns; (iv) damage or claims resulting from a malfunction of a Sites Project Facility.

13.2 Participant Liability

In no event shall any Participant be required to spend any money from taxes in violation of Applicable Law or Governmental Approvals in the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

13.3 Consequential Damages

No Participant shall be liable to another Participant or to the Sites Authority, and the Sites Authority shall not be liable to the Participants for consequential, indirect, punitive, or special damages arising under this Contract.

SECTION 14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 The Sites Authority will procure and maintain or cause to be procured and maintained, at a minimum, the following insurance with responsible insurers in such amounts and against such risks (including damage to or destruction of the Project Assets) as are usually covered in connection with facilities that are similar to the Project Assets (so long as such insurance is commercially available from reputable insurance companies at reasonable rates): (a) insurance on the Project Assets, excluding coverage for earthquake damage or destruction; (b) workers' compensation insurance in statutorily-prescribed amounts; and (c) commercial general liability insurance covering against claims of bodily injury and property damage. The Participants and the Acquirer shall be named as additional insureds under all insurance policies maintained pursuant to this section, and such insurance policies shall be primary and noncontributing with any and all insurance carried by the Participants or the Acquirer.

SECTION 15. MISCELLANEOUS

15.1 Relationship of Parties

In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Contract, the Sites Authority, the Participants and the Acquirer each act in an independent capacity, and none is to be considered the officer, agent, contractor or employee of another.

15.2 Severability

15.2.1 If any provision or part of this Contract is ruled invalid (including, without limitation, invalidity of this Contract relative to the Sites Authority and Reservoir Management Board governance structure provided for in the JPA Agreement and Sites Authority Bylaws due to court order or any change in law) by a court having proper jurisdiction, then the Parties shall:

- (a) promptly meet and make efforts to negotiate a substitute for such provision or part, which shall, to the greatest extent legally permissible, effect the original intent of the Parties, including (as applicable) an appropriate assignment of duties to the members of the Reservoir Management Board, and other adjustments to obligations to be performed or payments to be made in accordance with this Contract to account for any change in the services rendered in accordance with this Contract resulting from such invalidated portion; and
- (b) if necessary or desirable, apply to the court or other decision maker (as applicable) that declared such invalidity for an interpretation of the invalidated portion to guide the Parties' negotiation.

15.2.2 During the pendency of negotiations referenced in subsection (a) above, for any action(s) specified in this Contract or the Sites Authority Bylaws requiring the approval of the Reservoir Management Board, such action will require the approval of such weighted share of the Project Participants as is specified in this Contract or the Sites Authority Bylaws, as applicable, where the weighted share of each Project Participant shall be calculated as (a) one divided by the total number of Project Participants, multiplied by 50, plus (b) the capacity interest of each Project Participant identified in Appendix 2, multiplied by 50, such that the weighted total of all Project Participant shares shall total 100.

15.2.3 The invalidity or unenforceability of any such provision or part shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Contract, which shall be construed and enforced as if this Contract did not contain such invalid or unenforceable provision or part.

15.3 Notices

15.3.1 Any notices required or permitted under this Contract shall be in writing and sufficiently given if made in writing and (a) delivered personally, (b) sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or (c) sent by email communication, in each case addressed to the respective Parties at the addresses indicated in the Project Specific Information. Notice required to be given to all Participants and/or the Acquirer under this Contract shall be given to the addresses indicated in the Project Specific Information or to such other addresses as the Participants may provide to the Sites Authority, the other Participants and the Acquirer from time to time.

15.3.2 Any Participant or the Acquirer may from time to time change the address to which notice may be provided by providing notice of the change to the Sites Authority who will update the address in the Project Specific Information to reflect such change.

15.4 Other Agreements Not Prohibited

Other agreements by and between the Parties of this Contract or any other entity are neither prohibited nor modified in any manner by execution of this Contract.

15.5 Assignment

15.5.1 The Sites Authority may pledge and assign to any Lender or trustee for bonds or other Financing Agreements, all or any portion of the payments received under this Contract from each Participant (other than payments from a Self-Funding Participant) and the Sites Authority's other rights and interests under this Contract. Each Participant hereby consents to such pledge and assignment. Such pledge and assignment by the Sites Authority shall be made effective for such time as the Sites Authority shall determine and otherwise as required under the relevant Financing Agreement and provide that the applicable Lender or trustee under the terms set forth in such Financing Agreement shall have the power to enforce this Contract in accordance with Section 15.15.2 the event of a default by the Sites Authority under such Financing Agreement.

15.5.2 Except as otherwise provided in Section 15.5.1, the rights, titles, and interests of any Party to this Contract shall not be assignable or transferable without the consent of the Sites Authority and the governing body of each Party to this Contract.

15.6 Section Headings

The section headings in this Contract are for convenience of the Parties only, and shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions or language of this Contract.

15.7 Governing Law and Venue

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, any applicable federal law, the JPA Agreement, the Sites Authority Bylaws and the ordinances, regulations, codes, and executive orders enacted and/or promulgated pursuant thereto. The venue for any litigation between the Parties from any dispute arising in connection with this Contract shall be in the County of Colusa.

15.8 Construction of Language

It is the intention of the Parties to this Contract that if any provision of this Contract is capable of two constructions, one of which would render the provision void and the other of which would render the provision valid, then the provision shall have the meaning which renders it valid.

15.9 Successors

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Sites Authority and each Participant and each of their permitted successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

15.10 Enforcement

The Parties are hereby authorized to take any and all legal or equitable actions, including an injunction and specific performance, necessary or permitted by law to enforce this Contract. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Parties agree that specific performance shall be an available remedy in the event of a breach for failure to uphold Section 4.12.1 of this Contract regarding the Sites Authority's governance structure, including the delegation of the exclusive decision-making authority to the Reservoir Management Board for activities specifically identified in the Sites Authority Bylaws.

15.11 Integration

This Contract, together with its incorporated documents and references, constitute the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understanding between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract. Except as expressly provided in this Contract, this Contract may not be interpreted, modified or changed by reference to other documents, understandings or agreements, whether written or oral, unless the interpretation, modification or change is subsequently agreed to in writing by the Parties to this Contract.

15.12 Amendment

15.12.1 Except as otherwise may be provided in this Contract, including Section 3.6, neither this Contract nor any provision under this Contract may be modified or amended except with the written consent of (1) the Sites Authority, (2) at least 75% of the weighted vote of the Participants as specified in the Sites Authority Bylaws; provided, however, that:

- (a) if any Financing Agreement is outstanding, any amendment to this Contract will be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in any such Financing Agreement;
- (b) this Contract may not be amended without a Participant's written consent if the Contract is to be amended in a manner that results in a material adverse impact on the rights of such Participant under this Contract to control its Capacity Interest or have Water diverted into, stored in, or released from the Project Facilities under its Capacity Interest on a pro-rata and substantially similar basis with other Participants; and
- (c) this Contract may not be amended in a manner that would cause the Sites Authority to violate Applicable Law or provisions of any Governmental Approvals.

15.12.2 If at any time a Party believes that, due to any significant change in circumstances, compliance with this Contract by such Party would produce grossly inequitable results or subject it to financial hardship of extraordinary magnitude, such Party may by written notice call on the Reservoir Management Board to review and discuss the effects of such change of circumstances. Within 30 days after receipt of such notice, the Reservoir Management Board shall meet to consider how to deal with such inequities or hardship in a manner which is fair for all Parties in view of all changes and circumstances, and shall attempt to eliminate promptly any such inequity or hardship through good faith negotiations. If the Parties agree on a method to eliminate such inequity or hardship, then this Contract shall be amended in accordance with Section 15.12.1, as appropriate, except as provided in Section 15.12.3.

15.12.3 The Sites Authority shall enforce the provisions of this Contract and duly perform its covenants and agreements contained in this Contract. The Sites Authority will not consent or agree to or permit any rescission of or amendment to or otherwise take any action under or in connection with this Contract which will in any manner materially impair or materially adversely affect the rights of the Sites Authority under this Contract or the rights of the members of the Reservoir Management Board or the Participants .

15.13 Authorization and Opinion

15.13.1 Each Participant and the Acquirer attaches to this Contract a true and correct copy of such Participant's records authorizing the officers, whose names appear on this Contract, to enter into this Contract.

15.13.2 Each Participant further attaches an opinion of an attorney or firm of attorneys as described in Section 2.1.1(b).

15.14 Counterparts; Electronic Execution

This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures may be delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail in a portable document format (e.g. "pdf," "tif," "jpg" or "DocuSign") or other electronic format and the signatures on such copies shall be deemed to be effective and valid as original signatures.

15.15 Third-Party Beneficiaries

15.15.1 All of the covenants contained in this Contract are for the express benefit of each Party, and any Participant shall have the right as a third-party beneficiary to initiate and maintain suit to enforce the obligations of other Participants hereunder. Except as provided by this Section 15.15, this Contract is not intended to benefit any third parties, and any other third-party beneficiaries are expressly disclaimed.

15.15.2 Notwithstanding Section 15.5.1, any Lender shall have the right as a third-party beneficiary to initiate and maintain suit to enforce this Contract to the extent provided in any Project Obligations or Financing Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, so long as any Project Obligation under a Financing Agreement is outstanding (but only to the extent provided under such Financing Agreement), and only while such Financing Agreement is in effect, upon the occurrence of an event of default under such Financing Agreement, the applicable Lender, under the terms of such Financing Agreement, may exercise the enforcement rights in Section 10 of this Contract, including but not limited to the right to enforce any invoicing made by the Sites Authority to a Participant in accordance with this Contract. Each Participant hereby consents to such Lender's rights as a third-party beneficiary under this Contract as provided in this Section 15.15.2.

15.16 Advice of Counsel

The Parties acknowledge that they have the right to be advised by counsel with respect to the negotiations, terms, and conditions of this Contract, and that the decision of whether or not to seek the advice of counsel with respect to this Contract is a decision which is the sole responsibility of each of the Parties. This Contract is the product of negotiation and therefor shall not be construed against any Party.

15.17 Compliance with Laws and Financing Agreements

15.17.1 The Parties shall comply with all Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals.

15.17.2 Prior to the execution and delivery of a Financing Agreement by the Sites Authority, the Sites Authority shall provide the Participants with a substantially final draft of such Financing Agreement (but only to the extent required under such Financing Agreement). If required as a condition to the effectiveness of such Financing Agreement, each Financing Participant participating in the Sites Financing to which such Financing Agreement relates shall provide acknowledgment of (a) the receipt of such Financing Agreement and (b) such other matters as required by such Financing Agreement, including without limitation, the pledge and assignment by the Sites Authority to the applicable Lender, the applicable Lender’s right to enforce this Contract as a third-party beneficiary, other various consent rights of the applicable Lender described in this Contract, as applicable, and other rights of the applicable Lender as they may relate to this Contract and the rights and obligations of the Parties, in each case as set forth in such Financing Agreements.

15.17.3 Each Financing Participant participating in the Sites Financing to which any Financing Agreement relates and the Sites Authority shall cooperate with any Lender with third party beneficiary rights with respect to this Contract in enforcing compliance with the terms of this Contract (including the requirements set forth in Section 15.17.2).

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE(S)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Contract to be executed and attested by their proper officers duly authorized on the day and year set forth below, making this Contract effective on the Effective Date.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

**SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Name:
Title:

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF WATER RESOURCES**

By: _____
Name:
Title:

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

By: _____
Name:
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By: _____
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Title:

**GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES**, as to form and sufficiency

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

By: _____
Name:
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Title:

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

APPENDIX 1

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, definitions for certain capitalized acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Contract have the meanings given in this Appendix 1.

AAA: Means American Arbitration Association.

Acre-foot: Means 43,560 cubic feet of water.

Acquirer: Means DWR, acting as acquirer of certain capacity rights in the Sites Reservoir Project as described in the Project Specific Information, including the associated Sites Water, in accordance with California Water Code Section 11575 and/or other Applicable Law to meet local needs of the SWP Participants and otherwise responsible for performing the functions set out in Section 1.3 and Appendix 9 of this Contract.

Applicable Law: Means applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and policies relating to the Project.

Approved Design Documents: Means for each of the anticipated Sites Owned Facilities, the most recently approved submittal of the Design Documents or final Design Documents prepared by the applicable designer and approved by the Sites Authority.

Associate Member: Has the meaning given in the Sites Authority Bylaws.

Available Downstream Capacity: Means Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest not utilized by the applicable Participant and affirmatively approved for temporary use by other Storage Partners (or the Authority in the case of the State), such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed.

Base Facilities: Means the Sites Owned Facilities or other facilities available to all Storage Partners including those listed in the Project Specific Information, as modified from time to time.

Base Facilities Capacity Interest: Means the undivided capacity right of each Storage Partner to (i) store, convey and divert Water in each of the Sites Owned Facilities granted by the Sites Authority and owned by the Storage Partners in accordance with Section 3.5, and (ii) ability to utilize Partner Facilities through the Sites Authority to convey and divert Water for the Project, in the pro-rata share set out for each Storage Partner in the Project Specific Information, as modified from time to time and subject to the Sites Water Right, Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals.

Beneficiary Pays Principles: Means the principle for allocating all costs associated with delivering certain Project benefits, including public and non-public benefits, to the party receiving such benefits.

Billing Party(ies): Has the meaning given in Section 6.2.1.

Billing Statement: Has the meaning given in Section 6.3.

Business Day: Means a day other than (i) a Saturday or Sunday, (ii) a day which the Sites Authority offices are officially closed, and/or (iii) a day which banks are required or authorized by law to be closed in the State of California.

Capacity Interests: Means (i) in the case of the Base Facilities, the Base Facilities Capacity Interest; and (ii) in the case of the Downstream Facilities, the Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, or either of them as the context requires.

Capital Improvement Plan: Has the meaning given in Section 4.15.1.

CEQA: Has the meaning given in Recital D to this Contract.

Colusa County / Sites Authority MOU: Means that certain Memorandum of Understanding between the Sites Authority and Colusa County dated on or about November 22, 2021.

Completion: Means the determination by the Sites Authority Board and the Reservoir Management Board that the Project Facilities are complete for the purposes of providing water service, including water storage, intake, outlet, and conveyance, to Storage Partners.

Construction: Means all work to build or construct, rehabilitate, upgrade, make, form, manufacture, furnish, install, supply, deliver, landscape, equip, test and commission any structure, building, or other improvement to real property included in the Project.

Construction Contract: Means a contract between the Sites Authority and a contractor to perform Construction work for all or a portion of the Project.

Contract: Means this Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract, including all Appendices and Exhibits as described in Section 1.1.1, as such Contract may be modified from time to time in accordance with this Contract.

Defaulted Interest: Has the meaning given in Section 10.3.1.

Delivery Point: Means with respect to each Participant, the delivery point for Water specified in the Project Specific Information.

DERP: Has the meaning given in Section 4.16.3(a).

Design Documents: Means all drawings (including plans, elevations, sections, details and diagrams), specifications, reports, calculations, records and submittals developed by the applicable designer as necessary for design of each Sites Owned Facility.

Downstream Facilities: Means the Sites-Owned Facilities or other facilities that are utilized by select Storage Partners listed in the Project Specific Information, as modified from time to time.

Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest: Means the undivided capacity right to convey Water in each of the Downstream Facilities granted by the Sites Authority and owned by the Storage Partners in accordance with Section 3.6 and the Partner Agreements, in the pro-rata share set out for each Storage Partner in the Project Specific Information, as modified from time to time and subject to the Sites Water Right, applicable law and governmental approvals.

DWR: Means the State of California Department of Water Resources.

Effective Date: Has the meaning given in Section 2.1.2 and specified in the Project Specific Information.

Exchange: Means a voluntary action to exchange a specified quantity or quantities of Sites Water or Other Water between or among DWR, Reclamation, Participants or any other persons or entities to produce benefits as a result of the exchanged water.

Final EIR: Has the meaning given in Recital D to this Contract.

Financing Agreements: Means any indenture, trust agreement, loan agreement, installment purchase agreement or other financing document entered into by the Sites Authority in connection with any Project Obligations.

Financing Obligations: Means the obligation of a Financing Participant to pay a percentage of the total Sites Financing Costs in accordance with Section 6.4. The amount of each Participant’s Financing Obligations for any Sites Financing will be set out in separate line items in the Project Specific Information, which line items the Sites Authority may update from time to time as needed.

Financing Participant: Means, with respect and to the extent a Participant participates in a Sites Financing, all Participants other than Self-Funding Participants.

Financing Participation Percentage:

Means, with respect to each Sites Financing, the applicable percentage determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$FPP = [PFPC / TFPC]$$

Where:

FPP = Applicable Base Financing Participation Percentage or Downstream Financing Participation Percentage

TFPC = Total Fixed Project Costs to be funded with proceeds of a Sites Financing

PFPC = Participant’s Fixed Project Costs to be funded with proceeds of a Sites Financing

The amount of each Financing Participant’s Base Financing Participation Percentage and Downstream Financing Participation Percentage that is applicable to each Sites Financing will be determined by the Sites Authority Board at the time of such Sites Financing and shall be reflected in the Project Specific Information.

Fiscal Year: Means the period beginning on January 1 of each calendar year and ending on the last day of December of such calendar year, or any other accounting period hereafter selected and designated by the Sites Authority as the Fiscal Year of the Sites Authority.

Fixed O&M Costs: Means (1) all costs, calculated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, incurred by the Sites Authority (i) to administer, operate, maintain, power, repair, replace, and, to the extent that reserves are available, rehabilitate and improve, the Project, (ii) attributable to the conveyance and storage of water in the Sites Owned Facilities

excluding pumping costs, carriage costs, and power interference costs; (iii) for the Sites Authority defense or other legal costs, including payment of claims, settlements or judgments (iv) to meet regulatory requirements associated with the Project; including administrative and legal costs of the Sites Authority, overhead, insurance, taxes (if any), fees of auditors, accountants, attorneys or engineers and insurance premiums, and including all other reasonable and necessary costs of the Sites Authority, or charges required to be paid by it to comply with the terms of the Financing Agreements or this Contract; (v) to replenish operating reserves of the Project; and (2) amounts required for compliance with Sections 3.2 and 3.5 of the Master Resolution or any similar provisions thereof; but excluding in all cases (A) depreciation, replacement and obsolescence charges or reserves for such costs, (B) amortization of intangibles or other bookkeeping entries of a similar nature, (C) costs of capital additions, replacements, betterments, extensions or improvements to the Project, which under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles are chargeable to a capital account or to a reserve for depreciation and (D) Sites Financing Costs, in each case incurred by the Sites Authority with respect to the Project. Fixed O&M Costs are incurred irrespective of the amount of Water diverted, stored or released to the Participants. Fixed O&M Costs include any and all costs and expense that are not Fixed Project Costs, Sites Financing Costs or Variable O&M Costs that may accrue to the Sites Authority after execution of this Contract. Fixed O&M Costs exclude any such costs paid under the State and Federal Contracts.

Fixed Project Costs: Means (i) development, design, construction and capital costs of the Project, and (ii) individual repair, replacement, rehabilitation, improvement, or regulatory compliance activities incurred after Completion to the extent not covered by Fixed O&M Costs. Fixed Project Costs exclude any such costs paid under the State and Federal Contracts.

Fixed Project Cost Funding Obligation: Means, with respect to each Participant, such Participant's obligation to fund Fixed Project Costs, calculated in accordance with Section 6.5.

Force Majeure: Means events beyond the reasonable control of a Party, including strikes, riots, wars, fire, earthquakes, drought, flood, pandemic, acts of God and/or unusual acts of nature, acts in compliance with any law, regulation or order (whether valid or invalid) by the United States of America or any state thereof or any other domestic or foreign governmental body or instrument thereof having jurisdiction in the matter, in each case which directly, materially and adversely affects a Party's ability to perform its obligations under this Contract.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles: Means such accepted accounting practice as conforms at the time to generally accepted accounting principles to public agencies in the United States of America, consistently applied.

Good Industry Practice: Means the exercise of the degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced designer, engineer, constructor, supplier, manager, operator or maintenance provider, as applicable, operating in the United States under the same or similar circumstances and conditions, seeking in good faith to comply with its contractual obligations, this Contract and all Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals in conformance with applicable professional engineering principles, construction, operations and maintenance practices generally accepted as standards of the industry in the State. **[Note: Revisions may be required to align the standard of operations and maintenance for the Partner Agreements]**

Governmental Approval: Means any permit, license, consent, concession, court order, grant, franchise, authorization, waiver, certification, exemption, filing, lease, registration or ruling,

variance or other approval, guidance, protocol, mitigation agreement, settlement agreement, agreement or memorandum of agreement/understanding, and any revision, modification, amendment, supplement, renewal or extension of any of the foregoing, required by or with any Governmental Entity in order to perform the purposes of this Contract.

Governmental Entity: Means any federal, state, local or foreign government and any political subdivision or any governmental, quasi-governmental, judicial, public or statutory instrumentality, administrative agency, authority, body or entity other than the Sites Authority.

Inactive Storage Pool: An increment of total storage to be determined in the Operations Plan which is not available for immediate use by the Storage Partners.

Interim Agreements: Means previously executed agreements between the Participants and the Sites Authority under which Participants agreed to pay a pro rata portion, based on participation percentages, for the operation, maintenance, legal, administrative, improvement, and other costs of developing the Project before execution of this Contract, as listed in the Project Specific Information.

JAMS: Means Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Service, Inc.

JPA Agreement: Means the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, effective [___], 202[___], by and among the parties set forth on the execution page thereof, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time.

LAIF: Means the Local Agency Investment Fund of the State.

Lease Offer Notice: Has the meaning given in Section 8.1.1(e).

Lease Negotiated Terms: Has the meaning given in Section 8.1.1(a).

Lender: Means any lender, bondholder, noteholder, lessee or other holder of any Project Obligations as applicable, incurred in connection with a Sites Financing of the Project.

Master Resolution: Means the Sites Authority Resolution Providing for the Prioritization of Use for Project Revenues, approved and adopted by the Sites Authority, as supplemented and amended from time to time.

Monitoring and Measurement Plan: Means the Sites Reservoir Monitoring and Measurement Plan, initially dated ___, 2026, as such Sites Reservoir Monitoring and Measurement Plan may be modified and approved from time to time in accordance with the Sites Authority Policies and this Contract.

NEPA: Means the National Environmental Policy Act.

O&M Costs: Means Fixed O&M Costs and Variable O&M Costs, or either of them, as the context requires.

Other Water: Means water other than Sites Water that a Storage Partner may request the Sites Authority to store in and/or convey through Project Facilities consistent with Governmental Approvals and Applicable Law.

Participants: Means the entities listed in the Project Specific Information, including any successor or any assignee of such Participant permitted in accordance with Section 15.9. The California Department of Water Resources, as Acquirer, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are not Participants.

Parties: Means each of the Participants, the Sites Authority and the Acquirer that executed this Contract, or any of them, as the context requires.

Partner Agreements: Means any agreement entered into between the Sites Authority and another entity in accordance with which the Sites Authority has the right to divert, release and convey Water to or from the Project, as amended from time to time. The list of Partner Agreements as of the Effective Date is included in the Project Specific Information.

Partner Facilities: Means any facilities used by the Sites Authority to convey Water to, or from, the Sites Owned Facilities in accordance with the Partner Agreements, and as further described in Exhibit 1 to Appendix 2.

Project: Means the entire physical infrastructure and capital improvements to be designed, constructed, commissioned and completed or contracted for use by the Sites Authority, including the Sites Owned Facilities and the Partner Facilities, as reflected in the Project Specific Information, for the purpose of providing storage and conveyance of water for use by Storage Partners, and other benefits, in accordance with their Capacity Interest, as such project may be modified from time to time.

Project Assets: Means all of the tangible and intangible assets relating to the Project, including (i) the Sites Owned Facilities, (ii) all real property determined by the Sites Authority to be required for construction or operation of the Project, (iii) rights over the Project Facilities in the form of license, right-of-way or otherwise, (iv) tangible assets such as foundations, buildings, pavements, works, and equipment, (v) the Sites Water Right, and (vi) all Governmental Approvals. For the avoidance of doubt, the Base Facilities Capacity Interest, Downstream Facilities Capacity Interests and Partner Facilities are not Project Assets.

Project Costs: Means the sum of Fixed O&M Costs, Fixed Project Costs, Variable O&M Costs and Sites Financing Costs payable by the Participants under this Contract, or each of them, as the context requires.

Project Facilities: Means collectively the Sites Owned Facilities and the Partner Facilities, or any of them as the context requires.

Project Obligations: Means any bonds, notes, loans or other evidences of indebtedness issued or incurred by or on behalf of the Sites Authority with respect to the Project.

Project Specific Information: Means Appendix 2 to this Contract, as modified from time to time in accordance with this Contract.

Proposed Sites Financing Incurrence Date: Has the meaning given in Section 5.2.1.

Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract: Means the agreement between the Sites Authority and the State through the California Water Commission anticipated to be titled Funding Agreement Between the State of California (California Water Commission) and the Sites

Joint Powers Authority, setting out [] and anticipated to be dated on or about the date of this Contract.

Pro-rata Cost Share: Means the proportionate interest based on each Storage Partner's paid Sites Project Costs after the Effective Date.

Public Benefit Agreements: Means the agreement between the Sites Authority and DWR; anticipated to be titled Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract for Administration Of Public Flood Control/Recreation Benefits, and the agreement between the Sites Authority and CDFW anticipated to be titled Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract for Administration of Public Ecosystem Benefits, or each of them as the context requires.

Reclamation: Means the Bureau of Reclamation, an agency of the United States of America.

Reclamation Partnership Agreement: Means the agreement between the Sites Authority and Reclamation anticipated to be titled Reclamation Partnership Agreement setting out [] and anticipated to be dated on or about the date of this Contract.

Release Request Form: Has the meaning given in Section 4.4.

Reservoir Management Board: Means the Reservoir Management Board of the Sites Authority, established by the JPA Agreement, as such Reservoir Management Board may be modified from time to time.

Revenue Fund: Means the fund by that name established by the Sites Authority in accordance with the Master Resolution.

Sacramento River Delivery Point: Has the meaning given in Section 4.6.3.

Sale Offer Notice: Has the meaning given in Section 8.2.1(e).

Sale Negotiated Terms: Has the meaning given in Section 8.2.1(a).

Secondary Delivery Point(s): Means a location designated by a Participant for delivery of Water as described in Section 4.6.

Self-Funding Election Date: Has the meaning given in Section 5.4.

Self-Funding Notice: Has the meaning given in Section 5.4.

Self-Funding Participant: Means a Participant that satisfies all or a portion of its obligation to pay Fixed Project Costs through Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments in accordance with Section 5.4. A Participant is a Self-Funding Participant to the extent that it satisfies its Fixed Project Cost Funding Obligation through Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments, and then only for the term of any payments of Fixed Project Costs using proceeds from Self-Funding Participant Cash Payments made by such Participant.

Self-Funding Participant Cash Payment: Has the meaning given in Section 5.5.2.

Sites Authority: Has the meaning given in Recital A of this Contract.

Sites Authority Bylaws: Means the Phase 3, 4, 5 Bylaws of the Sites Authority, adopted by the Sites Authority Board in connection with its adoption of the JPA Agreement, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

Sites Authority Policies: Means those policies and guidelines adopted by the Sites Authority and listed in the Project Specific Information, as such policies may be modified from time to time.

Sites Authority Records Management Policy: Means the Records Management Policy of the Sites Authority, initially dated [___], [] as such policy may be modified from time to time.

Sites Financing: Means a financing by the Sites Authority of Fixed Project Costs through the incurrence of Project Obligations on behalf of the Financing Participants participating in the applicable financing.

Sites Financing Costs: Means any and all costs associated with a Sites Financing, including (i) the principal of and interest, including default interest incurred in connection with a Sites Financing, on all Project Obligations, (ii) fees payable to Lenders and others related to the issuance and administration of a Sites Financing, and (iii) reserves required in connection with the incurrence of Project Obligations, if any.

Sites Financing Incurrence Notice: Has the meaning given in Section 5.2.1.

Sites Operations Plan: Means the Sites Reservoir Operations Plan, initially dated ____, 2026, as such Sites Reservoir Operations Plan may be modified and approved from time to time in accordance with the Sites Authority Policies and this Contract. The initial form of the Sites Reservoir Operations Plan approved by the Reservoir Management Board and the Sites Authority (as applicable) in accordance with the Sites Authority Bylaws is included as Appendix 8.

Sites Owned Facilities: Means the physical infrastructure and capital improvements for the Project owned by the Sites Authority, including dams, reservoir(s), pipelines, pump stations, and other facilities necessary or appropriate for providing water supply and storage including the facilities listed in the Project Specific Information, but excluding Partner Facilities and the real property required for the Project, and as further described in Exhibit 1 to Appendix 2.

Sites Water: Means water that is appropriated under the Sites Water Right.

Sites Water Right: Means the water right obtained and owned by the Sites Authority for the Project.

Sites Water Right Development Period: Means the time allowed by the California State Water Resources Control Board for Sites Authority to construct the Project and put Sites Water to beneficial use. The Sites Water Right identifies this time as XX years (or YY date), which could be extended upon approval by the California State Water Resources Control Board in the future.

State: Means the State of California.

State and Federal Contracts: Means the Public Benefit Agreements and the Reclamation Partnership Agreement, or each of them as the context requires.

State and Federal Operations Agreement: Means the [Sites/DWR/Reclamation Coordinated Operations Agreement], dated ____, [2026], as such State and Federal Operations Agreement may be modified from time to time.

State Water Project: Means a portion of the State Water Resources Development System as defined in Section 12931 of the California Water Code.

State Water Project Facilities: Means those facilities included in the State Water Project pursuant to the California Water Resources Development Bond Act (California Water Code Section 12930 *et seq.*).

Storage Allocation: Means the maximum actual capacity allocated to a Storage Partner for storing Water in the Project Facilities, measured and determined from time to time in accordance with the Sites Operations Plan.

Storage Opportunity Request Form: Has the meaning given in Section 4.4.2.

Storage Partners: The governmental agencies, water organizations and others who have funded and received a Storage Allocation in Sites Reservoir and the resulting water supply or water supply related benefits from the Project. Storage Partners include Participants, CDFW, and Reclamation.

Stored Water: Means the amount of Water that a Storage Partner has stored in the Project Facilities at any given time, as measured from time to time by the Sites Authority in accordance with the Sites Operations Plan.

SWP Participants: Means those Participants listed in the Project Specific Information which have signed Appendix 9 and elected to have the Acquirer acquire certain capacity rights in the Sites Reservoir Project, including the associated Sites Water, pursuant to such Participants' State Water Project Water Supply Contracts with DWR, as may be amended.

Total Participant Obligation: Means, with respect to a Participant, the sum of (i) such Participant's cash deposit, and (ii) the amount of the Participant Fixed Project Costs to be financed from the proceeds of a proposed Sites Financing, if any, as set forth in such Participant's Notice of Self-Funding Election.

Variable O&M Costs: Means the operation, maintenance, power (including pumping), carriage costs, power interference costs, replacement and other costs, including O&M Costs and costs and expenses, including funding of reserves in accordance with the Sites Authority Policies, to the Sites Authority under this Contract and wheeling costs [on a per Acre-foot basis] to account for the use of Partner Facilities, and incurred by the Sites Authority in connection with the Project in an amount which is dependent upon and varies with the amount of Sites Water diverted, stored or released from the Project Facilities to the Participants. Variable O&M Costs exclude any such costs paid under the State and Federal Contracts.

Water: Means Sites Water or Other Water conveyed through, or stored by, Storage Partners in Project Facilities.

Wind-Up Resolution: Has the meaning given in Section 11.1.1.

Winding-Up Agent: Has the meaning given in Section 11.1.1.

APPENDIX 2

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

	Sites Owned Facilities	Federal Facilities	Partner Facilities
Base Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sites Reservoir ▪ Sites Dam ▪ Golden Gate Dam ▪ Sites saddle dams/dikes ▪ Terminal Regulating Reservoir ▪ Terminal Regulating Reservoir Pumping Generating Plant ▪ Funks Pumping Generating Plant ▪ Power transmission lines ▪ Electrical substations ▪ Sites Lodoga Bridge ▪ Other support facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipelines (Terminal Regulating Reservoir, Funks) • Maxwell Intertie Pipeline • Inlet/outlet tower • Transition manifold • Maintenance and storage building • Administration and operations building • Recreation areas including day use boat ramp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portion of Tehama-Colusa Canal from Red Bluff Diversion to Funks Reservoir ▪ Portion of Tehama-Colusa Canal from Funks Reservoir to the terminus of the Tehama-Colusa Canal ▪ Funks Reservoir ▪ Red Bluff Pumping Plant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portion of Glenn Colusa Irrigation District Main Canal from the Hamilton City Pump Station to the Terminal Regulating Reservoir ▪ Hamilton City Pumping Plant
Downstream Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dunnigan Pipeline and associated facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portion of Tehama-Colusa Canal from Funks Reservoir to the Dunnigan Pipeline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wallace Weir ▪ Knights Landing Outfall Gates ▪ Knights Landing Ridge Cut ▪ Colusa Basin Drain south of Balsdon Weir
Partner Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Use Agreement between the Sites Authority and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, dated []. 		

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	Sites Owned Facilities	Federal Facilities	Partner Facilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Use Agreement between the Sites Authority and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, dated []. ▪ Exchange Agreement between the Sites Authority and DWR, dated []. ▪ Conveyance Agreement between Sites Authority and DWR, dated []. ▪ Refuge Water Donation Agreement between Reclamation and Sites Authority, dated []. ▪ Wheeling agreements between Sites Authority, Richvale Irrigation District, and Western Canal Water District dated (20XX) and dated (20XX) respectively. ▪ Wheeling agreement with Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District dated (20XX). ▪ Excess Capacity Contract between the Sites Authority and Reclamation, dated []. <p>[].[Note: All dates to be updated once complete]</p>		

Effective Date Section 2.1.2	[] [Note: To be inserted as of the signature and delivery date of the last executing and delivering Participant under Section 2.1.1]	
Interim Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phase 1 Project Agreement dated November 21, 2016 ▪ 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement dated April 1, 2019 ▪ First Amendment to 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement dated January 1, 2020 ▪ Second Amendment to 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement dated July 1, 2020 ▪ Third Amendment to 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement dated January 1, 2022 	
Sites Authority Policies Appendix 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accounting Policy, dated January 16, 2026 ▪ Accounts Payable Approval Policy, dated January 16, 2026 ▪ Asset Management Policy, dated July 19, 2024 ▪ Budget Policy, dated January 16, 2026 ▪ Construction Workforce Policy, dated June 24, 2026 ▪ Debt Management Policy, dated November 21, 2022 ▪ Funding Policy, dated August 3, 2020 ▪ Investment Policy, dated May 19, 2023 ▪ Procurement and Contract Policy, dated November 15, 2024 ▪ Real Property and Land Management Policy, dated January 16, 2026 ▪ Records Management Policy, dated January 17, 2025 ▪ Reserve Policy, dated January 16, 2026 ▪ Local CEQA Guidelines, dated February 16, 2024 	
Non-Participant Parties and Address for Notices Section 15.3	Party	Notice Details
	Sites Authority	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]
	DWR / Acquirer	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]

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Participants, Address for Notices and Delivery Point Section 15.3	Participant	Notice Details	Delivery Point	Payment Election
	Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Appendix 9]
	City of American Canyon	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Rates and Charges]
	Coachella Valley WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Appendix 9]
	Colusa County	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]
	Colusa County WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]
	Cortina WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]
	Davis WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]
	Desert WA	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Appendix 9]
	Dunnigan WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]
	Glenn-Colusa ID	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Rates and Charges]
	Irvine Ranch WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Rates and Charges]
	LaGrande WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]

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	Metropolitan Water District of SC	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Rates and Charges]
	Reclamation District 108	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]
	Rosedale-Rio Bravo WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Rates and Charges]
	San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Appendix 9]
	San Gorgonio Pass WA	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Appendix 9]
	Santa Clara Valley WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Rates and Charges]
	Santa Clarita Valley WA	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Appendix 9]
	Westside WD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Land Based Charges]
	Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa WSD	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Payment Source Set Forth in Appendix 7C-2]
	Zone 7 WA	[INSERT NOTICE DETAILS]	[TO BE INSERTED]	[Rates and Charges]
SWP Participants Appendix 9	Antelope Valley-East Kern WAC Coachella Valley WD Desert WA San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD San Gorgonio Pass WA			

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	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency		
Sites Authority Payment Information	<input type="checkbox"/> [Note: To be inserted]		
Participant Capacity Interest Appendix 1 [Note: Percentages to be completed based on the final financial model and commitments by Participants]	Participant	Base Facilities Capacity Interest	Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest
	City of American Canyon	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Colusa County	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Colusa County WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Cortina WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Davis WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Dunnigan WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Glenn-Colusa ID	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Irvine Ranch WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	LaGrande WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Metropolitan Water District of SC	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Reclamation District 108	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Rosedale-Rio Bravo WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Santa Clara Valley WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]

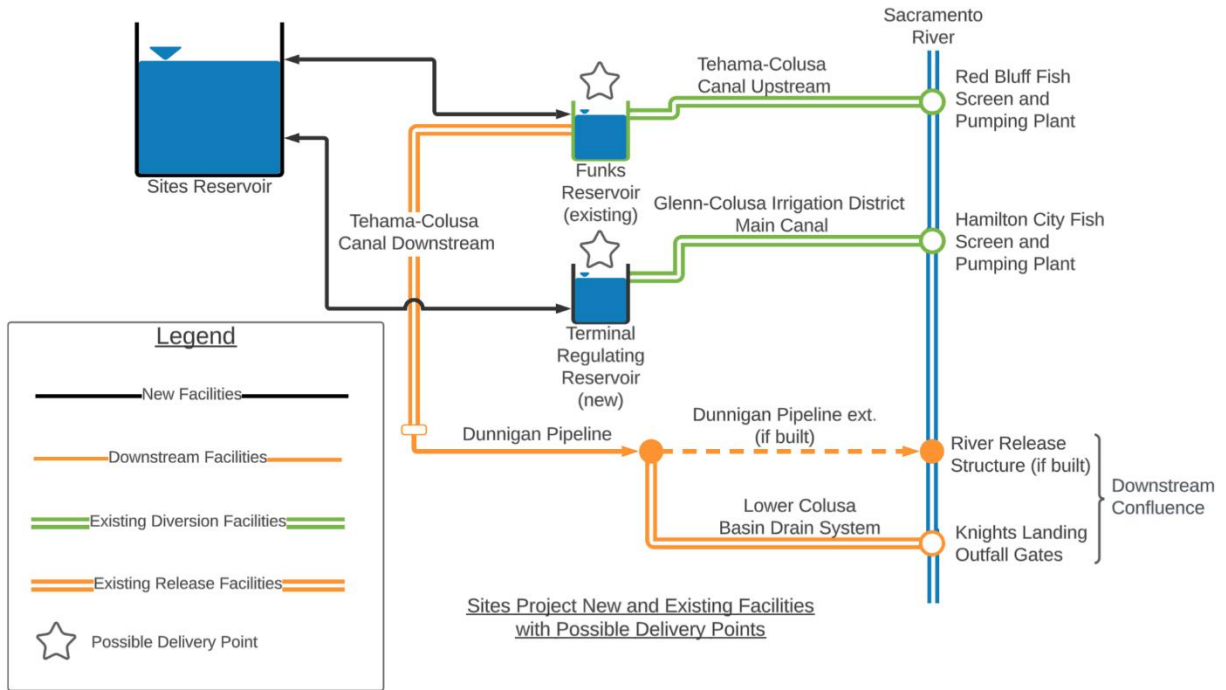
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	Westside WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa WSD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Zone 7 WA	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
Acquirer’s Capacity Interest and Share Appendix 9	SWP Participants	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
Total		[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
State and Federal Capacity Interests Appendix 1	Party	Base Facilities Capacity Interest	Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest
	State (CDFW)	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Reclamation	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
Total	Total	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
Total with Participant Capacity Interest and State and Federal Capacity Interest		100.00%	100.00%
SWP Participants’ Shares of the Acquirer’s Capacity Interest and Share	SWP Participant	Base Facilities Capacity Interest	Downstream Facilities Capacity Share
	Antelope Valley-East Kern WA	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Coachella Valley WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Desert WA	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	San Gorgonio Pass WA	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Santa Clarita Valley WA	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]

Total Financing Participation Percentage Appendix 1 [Note: Financing Participation Percentage to be completed with each Sites Financing.]		[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	Participant	Base Facilities Financing Participation Percentage	Downstream Facilities Financing Participation Percentage
	[INSERT PARTICIPANT]	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	[INSERT PARTICIPANT]	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	[INSERT PARTICIPANT]	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	[INSERT PARTICIPANT]	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	[INSERT PARTICIPANT]	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	[INSERT PARTICIPANT]	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]
	[INSERT PARTICIPANT]	[INSERT %]	[INSERT %]

EXHIBIT 1 TO APPENDIX 2

PROJECT FACILITIES MAP



APPENDIX 3

FORM OF SELF-FUNDING NOTICE

SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF SELF-FUNDING ELECTION

_____, 20__

_____ (the “**Participant**”) is hereby providing the Sites Project Authority (the “**Sites Authority**”), notice in accordance with Section 5.4 of that certain Benefits & Obligations Contract (the “**Contract**”), dated _____, 20__, by and among the Sites Authority and the participants listed therein, including the Participant, of the Participant’s intention to self-fund [all] [a portion] of the obligated portion of the Fixed Project Costs of the Sites Project identified in the Notice of Proposed Sites Financing by the Sites Project Authority, dated ____, [20__] (the “**Incurrence Notice**”), delivered by the Sites Authority to the Participant (the “**Participant Fixed Project Costs**”). Unless the context otherwise requires, all capitalized terms, acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Appendix have the meanings given in the Contract.

Set forth below is (i) the amount of the cash deposit that the Participant will deposit with the Sites Authority to self-fund Participant Fixed Project Costs and (ii) the amount of the Participant Fixed Project Costs to be financed from the proceeds of the proposed Sites Financing, if any.

- A. Participant cash deposit: \$_____
- B. Participant Fixed Project Costs to be financed from the proposed Sites Financing: \$_____
- C. Total Participant Obligation: \$_____ [sum of A and B]

The Participant acknowledges that the amount specified in clause A above will need to be deposited with the Sites Authority in accordance with a mutually acceptable schedule or by no later than _____ (being the 60th day prior to the [Project Obligation Incurrence Date] [the Business Day prior to the scheduled date on which the offering document relating to the Sites Financing is to be made available to potential investors] set forth in the Incurrence Notice), as required by Section 5.5.2 of the Contract; subject to a grace period of 30 days following such date. If the Participant does not deposit the amount specified in clause A above with the Sites Authority by the expiration of such grace period, the Participant acknowledges that the Participant will then be considered a Financing Participant with respect to the entire portion of the proposed Sites Financing allocable to the Participant and will be obligated to pay the related Sites Financing Costs.

Dated: _____, 20__

[Participant Name]

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By: _____
[Title of Officer]

APPENDIX 4

FORM OF SITES FINANCING INCURRENCE NOTICE

SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SITES FINANCING
BY THE SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY**

_____, 20__

The Sites Project Authority (the “Sites Authority”) is hereby providing the parties to the Benefits & Obligations Contract, dated ____, 20__, with the Sites Authority (the “Contract”), with notice of a proposed Sites Financing by the Sites Authority, as provided for in Section 5.2.1 of the Contract. Unless the context otherwise requires, all acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Appendix have the meanings given in the Contract.

- A. Type of Project Obligations: _____
- B. Aggregate principal amount of Project Obligations: \$ _____
- C. Project components to be financed and/or refinanced: [list components]
- D. Proposed Sites Financing Incurrence Date: _____
- E. A description of the proposed financing structure, expected method of sale, expected term, pro-forma cash flows and each Participant’s estimated share of Fixed Project Costs to be financed or refinanced from the proposed Sites Financing is set forth in Schedule A hereto.
- F. Each Participant’s estimated annual Sites Financing Costs related to the proposed Sites Financing is set forth in Schedule B hereto.
- G. The amount of the cash deposit required to be made by each Participant if the Participant elects to self-fund such Project Costs in accordance with Sections 5.4 and 5.5 of the Contract is set forth in Schedule C hereto.

If a Participant intends for the Sites Authority to finance/refinance the Project components listed in clause C above, the Participant does not need to take any further action.

If a Participant intends to self-fund all or a portion of the applicable Project Costs described in clause E above such Participant must provide the Sites Authority with a Self-Funding Notice on or prior to ____, 20__ (on or before the 90th day prior to the anticipated [Sites Financing Incurrence Date] [the Business Day prior to the scheduled date on which the offering document relating to the Sites Financing is to be made available to potential investors]) all as provided in Section 5.4.2 of the Contract. A form of the Self-Funding

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Notice is attached to the Contract as Appendix 3. In addition, such Participant must deposit the amount of such self-funding with the Sites Authority by no later than _____, 20____, in accordance with Section 5.5.2 of the Contract; subject to a grace period of 30 days following such date.

[ADDITIONAL TEXT MAY BE ADDED AS NEEDED]

SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY

By: _____

[Title of Officer]

APPENDIX 5

FORM OF PARTICIPANT OPINION LETTER

[This opinion shall be delivered upon execution of the Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract]

[], 202[]
Sites Authority
[ADDRESS]

[United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as [general/special] counsel to **[PARTICIPANT]** (the "Participant") in connection with the Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract (the "Contract"), between the Sites Authority and Participant, and have acted as general counsel to the Participant in connection with the matters referred to in this opinion letter (this "Opinion"). As such counsel, we have examined and are familiar with (i) documents relating to the existence, organization and operation of the Participant provided to us by the Participant, (ii) certifications by officers of the Participant, (iii) all necessary documentation of the Participant relating to the authorization, execution and delivery of the Contract, and (iv) an executed counterpart of the Contract. Terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the respective meanings set forth in the Contract.

Based upon the foregoing and such examination of law and such other information, papers and documents as we deem necessary or advisable to enable us to render this opinion, including the Constitution and laws of the State of California, together with the resolutions, ordinances and public proceedings of the Participant, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Participant is a _____, duly created, organized and existing under the laws of the State of California and duly qualified to [furnish water service within its boundaries].
2. The Participant has legal right, power and authority to enter into the Contract and to carry out and consummate all transactions reasonably contemplated in or by the Contract, and the Participant has complied with the provisions of Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals relating to such transactions.
3. The Contract has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Participant, is in full force and effect as to the Participant in accordance with its terms and, subject to the qualifications set forth in the second to the last paragraph of this Opinion, and assuming

that the Sites Authority has all requisite power and authority, and has taken all necessary action, to authorize, execute and deliver such Contract, the Contract constitutes the valid and binding obligation of the Participant.

4. The obligations of the Participant to make payments under the Contract from the source of payment identified in Appendix 7[A][B][C-1][C-2] of the Contract, dated [], 2026, executed by the Participant, or other lawfully available funds as provided in the Contract is a valid, legal and binding obligation of the Participant enforceable in accordance with its terms.

5. No approval, consent or authorization of any governmental or public agency, authority or person is required for the execution and delivery by the Participant of the Contract.

6. The authorization, execution and delivery of the Contract and compliance with the provisions thereof will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, any instrument relating to the organization, existence or operation of the Participant, any commitment, agreement or other instrument to which the Participant is a party or by which it or its property is bound or affected, or any ruling, regulation, ordinance, judgment, order or decree to which the Participant (or any of its officers in their respective capacities as such) is subject or any provision of the laws of the State of California relating to the Participant and its affairs.

7. There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation at law or in equity, or before any court, public board or body, pending or, to our knowledge, threatened against or affecting the Participant or any entity affiliated with the Participant or any of its officers in their respective capacities as such, which questions the powers of the Participant referred to in paragraph 2 above or the validity of the proceedings taken by the Participant in connection with the authorization, execution or delivery of the Contract, or wherein any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially adversely affect the transactions contemplated by the Contract, or which would adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Contract.

[8. The Participant is not entitled to claim governmental immunity under the California Government Claims Act, or under any ordinance, regulation or other legislative action of the Participant in any breach of contract action under the Contract.]

The opinion expressed in paragraph 3 above is qualified to the extent that the enforceability of the Contract may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, moratorium, or other laws affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles and to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations on legal remedies against public agencies in the State of California and provided that no opinion is expressed with respect to any indemnification or contribution provisions contained therein.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX 6

FORM OF SITES AUTHORITY OPINION LETTER

[This opinion shall be delivered to the Sites Authority upon execution of the Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract]

[], 202[]

Sites Authority
[ADDRESS]

[United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as [special/general] counsel to the Sites Authority (the "Sites Authority") in connection with that certain Sites Reservoir Benefits & Obligations Contract, dated as of [], 202[] (the "Contract"), between the Sites Authority and each of the Participants identified on Exhibit 1 attached hereto (each a "Participant") in connection with the matters referred to in this opinion letter (this "Opinion"). As such counsel, we have examined and are familiar with (i) documents relating to the existence, organization and operation of the Sites Authority provided to us by the Sites Authority, (ii) certifications by officers of the Sites Authority, (iii) all necessary documentation of the Sites Authority relating to the authorization, execution and delivery of the Contract, and (iv) an executed counterpart of the Contract. Terms used in this Opinion and not otherwise defined have the respective meanings set forth in the Contract.

Based upon the foregoing and such examination of law and such other information, papers and documents as we deem necessary or advisable to enable us to render this Opinion, including the Constitution and laws of the State of California, together with the resolutions, ordinances and public proceedings of the Sites Authority, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Sites Authority is a joint exercise of powers agency, duly created, organized and existing under the laws of the State of California.
2. The Sites Authority has legal right, power and authority to enter into the Contract and to carry out and consummate all transactions contemplated in the Contract, and the Sites Authority has complied with the provisions of Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals relating to such transactions.

3. The Contract has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Sites Authority, is in full force and effect as to the Sites Authority in accordance with its terms and subject to the qualifications set forth in the second to the last paragraph of this Opinion, and assuming that each Participant has all requisite power and authority, and has taken all necessary action, to authorize, execute and deliver such Contract, the Contract constitutes the valid and binding obligation of the Sites Authority.

4. No approval, consent or authorization of any governmental or public agency, authority or person is required for the execution and delivery by the Sites Authority of the Contract.

5. The authorization, execution and delivery of the Contract and compliance with the provisions thereof will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, any instrument relating to the organization, existence or operation of the Sites Authority, any commitment, agreement or other instrument to which the Sites Authority is a party or by which it or its property is bound or affected, or, to the best of our knowledge, any ruling, regulation, ordinance, judgment, order or decree to which the Sites Authority (or any of its officers in their respective capacities as such) is subject or any provision of the laws of the State of California relating to the Sites Authority and its affairs.

6. There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation at law or in equity, or before any court, public board or body, pending or, to our knowledge, threatened against or affecting the Sites Authority or any of its officers in their respective capacities as such, which questions the powers of the Sites Authority referred to in paragraph 2 above or the validity of the proceedings taken by the Sites Authority in connection with the authorization, execution or delivery of the Contract, or wherein any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially adversely affect the transactions contemplated by the Contract or which, in any way, would adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Contract.

[7. The Sites Authority is not entitled to claim governmental immunity under the California Government Claims Act, or under any regulation or other legislative action of the Sites Authority in any breach of contract action under the Contract.]

The opinion expressed in paragraph 3 above is qualified to the extent that the enforceability of the Contract may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, moratorium, or other laws affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles and to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations on legal remedies against public agencies in the State of California and provided that no opinion is expressed with respect to any indemnification or contribution provisions contained therein.

Very truly yours,

EXHIBIT 1 TO APPENDIX 6

Participants

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

[INSERT PARTICIPANT]

APPENDIX 7
PAYMENT APPENDIX

Appendix 7A Rates and Charges

Appendix 7B Statement of Charges

Appendix 7C Land Based Charges

**APPENDIX 7A
RATES AND CHARGES**

This Appendix 7A (this “Appendix”) to the Benefits and Obligations Contract (the “Contract”), dated as of ____, 2026, by and between the entities listed in Appendix 2 to the Contract and the Sites Project Authority (the “Sites Authority”) sets forth the source of payment of the Participant executing this Appendix for amounts due to the Sites Authority in accordance with the Contract and certain other terms supplementary to the Contract.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Appendix have the meanings given in the Contract.

A. Source of Payment. The Participant shall make payments under the Contract as an operation and maintenance expense of the Participant, as determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, solely from, and prior to other payments other than operation and maintenance expenses, from the revenues of the Participant’s water system. Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as prohibiting the Participant from using any other funds for purposes of satisfying any provisions of this Contract.

B. Participant Rates and Charges. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Participant will fix and prescribe, at the commencement of the fiscal year of the Participant (“**Participant Fiscal Year**”), rates and charges for the Participant’s water system which, together with any other lawfully available revenues of the Participant, and, if applicable, taking into account amounts transferred from a rate stabilization fund or other similar fund of the Participant, are reasonably expected to be sufficient to pay the Participant’s operation and maintenance expenses for such Participant Fiscal Year, including but not limited to amounts due to the Sites Authority under the Contract.

This Appendix is supplemental to the terms of the Contract, and, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Appendix and the provisions of the Contract, the terms of this Appendix shall govern.

Dated: _____, 202_

[PARTICIPANT]

By: _____

APPENDIX 7B
[RESERVED]

APPENDIX 7C
LAND BASED CHARGES

(See attached)

[LAND BASED CHARGES – DISTRICT APPENDIX]

APPENDIX 7C-1

LAND BASED CHARGES (DISTRICT IMPOSED)

This Appendix 7C-1 (this “Appendix”) to the Benefits and Obligations Contract (the “Contract”), dated as of ____, 2026, by and between the entities listed therein and the Sites Project Authority (the “Sites Authority”) sets forth the source of payment of the Participant executing this Appendix for amounts due to the Sites Authority pursuant to the Contract and certain other terms supplementary to the Contract.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Appendix have the meanings given in the Contract.

A. Source of Payment. The Participant shall make payments under the Contract as an operation and maintenance expense of the Participant, as determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Such payments shall be paid from the revenues of the Participant’s water system, including any land based charges. Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as prohibiting the Participant from using any other funds for purposes of satisfying any provisions of this Contract.

B. Participant Revenues. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Participant shall fix, prescribe and collect, at the commencement of the fiscal year of the Participant (the “Participant Fiscal Year”), rates and charges for the Participant’s water system which, together with any other lawfully available revenues of the Participant, and, if applicable, taking into account amounts transferred from a rate stabilization fund or other similar fund of the Participant, are reasonably expected to be sufficient to pay all amounts owed to the Sites Authority after the application of land based charges described in C below reasonably expected to be collected and applied as described in C below .

C. Participant Land Based Charges. During each Participant Fiscal Year, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Participant shall levy and collect land based charges in an amount equal to 110% of the amount of the Participant’s Financing Obligations payable during such Participant Fiscal Year and shall apply such land based charges to the payment of the Participant’s Financing Obligations.

This Appendix is supplemental to the terms of the Contract, and, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Appendix and the provisions of the Contract, the terms of this Appendix shall govern.

Dated: _____, 2026

[PARTICIPANT]

By: _____

[LAND BASED CHARGES WRMWD APPENDIX]

APPENDIX 7C-2

LAND BASED CHARGES
(WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER
STORAGE DISTRICT IMPOSED)

This Appendix 7C-2 (this “Appendix”) to the Benefits and Obligations Contract (the “Contract”), dated as of ____, 2026, by and between the entities listed therein and the Sites Project Authority (the “Sites Authority”) sets forth the exclusive source of payment of the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (“WRMWS”) and exclusive recourse for amounts due to the Sites Authority pursuant to the Contract and certain other terms supplementary to the Contract.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Appendix have the meanings given in the Contract.

A. Source of Payment. WRMWS shall make payments due under the Contract solely (i) from special benefit assessments or charges in lieu of assessments (the “Assessments”) levied by WRMWS on certain parcels of land within WRMWS (the “Participating Properties”), the owners of which (the “Participating Landowners”) have executed agreements with WRMWS to participate in the Project (the “Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts”), pursuant to and as authorized by such Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts and applicable law, and (ii) from amounts received by WRMWS from the Participating Landowners for the provision of water service, water storage and other services with respect to the Project collected under the Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts (collectively, the “Pledged Landowner Revenues”). The Sites Authority shall not have the right of any recourse against the revenues, reserves or other assets of WRMWS or the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the “GSA”) or any revenues generated by WRMWS or the GSA from non-Sites related water service or groundwater management activities provided by WRMWS or the GSA, other than the Pledged Landowner Revenues. The Sites Authority’s recourse for the failure of WRMWS to pay WRMWS’s obligations under the Contract or to comply with the terms of the Contract will only be against the Pledged Landowner Revenues, including amounts received by WRMWS from WRMWS’s enforcement of the Assessments and the respective Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts.

B. Assessments. During each fiscal year of WRMWS (the “WRMWS Fiscal Year”), to the fullest extent permitted by law, WRMWS shall levy and collect Assessments in an amount equal to 110% of the amount of WRMWS’s Financing Obligations payable during such WRMWS Fiscal Year and shall apply such Assessments to the payment of WRMWS’s Financing Obligations.

C. Service Revenues. To the fullest extent permitted by law, WRMWS shall fix, prescribe and collect, during the WRMWS Fiscal Year, amounts under the Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts, which are reasonably

expected to be sufficient to pay amounts coming due under the Contract (net of WRMWSD Financing Obligations that are reasonably expected to be paid with the proceeds of the Assessments) for such WRMWSD Fiscal Year.

D. Enforcement of Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts. WRMWSD shall at all times have Wheeler-Ridge Participating Benefits and Obligations Contracts in place with each of the Participating Landowners. To the fullest extent permitted by law, WRMWSD covenants and agrees that WRMWSD shall enforce the WRMWSD’s rights under each Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contract against the respective Participating Landowners, collect amounts due in a timely manner and shall take all necessary actions permitted by the respective Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts, including the discontinuance of all Sites water to parcels of land owned by those specific Participating Landowners in default under the respective Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts, and by law to collect in such time and amounts Assessments and amounts payable pursuant to the Wheeler-Ridge Participating Landowner Benefits and Obligations Contracts as shall permit WRMWSD to pay its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

This Appendix is supplemental to the terms of the Contract, and, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Appendix and the provisions of the Contract, the terms of this Appendix shall govern.

Dated: _____, 2026

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By: _____

[LAND BASED CHARGES – CCFCWCD APPENDIX]

APPENDIX 7C-3

LAND BASED CHARGES
(COLUSA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IMPOSED)

This Appendix 7C-2 (this “Appendix”) to the Benefits and Obligations Contract (the “Contract”), dated as of ____, 202__, by and between the entities listed therein and the Sites Project Authority (the “Sites Authority”) sets forth the source of payment of the Participant executing this Appendix for amounts due to the Sites Authority pursuant to the Contract and certain other terms supplementary to the Contract.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Appendix have the meanings given in the Contract.

A. Source of Payment. The Participant shall make payments due under the Contract from assessments levied within the zone of benefit (the “Zone of Benefit”) established by the Participant (the “Assessments”) and amounts received by the Participant for the provision of water service, water storage and other services from landowners contracting with the Participant for such services (the “Participating Landowners”). Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as prohibiting the Participant from using any other funds for purposes of satisfying any provisions of this Contract.

B. Participant Assessments. During each fiscal year of the Participant (the “Participant Fiscal Year”), to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Participant shall levy and collect Assessments in an amount equal to 110% of the amount of the Participant’s Financing Obligations payable during such Participant Fiscal Year and shall apply such Assessments to the payment of the Participant’s Financing Obligations.

C. Participant Service Revenues. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Participant shall fix, prescribe and collect, at the commencement of the Participant Fiscal Year, amounts under the agreements with the Participating Landowners (the “Landowner Agreements”), which are reasonably expected to be sufficient to pay amounts coming due under the Contract (net of Participant Financing Obligations that are reasonably expected to be paid with the proceeds of the Assessments) for such Participant Fiscal Year.

D. Enforcement of Landowner Agreements. The Participant shall at all times have Landowner Agreements in place with each of the Participating Landowners. The Participant covenants and agrees that the Participant shall enforce the Participant’s rights under each Landowner Agreement against the respective Participating Landowners, collect amounts due in a timely manner and shall take all necessary actions permitted by the Landowner Agreement and by law to collect in such time and amounts Assessments and amounts payable pursuant to the Landowner Agreements as shall permit the Participant to pay its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

E. Notice to Water District Under [Water District Agreement]. The Participant shall at all times have [Water District Agreements] in place with each of the applicable water districts or water agencies within which Participating Landowners have the right to apply Sites Water (each, a “Water District”). The Participant covenants that the Participant shall, within [three Business Days] of the occurrence of a default under a Landowner Agreement, provide notice to the applicable Water District in the manner set forth in the [Water District Agreement], identifying the parcels of land owned by the Participating Landowner to which such default relates, and instructing the Water District to discontinue all Sites water to such parcels of land, in accordance with the terms of the respective [Water District Agreement]. The Participant shall provide a copy of such notice simultaneously to the Sites Authority. If the default is cured pursuant to the terms of the applicable Landowner Agreement, the Participant shall provide notice of such cure to the Water District and shall provide instructions with respect to the reinstatement of Sites water in accordance the applicable Water District Agreement. The Participant shall provide a copy of such notice simultaneously to the Sites Authority.

This Appendix is supplemental to the terms of the Contract, and, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Appendix and the provisions of the Contract, the terms of this Appendix shall govern.

Dated: _____, 2026

COLUSA COUNTY FLOOD
CONTROL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____

APPENDIX 8

INITIAL SITES OPERATIONS PLAN

[To be attached]

APPENDIX 9

ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR THE ACQUIRER AND SWP PARTICIPANTS

Appendix 9 may contain distinct amendment procedures applicable solely to the Acquirer and SWP Participants, subject to final legal review and consistency with the Contract as a whole.

1. Purpose of Appendix

- 1.1 Certain Participants are State Water Project contractors (“SWP Contractors”) that are parties to State Water Project Water Supply Contracts with DWR (referred to herein plurally as “Water Supply Contracts” or singularly as “Water Supply Contract”). DWR determined that it would (i) acquire certain capacity rights in the Sites Reservoir Project, including the associated water supply, from the Sites Authority, as such acquisition is required and necessary for the purposes of the State Water Resources Development System, and (ii) offer shares in its acquired Capacity Interest and associated water supply to interested SWP Contractors to meet their local needs and supplement their existing State Water Project supply. SWP Contractors obtaining shares of DWR’s Capacity Interest from DWR are referred to herein as “SWP Participants”.
- 1.2 DWR and the SWP Participants have executed amendments to their respective Water Supply Contracts that address the rights and responsibilities of DWR and the SWP Participants related to DWR’s acquisition from the Sites Authority of capacity rights in the Sites Reservoir Project and associated water supply and deliveries of such acquired water supply to the SWP Participants, and requiring the SWP Participants to pay all DWR costs associated with such acquisition and delivery pursuant to the terms of their respective Water Supply Contracts.
- 1.3 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for DWR’s role in the Contract as the Acquirer to meet the needs of the SWP Participants and establishes certain special provisions applicable to the SWP Participants’ rights, obligations, and liabilities under the Contract. The SWP Participants are a subset of signatories to the Contract, including specifically this Appendix 9, because SWP Participants have elected to participate in the Sites Reservoir Project by obtaining shares of DWR’s Capacity Interest and receiving the associated water supply from DWR pursuant to the terms of their Water Supply Contracts. Upon occurrence of certain conditions set forth in paragraphs 13 and 14 of this Appendix, the SWP Participants may become subject to the uniform contractual provisions applicable to all Participants under the Contract, at the same percentage of total Sites Reservoir Project available capacity committed to herein as a shareholder in DWR’s acquired Capacity Interests, as may be modified over time consistent with this Contract and the SWP Participants’ Water Supply Contracts.

- 1.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other provisions of the Contract, this Appendix 9 shall apply to DWR as the Acquirer and each SWP Participant's rights, obligations and liabilities under the Contract, and to the corresponding rights, obligations and liabilities of the Sites Authority. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this Appendix 9 and any other provision of the Contract, this Appendix 9 shall prevail.
- 1.5 Unless defined differently herein, all acronyms, abbreviations and terms used in this Appendix 9 have the meanings given in the Contract.

2. Election to Become a SWP Participant

- 2.1 By signing below, (i) each SWP Participant elects to have DWR, as the Acquirer, acquire certain capacity rights and associated water supply, as set forth in the Project Specific Information, from the Sites Reservoir Project to meet the needs of that SWP Participant pursuant to that SWP Participant's Water Supply Contract and as set forth in Section 1.3.1 of the Contract and this Appendix 9, (ii) DWR agrees to fulfill the role of the Acquirer under the Contract to meet the needs of each SWP Participant, and (iii) the Sites Authority acknowledges and agrees with the special provisions applicable to the Acquirer and SWP Participants pursuant to this Appendix 9, and further agrees to comply with the State's general terms and conditions set forth in paragraph 18 of this Appendix.
- 2.2 A SWP Participant shall have the right to withdraw its election to be a SWP Participant by submitting a written notice to the Acquirer and the Sites Authority, specifying the effective date of such withdrawal. Such withdrawal shall be subject to the provisions in paragraph 13 of this Appendix.
- 2.3 After the Effective Date of the Contract, any other Participant that is a SWP Contractor holding a Water Supply Contract with DWR may elect to become a SWP Participant by signing this Appendix, subject to the Acquirer's and the Sites Authority's written approval, and after the execution of a Water Supply Contract amendment substantially similar to the Water Supply Contract amendments described in paragraph 1.2 of this Appendix.

3. Term

This Appendix 9 shall take effect upon the Effective Date of the Contract and shall remain in effect for as long as at least one SWP Participant retains contractual rights to a share of the Acquirer's Capacity Interest and associated water supply pursuant to this Appendix.

4. Applicability of Contract Provisions to SWP Participants

All Contract provisions applicable to a Participant or Participants shall apply to a SWP Participant, unless specifically provided otherwise in this Appendix or unless inconsistent with the provisions in this Appendix.

5. Acquirer's Capacity Interests

- 5.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 3.5 or any other provision of the Contract, the Sites Authority hereby grants to the Acquirer, and the Acquirer shall hold, in Acquirer’s name, a Base Facilities Capacity Interest (referred to herein as “Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest”), for the benefit of the SWP Participants, as described in the Project Specific Information and otherwise in accordance with this Appendix. The Acquirer hereby designates shares of the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest and associated Storage Allocation for the benefit of each SWP Participant in the amounts described in the Project Specific Information.

- 5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 3.6 or any other provision of the Contract, the Sites Authority hereby grants to the Acquirer, and the Acquirer shall hold, in Acquirer’s name, a Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest (referred to herein as “Acquirer’s Downstream Facilities Capacity Share”), for the benefit of those SWP Participants that desire to participate in funding and use of Downstream Facilities, as described in the Project Specific Information and otherwise in accordance with this Appendix. The Acquirer hereby designates shares of the Acquirer’s Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest for the benefit of each SWP Participant in the amounts described in the Project Specific Information.

- 5.3 As applicable to each SWP Participant, any reference in the Contract, including any Appendices, to (i) a Participant’s or Storage Partner’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest shall mean that SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest, (ii) a Participant’s or Storage Partner’s Storage Allocation shall mean the Storage Allocation associated with that SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest, (iii) a Participant’s or Storage Partner’s Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest shall mean that SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Downstream Facilities Capacity Share, (iv) a Participant’s or Storage Partner’s Capacity Interest shall mean that SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Capacity Interests, and (v) a Participant’s Sites Water shall mean that SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Sites Water.

6. Leasing, Sale, Purchase, Transfer and Assignment of Capacity Interests

- 6.1 Subject to Section 8, including first-tier SWP right of first refusal provisions, a SWP Participant, in coordination with the Acquirer, may negotiate a lease or sale of that SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest to another Storage Partner or non-Storage Partner pursuant to Section 8 of the Contract; provided that where a SWP Participant proposes to lease or sell such Capacity Interest to another entity that is not a SWP Participant, the other SWP Participants shall have a “right of first refusal” with respect to the lease or sale of such Capacity Interest on the terms provided in the Lease Offer Notice or Sale Offer Notice, as applicable, before other Participants may exercise their “right of first refusal” pursuant to Section 8 of the Contract. In the event that more than one SWP Participants wish to exercise their “right of first refusal” pursuant to this paragraph, the Capacity Interest offered for lease or sale shall be apportioned pro rata based on these SWP Participants’ shares of the Acquirer’s Base

Facilities Capacity Interest or Downstream Facilities Capacity Share, as applicable, unless these SWP Participants agree otherwise.

- 6.2 A SWP Participant, in coordination with the Acquirer, may negotiate a lease or purchase of another Participant’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or Downstream Facilities Capacity Share, pursuant to Section 8 of the Contract. Upon written request from such SWP Participant to DWR and the Sites Authority, such leased or purchased Capacity Interest shall be added to the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest and Downstream Facilities Capacity Share, as applicable, and shall be held by the Acquirer pursuant to the terms of this Appendix for the benefit of the leasing or purchasing SWP Participant.
- 6.3 Any leasing, sale or purchase of a Capacity Interests, or portions thereof, by a SWP Participant shall be coordinated with the Acquirer and shall be subject to the Acquirer’s approval pursuant to the terms and conditions of the SWP Participants’ respective Water Supply Contracts. A SWP Participant shall be responsible for coordination with the Acquirer, obtaining any necessary approvals from the Acquirer, and otherwise ensuring compliance with that SWP Participant’s Water Supply Contract before entering into any sale, lease or purchase of a Capacity Interest pursuant to the Contract. A SWP Participant shall be responsible for providing required notices of the final lease or sale to the Sites Authority pursuant to Section 8 of the Contract, and the Sites Authority shall update the Project Specific Information accordingly upon receipt of such notice.
- 6.4 A SWP Participant leasing its share of the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or Downstream Facilities Capacity Share, or a portion thereof, to another entity shall remain liable and responsible for all obligations to the Acquirer associated with such Capacity Interest under the Contract and under that SWP Participant’s Water Supply Contract and shall not be relieved of any such obligations as a result of such lease. A SWP Participant selling its share of the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest and/or Downstream Facilities Capacity Share, or a portion thereof, shall remain liable and responsible for all obligations to the Acquirer associated with such Capacity and Share under the Contract and under that SWP Participant’s Water Supply Contract and shall not be relieved of any such obligations as a result of such sale until such time as the purchaser of such Capacity Interest assumes any and all payment responsibilities and other obligations associated with such purchased Capacity Interests, as required by the Contract.

7. Allocation, Storage and Release of Water

- 7.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 4.4 or any other provision of the Contract, when the Sites Authority allocates Sites Water in Sites Reservoir to Storage Partners pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Contract, the Sites Authority shall allocate to the Acquirer the Sites Water based on the Acquirer’s Base Facilities Capacity Interest up to the associated Storage Allocation. The Acquirer shall distribute its allocated Sites Water to the SWP Participants based on each SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Base Facilities

Capacity Interest and in accordance with each SWP Participant's Water Supply Contract.

- 7.2 A SWP Participant may use its share of the Acquirer's Capacity Interest for the storage of its share of the Acquirer's allocated Sites Water or for storage of its Other Water pursuant to the terms of the Contract.
- 7.3 Each SWP Participant shall be responsible for scheduling releases of its share of the Acquirer's Sites Water or Other Water from the Sites Reservoir pursuant to the Contract, in coordination with the Acquirer. The Sites Authority shall maintain accurate records of the amount of Water released on behalf of each SWP Participant. Conveyance of released Sites Water or Other Water to the SWP Participants beyond the Delivery Points shall be governed by the SWP Participants' respective Water Supply Contracts and/or other agreements with the Acquirer.

8. Sites Water Sales and Exchanges

A SWP Participant, in coordination with the Acquirer, may sell or Exchange its share of the Acquirer's Sites Water to other Storage Partners or other entities pursuant to Section 8.4 of the Contract. Any such sales or exchanges of Sites Water by a SWP Participant shall be coordinated with the Acquirer and shall be subject to the Acquirer's approval pursuant to the terms and conditions of the SWP Participants' respective Water Supply Contracts. A SWP Participant shall be responsible for coordination with the Acquirer, obtaining any necessary approvals from the Acquirer, and otherwise ensuring compliance with its Water Supply Contract before entering into any sale or Exchange of Sites Water pursuant to the Contract.

9. Payment of Project Costs

- 9.1 The Acquirer agrees to pay to the Sites Authority the Project Costs under the Contract on behalf of each SWP Participant, provided that the Acquirer's financial obligations under the Contract shall be limited to and payable solely from the funding the Acquirer receives from the SWP Participants in payment of that portion of their State Water Project annual charges traceable to this Contract, as determined by DWR. Nothing in the Contract shall be interpreted as requiring the Acquirer to spend any money from any other sources in the performance of its obligations under this Contract.
- 9.2 As applicable to each SWP Participant, where Section 6 or any other provision of the Contract requires a Participant to make a payment of Project Costs to the Sites Authority or describes a Participant's funding obligation under the Contract, the Acquirer shall be responsible for making the payment or providing the funding to the Sites Authority associated with each SWP Participant's share of the Acquirer's Capacity Interests. The full extent of the Acquirer's financial obligations under the Contract shall be to make such payments to the Sites Authority from the funds received from each SWP Participant pursuant to the terms of each SWP Participant's Water Supply Contract and traceable to this Contract, including this Appendix 9.

- 9.3 As applicable to each SWP Participant, where Section 6 or any other provision of the Contract requires the Sites Authority to make payments or disburse proceeds to a Participant, the Sites Authority shall make such payments or disburse proceeds to the Acquirer to be credited or otherwise accounted for by the Acquirer pursuant to that SWP Participant’s Water Supply Contract.
- 9.4 When the Sites Authority provides an estimated statement of anticipated Project Costs to the Acquirer pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Contract, such statement shall identify anticipated Project Costs associated with each SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Capacity Interests. When the Sites Authority provides a Billing Statement to the Acquirer pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Contract, such Billing Statement shall identify the relevant Project Costs associated with each SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Capacity Interests.
- 9.5 The Participant as a whole is obligated to pay to the Sites Authority the payments becoming due under the Contract, notwithstanding any individual default by its constituents or others in the payment to the Participant of assessments, tolls or other charges levied by the Participant.
- 9.6 If in any year the Participant fails or is unable to raise sufficient funds by other means, the governing body of the Participant shall levy upon property in the Participant not exempt from taxation, a tax or assessment (the “SWP Tax”) sufficient to provide for all payments under the Contract then due or to become due within that year and that appear on the statement of charges provided to the Participant by the State of California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”).
- 9.7 To the fullest extent permitted by law and pursuant to the terms of the Participant’s Water Supply Contract with DWR, the Participant shall enforce and collect, or provide for the enforcement and collection of, the SWP Tax.

10. Communications and Sharing of Information

- 10.1 As applicable to the SWP Participants, where the Contract requires or allows the Sites Authority to provide a Participant with any notices, demands, reports, plans, requests, schedules, updates, forms, documents, or other communications, the Sites Authority shall provide to the Acquirer a copy of any such communication related to that SWP Participant at or around the same time as that communication is provided to the SWP Participant.
- 10.2 As applicable to the SWP Participants, where the Contract requires or allows a Participant to provide the Sites Authority with any notices, demands, reports, plans, requests, schedules, updates, forms, documents, or other communications, that SWP Participant shall provide to the Acquirer a copy of any such communication at or around the same time as that communication is provided to the Sites Authority.
- 10.3 As applicable to the SWP Participants, where the Contract provides a Participant with rights to access or inspect the Sites Owned Facilities or any

records kept by the Sites Authority, the Acquirer shall have the same access and inspection rights.

11. Sites Reservoir Project Governance

11.1 The SWP Participants shall have a right to participate in the Reservoir Management Board or other Sites Reservoir Project governance to the same extent as other Participants in accordance with the Contract, the JPA Agreement and the Sites Authority Bylaws. The SWP Participants' rights to participate in the Sites Reservoir Project governance shall be based on each SWP Participant's share of the Acquirer's Base Facilities Capacity Interest.

11.2 The Acquirer shall not be a member of the Reservoir Management Board. Nothing in this Appendix shall affect DWR's statutory authority as an ex-officio member of the Sites Authority under California Water Code Section 79759.

12. Delinquency and Default

12.1 If a SWP Participant fails to make a timely payment for Project Costs to the Acquirer pursuant to the terms of that SWP Participant's Water Supply Contract, the Acquirer may offer to the other SWP Participants an opportunity to assume all or a portion of such delinquent SWP Participant's share of the Acquirer's Capacity Interest and related obligations under the Contract, including this Appendix 9, at a price and on the terms mutually agreed between the delinquent SWP Participant and the other SWP Participant(s) willing to assume all or a portion of the delinquent SWP Participant's share of the Acquirer's Capacity Interests, and subject to Section 8.2 of the Contract.

12.2 If the Acquirer fails to make a payment to the Sites Authority when due, as described in Section 10.1.1 of the Contract, and such failure was caused by a failure of a SWP Participant to make a required payment to the Acquirer pursuant to the terms of that SWP Participant's Water Supply Contract, such failure of the Acquirer to make a payment shall not be a liability or Default of the Acquirer, but shall constitute the applicable SWP Participant's Default under Section 10.1.1 of the Contract that may only be cured by a direct payment from such SWP Participant to the Sites Authority. If the Acquirer fails to make a payment to the Sites Authority when due, as described in Section 10.1.1 of the Contract, and such failure was not caused by any action or omission by the SWP Participant, then Acquirer shall take all steps necessary to make the payment at no cost or detriment to the SWP Participant.

12.3 In the event that the Sites Authority apportions a Defaulted Interest of any Participant to the remaining non-defaulting Participants pursuant to Section 10.3.6 of the Contract, a portion of such Defaulted Interest associated with each SWP Participant's share of the Acquirer's Base Facilities Capacity Interest and Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest shall be added to the Acquirer's Capacity Interest held by the Acquirer pursuant to the terms of this Appendix for the benefit of the affected SWP Participant.

13. Cessation of Appendix's Applicability to a SWP Participant

- 13.1 Upon occurrence of any of the following events and subject to the process below, this Appendix shall no longer apply to the affected SWP Participant:
- a) A SWP Participant’s Water Supply Contract terminates for any reason.
 - b) A SWP Participant submits a written notice to the Acquirer and the Sites Authority pursuant to paragraph 2.2 of this Appendix withdrawing its election to be a SWP Participant.
 - c) A SWP Participant fails to provide sufficient funds to the Acquirer to make payments to the Sites Authority for Project Costs under Section 6 of the Contract, which failure results in a Default under Section 10.1.1 of the Contract.
- 13.2 Upon occurrence of an event in paragraph 13.1 of this Appendix 9, (i) this Appendix shall no longer apply to the affected SWP Participant, (ii) such affected SWP Participant shall become subject to all provisions of the Contract applicable to Participants that are not SWP Participants, and (iii) any interests, rights or obligations held by the Acquirer for the benefit of the affected SWP Participant pursuant to the Contract, including this Appendix, shall transfer to the affected SWP Participant. The Acquirer shall provide a written notice to the Sites Authority and the SWP Participants specifying the grounds for and effective date of cessation of this Appendix’s applicability to the affected SWP Participant, and the Sites Authority shall update the Project Specific Information and any other relevant records accordingly.
- 13.3 If a SWP Participant sells its entire share of the Acquirer’s Capacity Interest to another entity, this Appendix 9 shall no longer apply to the selling SWP Participant. If the purchasing entity is a SWP Participant, the selling SWP Participant’s share of the Acquirer’s Capacity Interest can be included in the Acquirer’s Capacity Interest upon request of such purchasing SWP Participant, as described in paragraph 6.2 of this Appendix. If the purchasing entity is not a SWP Participant, the Acquirer’s Capacity Interest shall be reduced accordingly and the Acquirer shall no longer be responsible for any obligations associated with such sold share.

14. Termination of the Acquirer’s Participation in the Contract

- 14.1 The Acquirer shall have the right to terminate its participation in the Contract if the Acquirer reasonably determines that its participation in the Contract causes material adverse impacts to the State Water Project or the State Water Project contractors that are not SWP Participants. Before terminating its participation in the Contract, the Acquirer shall meet with the SWP Participants and the Sites Authority and attempt in good faith to develop measures that would avoid or mitigate the material adverse impacts to the State Water Project or the State Water Project contractors that are not SWP Participants. If there are no reasonable measures that can avoid or mitigate such material adverse impacts, as determined by the Acquirer, the Acquirer shall have the right to fully terminate its participation in the Contract.

14.2 Upon termination of the Acquirer's participation in the Contract, (i) this Appendix 9 shall terminate, (ii) the SWP Participants shall become subject to all provisions of the Contract applicable to Participants that are not SWP Participants, and (iii) any interests, rights or obligations held by the Acquirer for the benefit of the SWP Participants pursuant to the Contract, including this Appendix, shall transfer to these SWP Participants as Participants. The Acquirer shall provide a written notice to the Sites Authority and the SWP Participants specifying the grounds for and effective date of the termination of the Acquirer's participation in the Contract, and the Sites Authority shall update the Project Specific Information and any other relevant records accordingly.

15. Liability and Indemnification

Each SWP Participant agrees to defend and hold DWR, and its officers, employees, and agents harmless from any direct or indirect loss, liability, lawsuit, cause of action, judgment or claim, and shall indemnify DWR, and its officers, employees, and agents from all lawsuits, costs, damages, judgments, attorneys' fees, and liabilities that DWR, its officers, employees, and agents incur as a result of DWR's participation in the Contract as the Acquirer, except to the extent resulting from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of DWR. The SWP Participants' liability pursuant to this paragraph shall be joint and several unless the liability arises out of an individual SWP Participant's own action or omission, in which case that SWP Participant will be solely liable.

16. Amendments of Appendix

This Appendix can be amended or modified by a written agreement of the Reservoir Management Board, the Acquirer, and at least two thirds of the SWP Participants. This Appendix may be amended or modified without the need to amend the Contract. Upon an amendment of this Appendix, the Sites Authority shall provide a copy of the amended Appendix to all Participants.

17. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes between the Acquirer and the SWP Participant(s) arising in connection with the Contract or this Appendix, and not involving the Sites Authority or other Participants, shall not be subject to the Dispute Resolution Process under the Contract, but shall be governed by the SWP Participants' respective Water Supply Contracts.

18. State General Terms and Conditions

The Sites Authority will comply with the State of California Standard Clauses set forth below.

18.1 ASSIGNMENT: This Contract is not assignable by the Sites Authority, either in whole or in part, without the consent of DWR in the form of a formal written amendment.

- 18.2 **AUDIT:** The Sites Authority agrees that DWR, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Contract. The Sites Authority agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. The Sites Authority agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records.
- 18.3 **NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE:** During the performance of this Agreement, the Sites Authority and its subcontractors shall not deny the Contract's benefits to any person on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. The Sites Authority shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. The Sites Authority and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11000 et seq.), and the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code §§11135-11139.5). The Sites Authority shall permit access by representatives of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and DWR upon reasonable notice at any time during the normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or DWR shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause. The Sites Authority and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11105.) The Sites Authority shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the Contract.
- 18.4 **CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT:** The Sites Authority acknowledges in accordance with Public Contract Code 7110, that:
- (a) The Sites Authority recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and

- (b) The Sites Authority, to the best of its knowledge, is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.

18.5 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

The Sites Authority will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

- (a) Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.
- (b) Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
 - (i) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (ii) the person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (iii) any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs;
 - and, (iv) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- (c) Every employee who works on the Contract will: (i) receive a copy of the drug-free workplace policy statement; and (ii) agree to abide by the terms of the statement as a condition of employment on the Contract.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Contract or termination of the Contract or both and the Sites Authority may be ineligible for award of any future State agreements if DWR determines that any of the following has occurred: the Sites Authority has made false certification, or violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above. (Gov. Code §8350 et seq.)

18.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The Sites Authority needs to be aware of the following provisions regarding current or former state employees. If the Sites Authority has any questions on the status of any person rendering services or involved with the Contract, DWR must be contacted immediately for clarification.

- (a) Current State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §10410):

- 1. No officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any state agency, unless the employment, activity or enterprise is required as a condition of regular state employment.

2. No officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any state agency to provide goods or services.

(b) Former State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §10411):

1. For the two-year period from the date he or she left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any state agency.
2. For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract with any state agency if he or she was employed by that state agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the 12-month period prior to his or her leaving state service.

If the Sites Authority violates any provisions of this Section 18.6, such action by the Sites Authority shall render this Contract void. (Pub. Contract Code §10420.) Members of boards and commissions are exempt from this Section 18.6 if they do not receive payment other than payment of each meeting of the board or commission, payment for preparatory time and payment for per diem. (Pub. Contract Code §10430 (e))

- 18.7 **LABOR CODE/WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** The Sites Authority needs to be aware of the provisions which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions, and the Sites Authority affirms to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Contract. (Labor Code Section 3700)
- 18.8 **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** The Sites Authority assures the State that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)
- 18.9 **AIR OR WATER POLLUTION VIOLATION:** Under the State laws, the Sites Authority shall not be: (1) in violation of any order or resolution not subject to review promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution control district; (2) subject to cease and desist order not subject to review issued pursuant to Section 13301 of the Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or (3) finally determined to be in violation of provisions of federal law relating to air or water pollution.
- 18.10 **GENERATIVE AI DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS:**

- (a) The following terms are in addition to the defined terms and shall apply to the Contract:

“Generative AI (GenAI)” means an artificial intelligence system that can generate derived synthetic content, including text, images, video, and audio that emulates the structure and characteristics of the system’s training data. (Gov. Code § 11549.64.)

- (b) The Sites Authority shall immediately notify DWR in writing if it: (1) intends to provide GenAI as a deliverable under the Contract; or (2) intends to utilize GenAI, including GenAI from third parties, to complete all or a portion of any deliverable that materially impacts: (i) functionality of a State system, (ii) risk to the State, or (iii) Contract performance. For avoidance of doubt, the term “materially impacts” shall have the meaning set forth in State Administrative Manual (SAM) § 4986.2 Definitions for GenAI.
- (c) Notification shall be provided to the DWR designee identified in this Contract.
- (d) At the direction of DWR, the Sites Authority shall discontinue the provision to DWR of any previously unreported GenAI that results in a material impact to the functionality of a State system, risk to the State, or Contract performance, as determined by DWR.
- (e) If the use of previously undisclosed GenAI is approved by DWR, then the Sites Authority will update the deliverable description, and the Parties will amend this paragraph 18.10 accordingly, which may include incorporating the GenAI special provisions, at no additional cost to the State.
- (f) DWR, at its sole discretion, may consider the Sites Authority’s failure to disclose or discontinue the provision or use of GenAI as described above, to constitute a material breach of Contract when such failure results in a material impact to the functionality of the State system, risk to the State, or Contract performance. DWR is entitled to seek any and all remedies available to it under law as a result of such breach, including but not limited to termination of the Contract.

SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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**THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED
BYLAWS OF THE
SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY
FOR PHASES 3, 4 and 5 OF THE SITES RESERVOIR
PROJECT**

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[Note: This Draft of the Phase 3-4-5 Bylaws is being provided as a draft, and the terms reflected in this draft remain subject to further revision and negotiation among the parties involved.]

1 Relationship: Agreement and Bylaws

- 1.1. Agreement: The Sites Project Authority Joint Powers Agreement (Agreement) is the chartering document that defines, among other things:
 - The Authority's members and general limitations on membership in the Authority;
 - The Authority's powers relative to the Sites Reservoir Project (the "Project"), as further defined in these Bylaws, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 6500 *et seq.*) and the California Irrigation District Law (Cal. Water Code §§ 20500 *et seq.*);
 - The Authority's purpose, which is specific to the Project;
 - The Authority Board's officers;
 - Minimum meeting and voting requirements;
 - The adoption and amendment of these Bylaws.
- 1.2. Bylaws: These Bylaws are adopted pursuant to the Agreement and consistent with the Benefits & Obligations Contract, which collectively constitute the contract provisions for the sharing of the governance of the Sites Project between the Authority and Reservoir Management Board, provide for the delegation of authority to the Reservoir Management Board (defined below), and provide procedures for administration of the Authority.
- 1.3. Severability: If one or more clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provisions of these Bylaws are held to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of these Bylaws shall not be affected thereby. Such clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provisions shall be reformed in the manner provided for in Section 14 below so as to be lawful, valid, and enforced to the maximum extent possible.
- 1.4. Amendments of Bylaws: The Bylaws may only be amended as provided at Section 8.2 of the Agreement and Section 12.3.8. .

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3 Definitions

- 3.1. Authority Board: The governing body of the Authority, composed of each Authority Member's delegate (or its respective alternate if the delegate is not present).
- 3.2. Benefits & Obligations Contract: The contract entered into by and between the Authority and each Project Participant governing each Project Participant's share of the Project's water, storage capacity and conveyance capacity, and related rights, duties and obligations.
- 3.3. Event of Default: Described in Section 10 of the Benefits & Obligations Contract.
- 3.4. Material Change: Any change to the Project, including without limitation its governing documents, operations, permits and entitlements, as identified in the Agreement or in Section 12 below.
- 3.5. Authority Member: An entity that meets the requirements of California Water Code § 79759 (a) or (b) and that is listed in the opening paragraph of the Agreement.

- 3.6. Partner Agreements: Any agreement entered into between the Authority and another entity in accordance with which the Authority has the right to convey Project water to or from the Project, as amended from time to time.
- 3.6. Phase: Implementation of the Project is entering its final design, construction and operations phases, sometimes referred to as Phases 3, 4, and 5.

For the Authority to accomplish its mission in an efficient and cost-effective manner, the start of a successor phase may overlap with the completion of the predecessor phase. As provided in these Bylaws, such overlap shall require Reservoir Management Board approval, as it affects annual operating budgets and the respective Project Participant's financial obligations under the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

- 3.7. Project Participant: An agency, entity or company, that may or may not be an Authority Member, and participates in the Project as a signatory to the Benefits & Obligations Contract. In the case where the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) signs the Benefits & Obligations Contract on behalf of a Project Participant whose Project costs are included on that Project Participant's Statement of Charges, the Project Participant, and not DWR, is considered the signatory for purpose of the Agreement and these Bylaws. These Bylaws and the Benefits & Obligations Contract provide for the rights, duties and obligations of the Project Participants.
- 3.8. Reservoir Management Board: A committee of the Authority Board composed of representatives of Project Participants. The Reservoir Management Board functions to exercise the "Delegated Authorities" more specifically identified in Section 10 of these Bylaws, which are all such powers to design, construct, operate and maintain the Project, and which are not Reserved Powers defined in the Agreement. These Bylaws constitute the charter for the Reservoir Management Board, including the manner in which it conducts itself and the conditions of membership.
- 3.9. State and Federal Contracts: Contracts between the Authority and State and Federal agencies concerning Project funding, permitting, and operations, including, without limitation, the Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract and the Reclamation Partnership Agreement, or each of them as the context requires, but excluding any agreement the Authority enters into with a federal agency pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA).
- 4.0. Water Right: The water right obtained and owned by the Authority for the Project.

4 Board of Directors and Officers

In addition to the primary requirements applicable to the Authority Board defined in the Agreement, the following additional requirements shall apply:

- 4.1. Role of Authority Board: To act as the Project owner and exercise the Reserved Powers (as defined in the Agreement) in a manner consistent with the Agreement and these Bylaws.
- 4.2. Minimum Qualifications: Each Director shall be a designated representative from his or her respective Authority Member that is in good standing as defined at Section 8.1. Absentee votes shall not be considered. An Authority Member's designated alternate is not eligible to be candidate for an Officer position. If an Officer is the designated representative of an Authority Member that is not in good standing and that Authority Member's voting rights have been suspended as provided at Section 7.3 of the Agreement, then that Officer shall no longer be eligible to serve as an officer of the

Authority Board and the Authority Board shall make an appointment for the remaining duration of that office.

- 4.3. Officer Term Limits: Board officers shall serve a term that does not exceed one year in duration. A Board officer is not precluded from holding consecutive terms.
- 4.4 Election of Officers: The Authority Board shall annually elect the Chair and one or more Vice Chairs from among the Directors. The Board shall annually appoint a Secretary and Treasurer and may appoint any other officers or assistant officers as the Board may determine, which officers need not be Directors. Elections shall occur annually, at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in February, or if for any reason the election does not occur, then at the next meeting of the Authority. For each position, the candidate receiving the majority vote from the Authority Members present shall be the successful candidate. Officers shall assume office upon their election and shall serve until their successor is elected.
- 4.5 Officer Vacancy: Should an officer position become vacant, the Board shall make an appointment for the remaining duration of the vacated position's term.
- 4.6. Treasurer's Roles and Responsibilities:
The Treasurer shall meet or exceed the requirements of Government Code Section 6505.5 and the Authority shall secure a bond for the position.

The Treasurer shall ensure auditor's reports are filed as required by law, manage the annual budget preparation in accordance with Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board's direction and the Authority Board's and Reservoir Management Board's approval of the budget, and take such other actions or assume such duties as the Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board may reasonably assign from time to time.

- 4.7. Secretary's Roles and Responsibilities:
Ensure Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board agendas, minutes, and meeting protocol, and preparation of agendas and minutes as may be delegated by the Board to a Board Clerk are prepared in accordance with public agency standard practice.
- 4.8. Location: The Sites Project Authority's principal place of business and office and mailing addresses are:

Physical Address:
122 Old Highway 99 West
Maxwell, CA 95955

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 517
Maxwell, CA 95955

- 4.9 Meeting Locations/Teleconference meetings:
- a. Most meetings of the Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board will be jointly held at the principal office in Maxwell; however, because the Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board have members throughout the State, and in accordance with Water Code section 79759(b) includes the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as an Ex Officio Member of the Authority, some meetings of the Authority Board or Reservoir Management Board may be held elsewhere in the State.
 - b. Meetings of the Authority Board or Reservoir Management Board shall comply with the provisions of the Brown Act governing conduct and location of meetings. For

purposes of providing video or teleconferencing access for meetings of the Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board, at least a quorum of the Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board shall participate from within the combined territory of the Authority Members or the Project Participants, as the case may be. Such meetings shall be accessible to the general public either in person or by video or teleconferencing.

5 Reservoir Management Board Leadership and Administrative Process

- 5.1 Establishment of Reservoir Management Board: Section 3.5 of the Agreement establishes a Reservoir Management Board of the Authority, which is composed of representatives of Project Participants. The Reservoir Management Board functions to exercise the "Delegated Authorities", which are all such powers to design, construct, operate and maintain the Project, and which are not Reserved Powers defined in Section 2.3 of the Agreement, and which are further described in Section 10 of these Bylaws.
- 5.2 Conditions of Reservoir Management Board Membership: Membership on the Reservoir Management Board shall be conditioned upon a Project Participant entering into the standard form of Benefits & Obligations Contract with the Authority, and remaining in good standing according to the terms and conditions of Section 8.1 of these Bylaws. Except for Authority Members who enter into the Benefits & Obligations Contract, consistent with Section 12.3.12 below, the decision of whether to approve an entity for membership on the Reservoir Management Board requires an affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the weighted vote of the Reservoir Management Board and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Authority Board.
- 5.3 Appointment of Reservoir Management Board Representatives: Project Participants (including Authority Members that sign the Benefits & Obligations Contract) in good standing shall appoint their respective representative to the Reservoir Management Board who is either an active member of the Project Participant's legislative body or is a duly appointed senior-level staff that has been delegated the authority by resolution or other action of the legislative body of the Project Participant (or if the Project Participant is not a public agency, by notice to the Authority and Reservoir Management Board from the Project Participant's executive leadership) to make decisions on the Project Participant's behalf.
- 5.4 Reservoir Management Board Leadership: The Reservoir Management Board shall annually elect a Chair and one or more Vice Chairs from among the Project Participants, and may appoint a Secretary and Treasurer and may appoint any other officers or assistant officers as the Reservoir Management Board may determine. The Reservoir Management Board may combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Elections shall occur annually at the regularly scheduled Reservoir Management Board meeting in February, or if for any reason the election does not occur, then at the next meeting of the Reservoir Management Board. For each position, the candidate receiving the majority vote from the Project Participants present shall be the successful candidate. Officers shall assume office upon their election and shall serve until their successor is elected. The Reservoir Management Board Treasurer may be the Authority Treasurer, or if not, shall serve under the general supervision of the Authority Treasurer.
- 5.5 Officer Term Limits: Officers of the Reservoir Management Board shall serve a term that does not exceed one year in duration. They are not precluded from holding consecutive terms.

- 5.6 Reservoir Management Board Officer Vacancy: Should a Reservoir Management Board officer position become vacant, the Reservoir Management Board shall make an appointment for the remaining duration of the vacated position's term.
- 5.7 Quorum and Voting of the Reservoir Management Board: A weighted majority of the Reservoir Management Board representatives representing Project Participants (including Authority Members that have executed the Benefits & Obligations Contract) shall constitute a quorum for the Reservoir Management Board, unless otherwise provided in the Benefits & Obligations Contract. Each Project Participant's voting rights shall be calculated as follows:
- a. An equal number of voting shares for each Project Participant, that being one (1) divided by the total number of Project Participants, multiplied by fifty (50); plus
 - b. An additional number of voting shares for each Project Participant equal to its Capacity Interest identified in the Benefits & Obligations Contract, multiplied by 50.

The figures calculated pursuant to items (a) and (b) above shall result in a weighted total of all voting shares of 100. Absentee votes shall not be considered. Voting thresholds to approve actions, including routine matters, and Material Change and Shared Decisions Items, shall be as provided in these Bylaws. Voting thresholds shall be based on the Project Participants present at a meeting of the Reservoir Management Board and eligible to vote.

- 5.8 Election to Withdraw: Should a Project Participant elect to withdraw from its participation in the Project, the conditions of any such withdrawal shall be as set forth in the Benefits & Obligations Contract.
- 5.9 Termination of a Benefits & Obligations Contract: The Benefits & Obligations Contract may be terminated with respect to any Project Participant under conditions set forth in the Benefits & Obligations Contract.
- 5.10 Sales and Use Tax Revenues: Any agreement with third parties providing for the acquisition, construction, or management of the Project shall include provisions to provide for allocation of sales and use tax revenues to the County of Colusa or County of Glenn or County of Yolo, as applicable, to the greatest extent provided by law. Such agreements shall be developed in collaboration with the County of Colusa, the County of Glenn, and the County of Yolo.

6 Provisions Common to Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board

- 6.1. Conflict of Interest Code: Each Director of the Authority Board and their delegated alternate and each Project Participant's representative serving on the Reservoir Management Board or their delegated alternate shall timely file Statements of Economic Interest as required by the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code.
- 6.2. Compensation: No compensation shall be granted by the Authority to (a) any Director of the Authority Board or delegated alternate or (b) any Project Participant's representative to the Reservoir Management Board or delegated alternate. When travel has been pre- approved by either the Authority or Reservoir Management Board leadership, respectively, the representative is eligible to recover reasonable travel and related expenses.
- 6.3. Closed Sessions: The Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board, as the case may be,

may enter into a closed session during a regular, adjourned regular or special meeting to consider matters that may lawfully be considered in such sessions in the manner provided by law. Consistent with the manner in which the Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 *et seq.*) has been interpreted and applied, no alternate is to attend closed session in addition to an alternate's Authority Board Director or Reservoir Management Board representative; rather, an alternate may only attend in the place of the alternate's absent Authority Board Director or Reservoir Management Board representative. After a closed session, the Authority Board or Reservoir Management Board will report publicly any action taken in closed session, as well as the vote or abstention of any member or representative present, to the extent required by the Brown Act.

The Authority Board Directors and Reservoir Management Board representatives that attend a closed session may disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for that Authority Member or Project Participant to the following individuals: (a) legal counsel of the Authority Member or Project Participant for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications to it; and (b) members of the legislative body of the Authority Member or Project Participant present in a closed session of that Authority Member or Project Participant.

7 Parties Involved in Project Oversight; State and Federal Partners

7.1. Authority Member:

An Authority Member is an entity that is signatory to the Agreement, that (1) meets the joint powers authority ("JPA") membership requirements of California Water Code § 79759(a) and (b) and, (2) that has the power to exercise the powers that the Authority exercises, as described in the Agreement.

Subject to the terms and conditions of Section 3.3 of the Agreement, the Authority Board retains its sole discretion to offer Authority membership to an eligible entity. Should the Authority Board elect to offer a membership in the Authority to the requesting party, the requesting party shall then be required to execute the Agreement and do all things necessary to remain in good standing as described in Section 8.1 below. Membership in the Authority does not guarantee a new Authority Member's ability to enter into the Benefits & Obligations Contract and, by extension, membership on the Reservoir Management Board.

Authority Membership may be extended in the manner provided for in Section 3.3 of the Agreement to a non-profit mutual water company that complies with the Authority membership requirements.

7.2. Project Participant: An agency, entity or company that is described in Section 3.7.

7.3. State and Federal Partners:

As provided for in Section 3.2 of the Agreement, the Authority may enter into a State or Federal Contract, as applicable, with DWR and/or the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Pursuant to California Water Code § 79759(b), DWR shall be an Ex Officio Member of the Authority, but shall be non-voting and "shall not control the governance, management, or operation" of the Project. DWR shall not be a Project Participant.

- 7.4 Associate Member: Either (1) a public agency that has as its sole or a principal power the supplying of water (and/or power) to other entities or to retail water (and/or power) users that also meets the joint powers authority membership requirements of California Water Code § 79759(a) & (b), but elects to accept an advisory role from the Authority, (2) a non-profit mutual water company that complies with the non-profit JPA membership requirements of California Water Code § 79759(b), but elects to accept an advisory role from the Authority, or (3) a Project Participant that opts to serve on the Authority Board.

Financial Contribution: An annual contribution of \$5,000, or as otherwise established from time to time by the Board.

Attributes of an Associate Member:

- Shall be non-voting.
- In a non-voting capacity, may serve on standing committees formed by the Authority Board.
- May serve on ad hoc committees appointed by the Authority Board Chair.
- Upon approval by the Authority Board Chair, may chair a committee.
- May participate in closed session.

8 Authority Member and Project Participant Requirements

- 8.1. Good Standing: To participate in their respective decision-making functions, each Authority Member and Project Participant is required to comply with the following conditions:

8.1.1. Compliance with, as applicable, the terms and conditions of the Agreement, these Bylaws, the Benefits & Obligations Contract, and any policies or procedures the Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board may adopt;

8.1.2. Providing timely payment of financial obligations, namely, (i) for Authority Members, general and administrative costs assessed by the Authority Board, and (ii) for Project Participants, payments required under the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

Failure to remain in good standing may subject the Authority Member or Project Participant to disciplinary action that, at the discretion of the Authority Board or Reservoir Management Board, as the case may be, may include suspension of voting rights and/or removal from either the Authority and/or Reservoir Management Board.

The Authority Board shall make determinations of good standing pertaining to the Authority Board and the Reservoir Management Board. The Reservoir Management Board shall make determinations of good standing pertaining to the Reservoir Management Board.

- 8.2. Representation: An Authority Member's or Project Participant's decision to designate a representative to either the Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board shall be communicated in writing to the Secretary of the Authority Board and/or Reservoir Management Board, as applicable. The written notification shall include an effective date of the designation.
- 8.3. Conflict of Interest: The Authority has adopted and may from time to time amend its Conflict of Interest Code adopted pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 87000 *et seq.*) and regulations adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission set forth in Title 2, California Code of Regulations. Directors of the Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board

representatives shall comply with such Code and Political Reform Act and other laws applicable to conflicts of interest.

- 8.4. Local Capacity Interest Representation: The Participants may endeavor to maintain Local Capacity Interest representation, understood as representation by Participants from within the Sacramento Valley hydrologic region, at approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of total Capacity Interest. Participants may count the use of water by Reclamation in the Sacramento Valley hydrologic region pursuant to the Reclamation Partnership Agreement toward the percentage goal provided for in this Section 8.4. Efforts to maintain such a percentage are not intended to, and shall not, limit a Participant's discretion to sell or lease its Capacity Interest.

9 Committees

- 9.1. Common: Each committee of the Authority or the Reservoir Management Board shall have a chartering document approved by the Authority Board or Reservoir Management Board, which will include, among other things, quorum and discussion protocols for conduct of meetings of the committee.
- 9.2. Committees:
- 9.2.1. Each committee of the Authority Board shall comprise less than a quorum of the Authority.
- 9.2.2. Each committee of the Reservoir Management Board shall comprise less than a quorum of the Reservoir Management Board.
- 9.2.3. Standing Committees: Either Chair may elect to create standing committees as necessary to ensure successful completion of the Authority's mission.
- 9.2.4. Ad-Hoc Committees: Either Chair may elect to create ad-hoc committees to address specific issues or area of concern to the Authority Board or Reservoir Management Board.

10 Authority Board's Reserved Powers and Delegation of Authorities to Reservoir Management Board

- 10.1. Reserved Powers: Article 2 of the Agreement sets forth the Authority Board's "Reserved Powers" relative to the Project and the manner in which those powers may be exercised.
- 10.2. Delegated Authorities: As provided in Section 3.5 of the Agreement, all such powers to design, construct, operate and maintain the Project, and that are not Reserved Powers, are the "Delegated Authorities" of the Reservoir Management Board. Such Delegated Authorities include the following:
- 10.2.1. Plan, develop and approve annual operating budget for the Project for consideration by the Authority Board, which consideration is subject only to the limitations identified in Section 2.3.9 of the Agreement.
- 10.2.2. Plan, approve and oversee Project work plans.
- 10.2.3. Approval of contracts for consulting services, construction contractors, vendors, and other service providers related to Project implementation; provided, however, that notwithstanding

any term or condition of these Bylaws to the contrary, if the vote against a Construction Contract referenced in Section 3.2.1 of the Benefits & Obligations Contract that causes the value of all construction contracts to exceed \$500 million includes two (2) or more Reservoir Management Board representatives and the disapproving Reservoir Management Board representatives combined represent more than fifteen percent (15%) of the Reservoir Management Board's weighted vote, the Construction Contract shall not be approved.

- 10.2.4. Oversight, evaluation, and enforcement of consultant contracts, including management of change orders and dispute resolution.
 - 10.2.5. Overall cost management to ensure obligations or commitments remain within each annually approved operating budget.
 - 10.2.6. Management and implementation of all aspects of Project design and construction.
 - 10.2.7. Compliance with auditing and accounting requirements applicable to the Authority.
 - 10.2.8. Ensuring compliance to meet commitments set forth in State and Federal Contracts, and permits.
 - 10.2.9. Policy direction over activities to meet commitments set forth in applicable Federal and State permits, rules and regulations.
 - 10.2.10. Adoption of, implementation of, and amendments to, the Operations Plan identified in the Benefits & Obligations Contract.
- 10.3. To the extent action of the Authority Board is reasonably necessary to effectuate the Reservoir Management Board's exercise of its Delegated Authorities, the Authority Board shall take such action without condition or delay absent the Authority Board's demonstration that the action would either (1) be contrary to the law, including rules provided for under any Project permit or entitlement, or (2) violate any contract, including, without limitation, the Benefits & Obligations Contract or a State or Federal Contract. Such action includes, without limitation and by way of example only, approval of a notice of award or execution of a consultant's contract for services upon the Reservoir Management Board's selection of a consultant pursuant to Section 10.2.3 above.
- 10.4. Provided that the Reservoir Management Board's exercise of its Delegated Authorities does not also qualify as a Material Change and Shared Decision defined in Section 12 below, and except as expressly provided in Section 10.2.3 above, such exercise is subject to a weighted majority vote of the Reservoir Management Board.
- 10.5. In no event shall the Reservoir Management Board's inaction or decision not to undertake the exercise of a Delegated Authority be construed as the Reservoir Management Board's waiver of a Delegated Authority, or as authorization for the Authority Board to exercise a Delegated Authority.

11. Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board Delegations to Authority Executive Director

The Executive Director shall have general operational responsibility relative to the Project, including but not limited to the management and evaluation of Project consultants and contractors, administration of the annual Project budget as approved by the Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board and implementing the Project in accordance with policy direction given by the Authority Board and/or Reservoir Management Board. The specific authorities of the Executive Director will be set forth in a delegation of authority matrix that the Authority Board and Reservoir

Management Board may amend from time to time. The delegation of authority matrix will be a joint document and will describe the authorities for decision-making between each body and the Executive Director and as it relates to shared decision making.

12 Material Changes and Shared Decision Making

- 12.1. These provisions shall apply to decisions where the Authority Board and the Reservoir Management Board are required to make joint decisions.
- 12.2. As the Project progresses, what constitutes a Material Change and Shared Decision along with the associated thresholds for a Material Change and Shared Decision may require amendment to these Bylaws.
- 12.3. The following constitute Material Changes which require Shared Decision making, and require both (i) a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the Authority Board and (ii) unless otherwise specified below, a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the Reservoir Management Board, to take a formal action or make a policy decision:
 - 12.3.1. Decisions involving acquisition, use, and disposition of lands owned by the Authority.
 - 12.3.2. Local agreements, including, without limitation, land acquisition agreements, land management agreements and Partner Agreements.
 - 12.3.3. Changes to the Sites Water Right.
 - 12.3.4. Changes to the Project that affect the operations of existing shared conveyance facilities owned and/or operated by Authority Members or other entities, and any amendments to Partner Agreements resulting from such operational changes.
 - 12.3.5. Changes to environmental permits and approvals.
 - 12.3.6. Changes in local Capacity Interest representation (see Section 8.4 above) as delineated in the Benefits & Obligations Contract.
 - 12.3.7. Recreation management.
 - 12.3.8. Amendments to these Bylaws; provided that, notwithstanding any term or condition of these Bylaws to the contrary, if the vote against any amendment includes two (2) or more Reservoir Management Board representatives and the disapproving Reservoir Management Board representatives combined represent more than fifteen percent (15%) of the Reservoir Management Board's weighted vote, the amendments shall not be approved.
 - 12.3.9. Amount or terms of debt assumed by the Authority, or other financing instruments secured by the Authority; provided that, notwithstanding any term or condition of these Bylaws to the contrary, if the vote against any such amount or terms includes two (2) or more Reservoir Management Board representatives and the disapproving Reservoir Management Board representatives combined represent more than fifteen percent (15%) of the Reservoir Management Board's weighted vote, the amount or terms shall not be approved.
 - 12.3.10. A decision to terminate the Project.

12.3.11 Formation of a new Joint Powers Authority in the event of termination of the Agreement, as provided for in Section 7.1.1 therein.

12.3.12. Execution of a new Benefits & Obligations Contract.

12.3.13. Establishment of or changes to risk management policies.

12.3.14. Statewide outreach, legislative affairs and public relations

12.3.15. Decisions concerning litigation, including (1) whether to file litigation, (2) legal representation, (3) litigation strategy, and (4) settlement terms; provided that, notwithstanding any term or condition of these Bylaws to the contrary, if the vote against any such litigation decision includes two (2) or more Reservoir Management Board representatives and the disapproving Reservoir Management Board representatives combined represent more than fifteen percent (15%) of the Reservoir Management Board's weighted vote, the litigation decision shall not be approved..

12.3.16. Selection and performance review of Executive Director.

12.3.17. Selection and performance review of General Counsel and all special counsel, with the understanding and acknowledgement that the client of the General Counsel and special counsel is the entire Authority, including the Reservoir Management Board.

12.3.18. Use of Project facilities for "Other Water;" as that term is defined in the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

12.4. The foregoing is intended to be an exhaustive list of Material Changes and Shared Decisions.

13 Dispute Resolution

13.1. Any dispute between and among Authority Members shall be addressed in the manner provided for in the Agreement.

13.2. Any disputes between the Authority Board and a Project Participant or group of Project Participants shall be addressed in the manner provided for in the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

13.3. Any dispute between the Authority Board and the Reservoir Management Board (a "Dispute") shall be managed as follows:

13.3.1. A party that has identified a Dispute shall, within fifteen (15) days of the event giving rise to the Dispute, provide the Executive Director a written notice of the Dispute. The Executive Director shall investigate the merits of the Dispute and notify the Reservoir Management Board and Authority Board of the Executive Director's findings as to the merits of the Dispute and any recommended action for resolving the Dispute.

13.3.2. Should the party that has lodged the Dispute disagree with the Executive Director's assessment or proposed resolution, its remedy shall be as follows:

(a) The Chair of the Authority Board and the Chair of Reservoir Management Board shall each designate representatives to undertake Dispute resolution discussions among Authority Board representatives, Reservoir Management Board representatives, and the Executive Director. Such designation can include the Chairs themselves, and must include less than a quorum of each body.

- (b) If said Dispute is not resolved within 30 (thirty) calendar days through informal discussions among the Executive Director and the designated representatives, either the Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board may, upon approval of seventy-five percent (75%) of its membership, submit the Dispute to formal mediation. The parties shall agree to the choice of mediator, or, if the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, one shall be appointed by the Superior Court of Colusa County upon motion for appointment of a neutral mediator. The cost of mediation shall be split evenly between the Authority Board and the Reservoir Management Board.
- (c) If the mediation process does not provide a final resolution to the Dispute raised, either the Authority Board or the Reservoir Management Board may submit the matter to binding arbitration under Section 1280 et seq. of the Code of Civil Procedure.

13.3.3. If necessary to avoid damage or to preserve the status quo prior to the completion of the mediation or arbitration process, either the Authority Board on one hand, or a Project Participant or group of Project Participants on the other, may seek a preliminary injunction or other interlocutory judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction. Any such action brought by a Project Participant or Participants shall be brought in the name of such Project Participant or Participants, and not in the name of the Reservoir Management Board.

14 Interpretation

These Bylaws, the Agreement and the Benefits & Obligations Contract are to be interpreted in a manner that attempts to reconcile each with one another, and afford the terms of each the fullest possible effect. In no event shall any such interpretation be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. In the event of a conflict between these Bylaws and the Agreement, these Bylaws shall control. In the event of a conflict between these Bylaws and the Benefits & Obligations Contract, the Benefits & Obligations Contract shall control.

Upon the identification of any conflicting terms in the foregoing, the Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board shall undertake prompt and good faith efforts to eliminate such conflicting terms in a manner consistent with the governance structure provided for in the Agreement and these Bylaws.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, in the event of any conflict between the Agreement and either the Bylaws or the Benefits & Obligations Contract, the Agreement shall control as to Section 2.6 of the Agreement, which provides as follows:

GCID, RD 108 and TCCA Operations: The Authority Members anticipate that the Project will be within or adjacent to GCID, RD 108, and/or TCCA districts with at least a portion of the conveyance of water into the Sites Reservoir to be accomplished by wheeling water through GCID's Main Canal, facilities that currently exist or that might in the future be constructed within the boundaries of RD 108, and/or the Tehama-Colusa Canal. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Bylaws, the Benefits & Obligations Contract, or any other Authority document, record or instrument concerning Project operations or governance, as the same may now exist or be amended from time to time, in no event shall the Authority have the power, except with the express written consent of GCID, RD 108 and/or TCCA, depending on which

facilities are at issue, to enter into any agreements or otherwise take any action that will, directly or indirectly, decrease, restrict, or in any manner alter, modify or limit water rights, water supplies or contractual entitlements to water of GCID, RD 108 and/or TCCA (and, in the case of TCCA, the water agencies it serves) or the operations of their facilities or any facilities they operate under contract.

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[Note: This Draft of the Joint Powers Agreement is being provided as a draft, and the terms reflected in this draft remain subject to further revision and negotiation among the parties involved.]

FIFTH AMENDED AND RESTATED
SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY
JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT

This Joint Powers Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and among Colusa County Water District (CCWD), County of Colusa (Colusa County), County of Glenn (Glenn County), Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Westside Water District (WWD), and Western Canal Water District (WCWD), jointly, Placer County Water Agency and City of Roseville (PCWA/Roseville), jointly, Sacramento County Water Agency and City of Sacramento, each referred to herein individually as an “Authority Member” or collectively as “Authority Members”.

RECITALS

The Authority Members are public entities located and operating in the Sacramento Valley, and are formed and operating under the laws of the State of California;

Congress and the State Legislature have declared that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed and California’s water infrastructure are in crisis and they have encouraged regional and local public agencies to form joint powers authorities to improve the operation of the state’s water system;

Sites Reservoir has been identified by the State of California and the federal government as an important component of integrated water management in the Sacramento River watershed that could support the state’s co-equal policy to improve water management and restore the ecological health for beneficial uses of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Sacramento River watershed;

The principal purpose of this Agreement is to establish an independent special agency, known as the Sites Project Authority (“Authority”), that will have as its mission, to be a proponent and facilitator to design, permit, acquire, construct, manage, govern, maintain and operate Sites Reservoir and related facilities (the “Project”);

Each Authority Member is uniquely authorized and situated with respect to the Project and the related facilities to help design, permit, acquire, construct, manage, govern, and operate the Project to provide local, regional, and statewide public benefits and improve the state’s water system;

Certain Authority Members executed the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Water Resources, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the Western Area

Power Administration, the California Department of Fish and Game, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, and Other CalFed Agencies and Local Interests Pursuant to the Directive with Respect to Sites Reservoir Contained in the CalFed Bay-Delta program Programmatic Record of Decision, August 28, 2000;

In August 2010, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Reclamation District 108, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Maxwell Irrigation District, County of Glenn, County of Colusa, Yolo County Flood and Water Conservation District entered into an Agreement creating a public entity known as the Sites Project Authority.

In November of 2023, the Sites Project Authority approved for certification the Final EIR and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which was jointly prepared with the Bureau of Reclamation's Final EIS which culminated in a Record of Decision being issued on XX;

The Authority expects to (i) obtain the Sites Water Right permit and critical state and federal permits covering the construction and operations of the Project, (ii) execute Benefits & Obligations Contracts with governmental entities related to their investment in the Project, and (iii) execute State and Federal Contracts with State and federal agencies for their participation in the Project;

Numerous changes in Authority membership have occurred since 2010, and the current membership of the Authority is reflected in the opening paragraph of this Agreement.

By this Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement, the Authority Members wish to establish the terms and conditions governing the Authority's functions during the final design, construction and operations phases of the Project.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by and among the Authority Members as follows:

I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the meaning of the terms used hereafter shall be as follows:

1.1. Agreement: This Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement as it currently exists or as it may be amended or revised from time to time.

1.2. Authority: The legal entity defined in this Agreement for the Sites Project Authority as organized by this Agreement.

1.3. Authority Member: An entity that meets the requirements of California Water Code § 79759 (a) or (b) and that is listed in the opening paragraph of this Agreement.

1.4. Benefits & Obligations Contract: The contract entered into by and between the Authority and each Project Participant governing each Project Participant's right to water service and Project water, storage capacity and conveyance capacity, and related rights, duties and obligations.

1.5. Board of Directors or Authority Board: The governing body of the Authority as established in Article IV of this Agreement.

1.6. Bylaws: Additional requirements to those contained in this Agreement related to the implementation of the Project; assigning delegations of authority, decision-making and dispute resolution; roles and responsibilities for Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board; membership types; and cost management.

1.7. Ex-Officio Member: The California Department of Water Resources ("DWR"), subject to the terms and conditions of Section 3.2 of this Agreement.

1.8. Project Participant: An agency, entity or company, that may or may not be an Authority Member and is entitled to a capacity interest in the Project as a signatory to the Benefits & Obligations Contract. In the case where DWR signs the Benefits & Obligations Contract on behalf of a Project Participant whose Project costs are included on that Project Participant's Statement of Charges, the Project Participant is considered the signatory for purposes of this Agreement and the Bylaws. The Bylaws and the Benefits & Obligations Contract provide for the rights, duties and obligations of the Project Participants.

1.9. Reservoir Management Board: The committee formed and existing pursuant to Section 3.5 of this Agreement, composed of representatives of Project Participants.

1.10. State and Federal Contracts: Contracts between the Authority and State and Federal agencies concerning Project funding, permitting, and operations, including, without limitation, the Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract and the Reclamation Partnership Agreement, or each of them as the context requires, but excluding any agreement the Authority enters into with a federal agency pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA).

II. PURPOSES AND POWERS

2.1 Creation: Pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act ("Act"), California Government Code Section 6500 et seq., and this Agreement, the Authority is duly formed and existing, and is a distinct public agency that is separate from its Authority Members.

2.2 Purpose: The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an independent JPA to exercise powers specifically identified herein that are common to the Authority Members to, among other

things, effectively study, promote, develop, permit, design, finance, acquire, construct, manage, and operate the Project. The purposes of pursuing and developing the Project are to: enhance water management flexibility in the Sacramento Valley, increase the reliability of water supplies in California, and provide storage and operational benefits to enhance water supply reliability and improve water quality and ecosystems.

2.3. Reserved Powers: Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Bylaws, the Authority Board shall have sole responsibility for the following Project elements, referred to in this Agreement as the “Reserved Powers”:

- 2.3.1. Securing and maintaining the Project’s water rights permits and licenses from the State Water Resources Control Board, and ensuring that Project operations comply with the permits and licenses;
- 2.3.2. Securing and maintaining environmental approvals necessary and appropriate for the Project, including without limitation such approvals and certifications as are required by the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Protection Act, and ensuring that Project operations comply with such approvals and certifications;
- 2.3.3. Entering into and administering contracts with federal and state agencies necessary and appropriate for the Project, and ensuring that Project operations comply with such contracts.
- 2.3.4. Exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire such interests in real property as are necessary and appropriate for the Project, and holding title to such property interests;
- 2.3.5. Securing such funding as is necessary and appropriate for the Project from any federal, state or local public agency or program, including without limitation from Proposition 1 (California Water Code § 79750 *et seq.*) and WIFIA, and ensuring that Project design, construction, operations and maintenance comply with any applicable financial instruments secured by the Authority in accordance with the Benefits & Obligations Contract;
- 2.3.7. Retaining and managing all contracts for accounting and auditing services, and ensuring compliance with all accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Authority and the Project.
- 2.3.8. Engaging in local community relations.
- 2.3.9. Approving the budget for the Project as the Reservoir Management Board develops and amends from time to time pursuant to the Bylaws, which approval shall not be withheld, conditioned, or delayed absent the Authority Board’s demonstration that the budget would either (1) be contrary to law, including rules provided for under

any Project permit or entitlement, or (2) violate any contract, including without limitation the Benefits & Obligations Contract, a State or Federal Contract, or any financing contract.

2.4. Exercise of Reserved Powers: Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Bylaws, the Authority Board shall have the power to undertake the following in its exercise of the Reserved Powers, and in effectuating the Reservoir Management Board's Delegated Authorities as needed:

- 2.4.1. make and enter into contracts necessary for the full exercise of its Reserved Powers;
- 2.4.2. perform studies, environmental review, engineering and design, and if appropriate, permitting, construction of water storage, and related conjunctive management;
- 2.4.3. contract for the services of engineers, attorneys, scientists, planners, financial consultants, and separate and apart therefrom, to employ such persons as it deems necessary;
- 2.4.4. apply for, accept, and receive permits, licenses, grants, loans, or other funding from any federal, state or local public agency;
- 2.4.5. issue revenue bonds and other forms of indebtedness to the extent, and on the terms, provided by the Act;
- 2.4.6. incur debts, liabilities, and obligations;
- 2.4.7. adopt bylaws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures, governing the operation of the Authority and the Project; and
- 2.4.8. delegate levels of authority to the Reservoir Management Board and other advisory groups as the Authority Board deems appropriate and consistent with the requirements specified in the Bylaws.

2.5. Manner of Exercise of Powers: To the extent not specifically provided for in this Agreement or the Act, the Authority shall exercise its powers subject to the restrictions upon the manner of exercising the powers under the laws applicable to the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.

2.6. GCID, RD 108 and TCCA Operations: The Authority Members anticipate that the Project will be within or adjacent to GCID, RD 108, and/or TCCA districts with at least a portion of the conveyance of water into the Sites Reservoir to be accomplished by wheeling water through GCID's Main Canal, facilities that currently exist or that might in the future be constructed within the boundaries of RD 108, and/or the Tehama-Colusa Canal. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Bylaws, the Benefits & Obligations Contract, or any other Authority document, record or instrument concerning Project operations or governance, as the same may now exist or be amended from time to time, in no event shall the Authority have the power, except with the

express written consent of GCID, RD 108 and/or TCCA, depending on which facilities are at issue, to enter into any agreements or otherwise take any action that will, directly or indirectly, decrease, restrict, or in any manner alter, modify or limit water rights, water supplies or contractual entitlements to water of GCID, RD 108 and/or TCCA (and, in the case of TCCA, the water agencies it serves) or the operations of their facilities or any facilities they operate under contract.

2.7. Maxwell Irrigation District (MID) Operations: The Authority Members anticipate that the Project could affect certain of MID's water rights downstream of Sites Reservoir. With respect to such of MID's rights, the Authority acknowledges and affirms its obligations to MID as identified in that certain *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Maxwell Irrigation District Water Rights and Sites Reservoir*.

2.8. Counties' Powers: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as the surrender or relinquishment of the land use authorities as provided by law of the County of Colusa, the County of Glenn, or the County of Yolo.

III. AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Generally: Authority Members comprise the public agencies (as defined in Section 6500 of the Act) that are authorized under the Act and Proposition 1 to be Authority Members and that are signatories to this Agreement.

3.2. DWR and Bureau of Reclamation: The Authority may enter into a State or Federal Contract, as applicable, with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and/or the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. Pursuant to Water Code section 79759(b), DWR shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Authority, but shall be non-voting and "shall not control the governance, management, or operation" of the Project. DWR shall not be a Project Participant.

3.3. Addition of Members: Entities authorized by law to participate in a JPA located within the Sacramento River watershed may subsequently become Authority Members upon an affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of the governing boards of the Authority Members and the new Authority Member's execution of this Agreement, as it may have been amended. An entity requesting to become an Authority Member shall provide certification of compliance with the membership requirements of this Agreement and the Bylaws. The entity requesting to become an Authority Member may represent a group of other entities. Terms and conditions for new Authority Member's participation in the Authority, if any, shall be set forth in an amendment to this Agreement or in the Bylaws. Such terms and conditions shall be consistent with this Agreement and any contracts, resolutions, or indentures of the Authority then in effect.

3.4. Associate Member: Either (1) a public agency that has as its sole or a principal power the supplying of water (and/or power) to other entities or to retail water (and/or power) users that also meets the joint powers authority membership requirements of California Water Code § 79759 (a) & (b), but elects to accept an advisory role from the Authority, (2) a non-profit mutual water company that complies with the non- profit JPA membership requirements of California Water Code § 79759 (b), but elects to

accept an advisory role from the Authority, or (3) a Project Participant that opts to serve on the Authority Board as a non-voting member, all as further subject to Section 7.4 of the Bylaws.

3.5. Reservoir Management Board: There is hereby formed a Reservoir Management Board composed of representatives of Project Participants. The Reservoir Management Board functions to exercise the “Delegated Authorities”, which are all such powers to design, construct, operate and maintain the Project, and which are not Reserved Powers defined in Section 2.3, and which are more particularly described in Section 10 of the Bylaws. The charter for the Reservoir Management Board, including conditions of membership and the manner in which it conducts itself, is set forth in the Bylaws.

IV. GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

4.1. Board of Directors: The governing body of the Authority shall be the Board of Directors (Authority Board) that will conduct all business on behalf of the Authority consistent with this Agreement, the Bylaws and applicable law. The Authority Board will consist of one representative of each Authority Member. To remain in an active status, each Authority Member having representation on the Authority Board shall be in good standing as defined in the Bylaws.

4.2. Appointment: Each Authority Member shall appoint a Director to the Authority Board. Each Authority Member shall also be entitled to appoint an Alternate Director to the Authority Board. The role of the Alternate Director shall be to assume the duties of an Authority Member’s Director in case of the absence or unavailability of such Director.

Should a Director who is an officer of the Authority Board not be in attendance, the Authority Member’s Alternate Director shall not assume the duties of the officer. Should the Chair be absent, the Vice-Chair shall assume the Chair’s responsibilities until the Chair is present, and if both are absent the Authority Board may appoint a temporary Chair.

Directors and Alternates both serve at the pleasure of the governing body of their respective Authority Member. Authority Members shall communicate their Director and Alternate selections, and any changes thereto, to the Authority in writing. Each Authority Member is entitled to one vote, either by its Director or the Alternate, at a meeting of the Authority Board.

4.3. Meetings: The Authority Board shall hold at least one regular meeting per year, and may hold regular or special meetings at more frequent intervals. All meetings of the Authority Board shall be called, held, noticed, and conducted subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 *et seq.*) and the Bylaws.

4.4. Quorum: A majority of the total number of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

4.5. Voting:

- 4.5.1. Material Change and Shared Decision Items are those matters specifically identified as such in the Bylaws and require (i) a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the total number of Directors and (ii) at least seventy-five (75%) of the of the Reservoir Management Board weighted vote, unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws.
- 4.5.2. Routine Matters or Non-Material Change and Shared Decisions Items Before the Authority: The Authority Board shall take action only upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of Directors.
- 4.5.3. Material Change Items Before the Authority: Regarding a Material Change before the Authority Board only, the Authority Board shall take action only upon an affirmative vote of a at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of Directors. Such changes are expressly provided for in this Agreement, and include, without limitation, those identified in Sections 3.3, 7.3, and 8.1.

4.6. Officers:

- 4.6.1. The Authority Board shall select from among the Directors a Chair, who will be the presiding officer for all Authority Board meetings, and a Vice-Chair, who will preside in the absence of the Chair.
- 4.6.2. The Authority Board shall select a Treasurer, who need not be a Director and who shall be the depository and have custody of all money of the Authority and shall perform the duties specified in Government Code section 6505.5. The Treasurer shall be bonded in accordance with Government Code section 6505.1 and shall pay all demands against the Authority that have been approved by the Authority Board.
- 4.6.3. The Authority Board shall select a Secretary, who need not be a Director and who shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Authority Board and all other official records of the Authority. The Authority Board may combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.
- 4.6.4. The Bylaws may further address the duties, responsibilities and administrative requirements for the officers.

4.7. [Reserved]

4.8. Liability of Authority, Officers, and Employees: The Directors, officers, and any employees of the Authority shall use ordinary care and reasonable diligence in the exercise of their powers and in the performance of their duties pursuant to this Agreement. No Director, officer, employee or agent will be responsible under this Agreement for any act or omission by another Authority Member, Authority Board officer, or Authority contractor or employee. The Authority shall indemnify and hold harmless the Authority Members, Authority Board officers, and Authority employees or consultants, for any action taken lawfully and in good faith pursuant to

this Agreement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the defenses available under the law, to the Authority Members, the Authority, or its Directors, officers, employees or agents.

V. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

5.1. The terms and conditions of this Article V pertain only to those funds that are generated solely by Authority Members for the administration of the Authority.

5.2. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall run concurrent with the calendar year, unless the Authority Board decides otherwise.

5.3. Depository: All funds of the Authority shall be held in separate accounts in the name of the Authority and not commingled with the funds of any Authority Member, Project Participant, the Reservoir Management Board, or any other person or entity. Regular reports shall be made as directed by the Authority Board, but at least quarterly, to the Authority Board of all receipts and disbursements. The books and records shall be open to inspection by the Authority Board, individual Directors, and Project Participants upon reasonable notice.

5.3. Budgets of the Authority Board: A draft Authority Board budget will be prepared for the Authority Members to review at least 45 days before the beginning of the Authority's next fiscal year. The Authority Board shall approve the budget no later than 15 days before the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget shall include: Project-specific costs, as distinct from general and administrative costs of the Authority, shall be fully described and specified in the Benefits & Obligations Contract or applicable State or Federal Contracts. Consistent with Section 5.1 above, the Authority Board shall ensure that all costs incurred by the Authority directly relating to the Project, if any, will be paid only by the Project Participants in the manner provided for in the Benefits & Obligations Contract or any State or Federal Contract, and will not be paid for by the Authority as general and administrative costs. The Bylaws may include additional requirements and criteria for such costs.

5.4. Recovery of General and Administrative Costs:

5.4.1. The Authority Board may assess each Authority Member for the general and administrative costs to operate the Authority. Payments of public funds may be made to defray the costs incurred in carrying out such purposes, and advances of funds may be made for use in doing so, to be repaid as provided in this Agreement. Personnel, equipment or property of one or more of the Authority Members may be used in lieu of other contributions or advances, upon Authority Board approval, and will be treated as a contribution from that Authority Member.

5.4.2. General and administrative costs incurred by the Authority in carrying out its purposes, as described in Section 5.3, shall be shared by the Authority Members as determined by the Authority Board.

5.4.3. The Authority shall periodically, as necessary, issue an invoice to each Authority Member reflecting the expenses attributable to that Authority Member in accordance with this Agreement.

5.4.4. Upon request of any Authority Member, the Authority shall produce and allow the inspection of all documents relating to the computation of expenses attributable to the Authority Members under this Agreement. If an Authority Member does not agree with the amount listed on the invoice, it must make full payment and provide a cover letter accompanying payment to the Authority specifying the amount in dispute and providing a detailed explanation of the basis for the dispute. The Authority shall advise the disputing Authority Member of the Authority's determination within 30 business days.

5.5. Recovery of Project Operations Costs: The Benefits & Obligations Contract and applicable State and Federal Contracts shall specify the requirements for recovery of costs related to Project operations..

5.6. Auditor: An auditor shall be chosen annually by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Authority Board. The auditor shall make an annual audit of the accounts and records of the Authority. A report shall be filed as a public record with the Auditor of the County where the Authority is domiciled, consistent with Section 6505 of the Act, and with each agency that is an Authority Member or a Project Participant. Such report shall also be filed with the California Secretary of State or State Controller within twelve months of the end of the fiscal year.

5.7. Bonds: The Authority Board may, from time to time, designate the officers or other persons who have charge of, handle, or have access to any property of the Authority and shall require such officers or persons to file an official bond in an amount to be fixed by the Authority Board.

5.8. Authority Members' Limited Liability: As provided by Government Code Section 6508.1, the debts, liabilities, and obligations of the Authority shall be the debts, liabilities, and obligations of the Authority only, and not of the constituent Authority Members.

VI. BENEFITS & OBLIGATIONS CONTRACT

6.1. General: The Authority intends to carry out the purposes of this Agreement in a manner consistent with the joint exercise of powers described herein. Funding and participation in the Project shall be governed by the Benefits & Obligations Contract or applicable State or Federal Contract. Additionally, the Authority may enter into agreements with the State of California, the United States, or any other public or private entity, subject to the approval of the Reservoir Management Board to the extent required by the Bylaws.

6.2. Parties to the Benefits & Obligations Contract: In connection with the Project, the Authority Members and Project Participants electing to participate in the Project shall enter into

the Benefits & Obligations Contract with the Authority. No Authority Member shall be required to enter into the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

6.3. Financial Obligations Under the Benefits & Obligations Contract: Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement or the Bylaws, all assets, rights, benefits, and obligations attributable to the Project shall be assets, rights, benefits, and obligations of Project Participants. Any debts, liabilities, obligations or indebtedness incurred by the Authority in regard to the Project shall be the debts, liabilities, obligations, and indebtedness of Project Participants and shall not be the debts, liabilities, obligations or indebtedness of the Authority Members that have not executed the Benefits & Obligations Contract, and that are payable under the Benefits & Obligations Contract. The Benefits & Obligations Contract may include signatories that are not Authority Members. The Bylaws may provide additional requirements regarding the implementation of the Project.

VII. TERMINATION, WITHDRAWAL, SUSPENSION, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

7.1. Termination:

- 7.1.1. Mutual Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by the mutual agreement of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of the governing boards of the Authority Members in writing, provided that in recognition of the requirements of Proposition 1 and the reliance on the Authority by the signatories to the Benefits & Obligations Contract, termination of this Agreement shall not be effective prior to the assignment of all rights, duties and obligations to a separate joint powers authority formed and existing in a manner consistent with the requirements of Proposition 1 for the purposes of owning the Project and exercising the Reserved Powers. The manner of formation of a joint powers authority is a Material Change and Shared Decision subject to the approval of both the Authority Board and the Reservoir Management Board, as provided in Section 12.3.11 of the Bylaws.
- 7.1.2. Project Termination. In the event the termination of this Agreement becomes necessary or appropriate as a result of the cessation of the Project for reasons beyond the control of the Authority, including a decision by the Authority Board and Reservoir Management Board pursuant to Section 12.3.10 of the Bylaws, then the Authority shall continue to exist for purposes of facilitating by the Project Participants (i) the disposal of all claims, (ii) payment of debt service, (iii) reimbursement owed to financial institutions or other parties advancing funds to the Authority for the Project, (iv) satisfaction of other covenants contained in reimbursement agreements with such institutions and parties, and (v) distribution of assets and all other functions necessary to conclude the affairs of this Authority, as provided for in the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

7.1.3. Removal of an Authority Member by the Authority. Any Authority Member may be removed from the Authority upon the affirmative vote of all Directors except the vote of the Director appointed by the Authority Member then considered for termination. Prior to any vote to remove an Authority Member, written notice of the proposed removal and the reason(s) for such removal shall be presented at a regular Authority Board meeting with opportunity for discussion. The Authority Member subject to possible removal shall have the opportunity at the next regular Authority Board meeting to respond to any reasons and allegations that may be cited as a basis for removal prior to a vote. If an Authority Member is removed, that Authority Member will be responsible for its share of any costs incurred by the Authority up to the date of removal. Nothing in this Section 7.1.3 shall affect membership on the Reservoir Management Board as to a removed Authority Member that has signed the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

7.2. Authority Member Withdrawal from Authority: Any Authority Member may withdraw from the Authority by giving at least 30 days written notice of its election to do so, which notice shall be given to the Authority and each Authority Member to this Agreement; provided that such withdrawal does not in any way impair any contracts or obligations of the Authority then in effect, including, without limitation, the Benefits & Obligations Contract and the State and Federal Contracts. Prior to withdrawal or as soon as an accounting can be completed, the withdrawing Authority Member shall pay its share of general and administrative costs described in Section 5.5; provided, however, the withdrawing Authority Member shall only be liable for expenses incurred under this Agreement through the date of withdrawal. The withdrawing Authority Member shall also be responsible for its share of any claims, demands, damages, or liability arising from this Agreement through the date of withdrawal. As to any Authority Member that is a signatory to the Benefits & Obligations Contract, no withdrawal undertaken pursuant to this Section 7.2 shall affect the withdrawing Authority Member's rights, duties and obligations under the Benefits and Obligations Contract, or the withdrawing Authority Member's membership in the Reservoir Management Board.

7.3. Membership Suspension: Should any Authority Member be deemed by the Authority Board to not be in Good Standing as defined in the Bylaws, an affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of Directors can suspend the Authority Member's voting rights. Once the Authority Member is deemed by the Authority Board to meet the requirements for being in Good Standing, the Authority Member can petition the Authority Board to have its voting privileges and, if applicable, any Authority Board officer status restored by an affirmative vote of the Authority Board consisting of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of Directors. During the time the Authority Member has not been in Good Standing, the Authority Member shall remain obligated to comply with all other requirements of this Agreement, the Bylaws and the Benefits & Obligations Contract.

7.4. Disposition of Assets Upon Termination: Upon termination of this Agreement, any surplus money or assets in the possession of the Authority for use under this Agreement, after payment of liabilities, costs, expenses and charges incurred under this Agreement, shall be returned to the then-existing Authority Members in proportion to the contributions made by each. All other

property, works, rights and interests of the Authority shall be assigned to the joint powers authority formed to replace the Sites Project Authority referenced in Section 7.1.1.

7.5. **Dispute Resolution.** If a dispute arises among any of the Authority Members relating to or arising from an Authority Member's rights, duties, obligations or performance under this Agreement, then the Authority Members that are parties to the dispute will first attempt to resolve their dispute informally, in a timely and cost-effective manner by appointing a knowledgeable, responsible representative to hold meetings and negotiate with the other Authority Members' representatives to resolve any such dispute. If the chosen representatives fail to resolve the dispute, the presiding officer of each board of the Authority Members that are parties to the dispute shall meet together to negotiate to resolve the dispute.

If the Authority Members that are parties to the dispute are unable to resolve the dispute through informal dispute resolution within thirty (30) days, an Authority Member may submit the dispute to formal mediation. The parties to the dispute shall voluntarily agree to the choice of mediator, or, if the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, one shall be appointed by the Superior Court of Colusa County upon motion for appointment of a neutral mediator. The cost of mediation shall be paid in equal proportion among the Authority Members involved in the dispute.

Each involved Authority Member reserves any and all rights and remedies available to it under the Agreement or at law or in equity or otherwise if a dispute is not resolved in the manner provided for above.

In the event of any dispute that is unresolved pursuant to this Agreement, the Authority Member or Members prevailing in such dispute shall be entitled to collect from the other Authority Member or Members that are parties to the dispute all costs incurred in such dispute, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1. **Amendment of Agreement:** This Agreement may be amended only by an affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the governing boards of the Authority Members; provided, however, (i) this Agreement may not be amended to terminate the participation of an Authority Member without the affirmative vote of all governing boards of the Authority Members except the vote of the Director appointed by the Authority Member then considered for termination, (ii) no amendment to this Agreement shall be made that would interfere with the rights of any signatory to the Benefits & Obligations Contract, (iii) no amendment to this Agreement shall be made that would divest the Reservoir Management Board or any Project Participant of any authority they have under the Bylaws, and (iv) no amendment shall be made to Section 2.6 of this Agreement, or to any restatement of this Agreement, except with the express written consent of GCID, RD 108 and TCCA. The Authority shall provide notice to all Authority Members and members of the Reservoir Management Board of amendments to this Agreement, including the effective date of such amendments. To provide non-concurring Authority Members an opportunity to withdraw from the Authority, any amendment to this Agreement shall be binding on all Authority Members thirty (30) days after the required concurrence has been obtained.

8.2. Adoption and Amendment of Bylaws: By operation of the Authority Members' execution of this Agreement, the Authority Board hereby irrevocably adopts the Bylaws. The Bylaws may only be amended in the manner set forth in the Bylaws, which provide that such amendment constitutes a Material Change and Shared Decision Item requiring (i) an affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of Directors and (ii) that if the vote against the amendments includes two (2) or more Reservoir Management Board representatives and the disapproving Reservoir Management Board representatives combined represent more than fifteen percent (15%) of the Reservoir Management Board's weighted vote, the amendments shall not be approved. The Authority shall provide written notice to all Authority Members of amendments to the Bylaws, which includes the effective date of such amendments.

8.3. Assignment: Except as otherwise expressed in this Agreement or the Bylaws, the rights and duties of the Authority Members may not be assigned or delegated without the advance written consent of all the other Authority Members and, if provided for in the Bylaws, the Reservoir Management Board, and any attempt to assign or delegate such rights or duties in contravention of this section shall be null and void. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the successors and assigns of the Authority Members. This section does not prohibit an Authority Member from entering into an independent agreement with another agency, person or entity regarding the funding or financing of that Authority Member's contributions to the Authority, or the disposition of the proceeds which that Authority Member receives under this Agreement, so long as the independent agreement does not affect or purport to affect the rights and duties of the Authority or the Authority Members under this Agreement.

8.4. Severability: If one or more clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable, it is hereby agreed by the Authority Members that the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby. Such clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provisions shall be deemed reformed so as to be lawful, valid, and enforced to the maximum extent possible.

8.5. Execution by Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and upon execution by all Authority Members, each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument and as if all Authority Members had signed the same instrument. Any signature page of this Agreement may be detached from any counterpart of this Agreement without impairing the legal effect of any signatures thereon, and may be attached to another counterpart of this Agreement identical in form hereto but have attached to it one or more signature pages.

8.6. Authority Members to be Served Notice: Any notice authorized to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be validly given if served in writing either personally, by facsimile, by electronic mail (e-mail), by deposit in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid with return receipt requested, or by a recognized courier service. Notices given (i) personally or by courier service shall be conclusively deemed received at the time of delivery and receipt, and (ii) by mail shall be conclusively deemed given 48 hours after the deposit thereof if the sender returns the receipt. All notices shall be sent to the addresses listed in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

8.7. Filing of Agreement: Pursuant to section 6503.5 of the Act, the Authority shall file or cause to be filed a certified copy of this Agreement with the Secretary of State within 30 (thirty) days following the last signature below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority Members hereto, pursuant to resolutions duly and regularly adopted by their respective governing boards, have caused their names to be affixed by their proper and respective officers on the date shown below:

COLUSA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Dated: _____
(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

COUNTY OF COLUSA

Dated: _____
(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

COUNTY OF GLENN

Dated: _____
(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Dated: _____
(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY & CITY OF ROSEVILLE, Jointly

Dated: _____

(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

Dated: _____

(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 108

Dated: _____

(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

CITY OF SACRAMENTO & SACRAMENTO COUNTY WATER AGENCY, Jointly

Dated: _____

(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

Dated: _____

(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY

Dated: _____

(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

WESTERN CANAL WATER DISTRICT

Dated: _____
(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

WESTSIDE WATER DISTRICT

Dated: _____
(Effective mmm dd, yyyy)

By: _____

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Exhibit A to the Sites Project Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement:

Effective Date: _____

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Westside Water District
General Manager
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AF	acre-feet
Authority	Sites Project Authority
BiOp	Biological Opinion
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
cfs	cubic feet per second
CBD	Colusa Basin Drain
CCWD	Contra Costa Water District
CNRFC	California-Nevada River Forecast Center
CVP	Central Valley Project
D-1641	Decision 1641
Delta	Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta
DO	Dissolved oxygen
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
GCID	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
I/O	inlet/outlet
MAF	million acre-feet
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NDWA	North Delta Water Agency
NOD	North-of-Delta
Operations Plan	Sites Reservoir Operations Plan
PGP	Pumping Generating Plant
RBPP	Red Bluff Pumping Plant
Reclamation	Bureau of Reclamation
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SOD	South-of-Delta
SWC	State Water Contractors
SWP	State Water Project
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TAF	thousand acre-feet
TC Canal	Tehama-Colusa Canal
TCCA	Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
TRR	Terminal Regulating Reservoir

Definition of Terms

Key terms used in this Reservoir Operations Plan are defined below. Should any definitions conflict with those in each Storage Partner's respective contract, the definitions in those agreements shall govern.

- **Applicable Laws** – Means applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and policies relating to the Project.
- **Base Facilities** – Means the Sites owned facilities or other facilities available to all Storage Partners including those listed in the Project Specific Information of each Storage Partner's respective contract, as modified from time to time.
- **Base Facilities Capacity Interest** – Means the undivided capacity right of each Storage Partner to (i) store, convey and divert Water in each of the Sites Owned Facilities specified in the Project Specific Information of the Storage Partner's respective contract, and (ii) ability to utilize Partner facilities through the Sites Authority to convey and divert Water for the Project, in the pro-rata share set out for each Storage Partner in the Storage Partner's respective contract and subject to the Sites Water Right, Applicable Law and Governmental Approvals.
- **Capacity Interest** – Means (i) in the case of the Base Facilities, the Base Facilities Capacity Interest; and (ii) in the case of the Downstream Facilities, the Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, or either of them as the context applies.
- **Delivery Point** – Means with respect to each Storage Partner, the delivery point specified in the Project Specific Information in their respective contract.
- **Delta Export Facilities** – Means the Harvey O. Banks Delta Pumping Plant including Clifton Court Forebay, owned and operated by the California Department of Water Resources and the Jones Pumping Plant owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation.
- **Downstream Facilities** – Means the Sites Owned Facilities or other facilities that are utilized by selected Storage Partners listed in the Project Specific Information of each Storage Partner's respective contract, as modified from time to time.
- **Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest** – Means the undivided capacity right to convey Water in each of the Downstream Facilities granted by the Sites Authority and owned by the Storage Partners in accordance with their respective contract, in the pro-rata share set out for each Storage Partner specified in the Project Specific Information of each Storage Partner's respective contract, subject to the Sites Water Right, Applicable Law, and Governmental Approvals.
- **Governmental Approvals** – Means any permit, license, consent, concession, court order, grant, franchise, authorization, waiver, certification, exemption, filing, lease, registration or ruling, variance or other approval, guidance, protocol, mitigation agreement, settlement agreement, agreement or memorandum of agreement/understanding, and any revision, modification, amendment, supplement, renewal or extension of any of the foregoing, required by or with any Governmental Entity in order to perform the purposes of this Sites Operations Plan.
- **Governmental Entity** - Means any federal, state, local or foreign government and any political subdivision or any governmental, quasi-governmental, judicial, public or statutory instrumentality, administrative agency, authority, body or entity other than the Authority.

- **Other Water** – Means water other than Sites Water that a Storage Partner may request the Authority to store in and/or convey through Project facilities consistent with Governmental Approvals and Applicable Law.
- **Partner Agreements** – Means any agreement entered into between the Sites Authority and another entity in accordance with which the Sites Authority has the right to divert, release and convey Water to or from the Project, as amended from time to time.
- **Secondary Delivery Point** – A location beyond the Delivery Point, which, at the request of each Storage Partner, and subject to Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals, the Authority may take actions reasonably practicable to assist Storage Partners in conveying Water.
- **Sites Project Authority (Authority or Sites Authority)** – A California Joint Powers Authority operating under and by virtue of Section 6500 et seq., of the California Government Code and formed in accordance with the Sites Project Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, as such agreement may be modified from time to time, established for the purpose of designing, constructing, owning, operating and maintaining the Sites Reservoir Project.
- **Sites Reservoir Operations Plan (Operations Plan)** – Means this Sites Reservoir Operations Plan, including all Attachments, as may be modified from time to time.
- **Sites Reservoir Project (Project)** – Dams, reservoirs, certain associated diversion and conveyance facilities, and other associated facilities, mitigation lands, and the Sites Water Right owned and operated by the Authority.
- **Sites Water** – Means water that is appropriated under the Sites Water Right.
- **Sites Water Right** – Means the water right obtained and owned by the Authority for the Project.
- **Storage Allocation** – Means the maximum actual capacity allocated to a Storage Partner for storing Water in the Project facilities, measured and determined from time to time in accordance with the Sites Operations Plan.
- **Storage Partners** – The governmental agencies, water organizations and others who have funded and received a Storage Allocation in Sites Reservoir and the resulting water supply or water supply related benefits from the Project. Storage Partners include local agencies, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Reclamation.
- **Water Year** – Period from October 1 through September 30.
- **Water** – Means Sites Water or Other Water conveyed through, or stored by, Storage Partners in Project Facilities.

1.0 Introduction

This Sites Reservoir Operations Plan (Operations Plan) establishes the procedures to be used in managing the water operations of the Sites Reservoir Project (Project). This Operations Plan reflects the Sites Project Authority's (Authority) permits, approvals, and commitments which are specified in other documents. Therefore, Project operations will be consistent with the following (in no particular order):

- All Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals – a few of which are currently in progress and not yet completed or obtained for the purposes of the Project;
- Sites Reservoir Benefits and Obligations Contract (B&O Contract) – a final contract has been made available but has not yet been executed;
- Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract for Administration of Public Ecosystem Benefits with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) – which is in final draft form but has not yet been executed;
- Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program Contract for Administration of Public Recreation, Flood Control, and Emergency Response Benefits with the DWR – which is in final draft form but has not yet been executed;
- Partnership Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) – which is in final draft form but has not yet been executed;
- Partner Agreement with Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) – which has not yet been finalized or executed;
- Partner Agreement with Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) and Excess Capacity Contract with Reclamation – which have not yet been finalized or executed; and
- Any relevant water operations agreement – the following which have been executed by the Authority and included in Attachment A:
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Colusa County and the Authority Regarding Area of Origin Water Rights Claims to Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and Related Matters, dated November 22, 2021 (Colusa County MOU);
 - Agreement between the Authority and Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) to Coordinate in the Operations of the Sites Reservoir Project, dated December 20, 2023 (CCWD Agreement);
 - Agreement between the Authority and Maxwell Irrigation District to Avoid Impacts of Sites Reservoir Project to Maxwell Irrigation District Water Rights, dated April 9, 2024 (Maxwell ID Agreement);
 - Memorandum of Understanding Between the North Delta Water Agency (NDWA) and the Authority, dated August 30, 2023 (NDWA MOU); and
 - Settlement Agreement between the Authority, the State Water Contractors (SWC), and DWR, dated June 7, 2024 (Sites/SWC/DWR Settlement Agreement).

- Any relevant water operations agreement – the following which are in final form but have not yet been executed:
 - Agreement between the Authority and the Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company (Colusa Drain MWC; Anticipated Colusa Drain MWC Agreement);
 - Operations Agreement between the Authority, Reclamation, and DWR (Anticipated Sites/Reclamation/DWR Operations Agreement);
 - Agreement for Exchanges of Water Between the Sites Reservoir Project and State Water Project (Anticipated Lake Oroville Exchange Agreement);
 - Agreement Between DWR and the Authority for Conveyance of Sites Water for South of Delta (SOD) Central Valley Project (CVP) Project Improvement Act Refuges (Anticipated SOD Refuge Wheeling Agreement); and,
 - Agreement Between the United States and the Authority Providing For Refuge Water Supplies (Anticipated Refuge Donation Agreement with Reclamation).

This Operations Plan is an operating tool to help manage the water operations of the Project and does not take any precedence over Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals and the agreements identified above. In the event of a conflict between this Operations Plan and Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals or any of the agreements identified above, the terms of the respective instrument will control. This Operations Plan will be updated periodically to reflect updates to Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals and the agreements identified above, and to reflect current operational practices as those are further developed and refined over time, as described in Section 14. It is also important to note the following:

1. This Version 2.3 of the Operations Plan supersedes and replaces all prior versions. This Version 2.3 of the Operations Plan, when adopted by the Sites Authority Board of Directors, will also supersede the “Principles for the Storage, Delivery and Sale of Sites Reservoir Project Water” adopted by the Sites Authority Board of Directors on April 21, 2021. This Operations Plan does not bind the Authority to implement certain operations, mitigation measures, or permit terms.
2. The Authority has submitted a water right application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and permit applications to various other agencies. This Operations Plan presents Project operations based on the terms proposed in its water right application and through the water right hearing process. This Operations Plan will be adjusted and revised to reflect the final permit terms prior to Project operation.
3. The Project is a wholly separate and distinct water supply project from that of the CVP and SWP. This Operations Plan and the Authority cannot modify, adjust, affect, or otherwise control the operations of the CVP and SWP. Conversely, Reclamation and DWR cannot modify, adjust, affect, or otherwise control the operations of the Project beyond those rights provided to Reclamation and DWR in any of the agreements identified above.
4. This Operations Plan addresses monitoring and measurement of water generally, including losses. Authority staff are developing a separate Measurement and Monitoring Plan which will describe this in detail.

Figure 1 provides an overview schematic of the Project, Project facilities, and related facilities. Figure 2 and Figure 3 show the location of these facilities. Facility descriptions are provided in Attachment B.

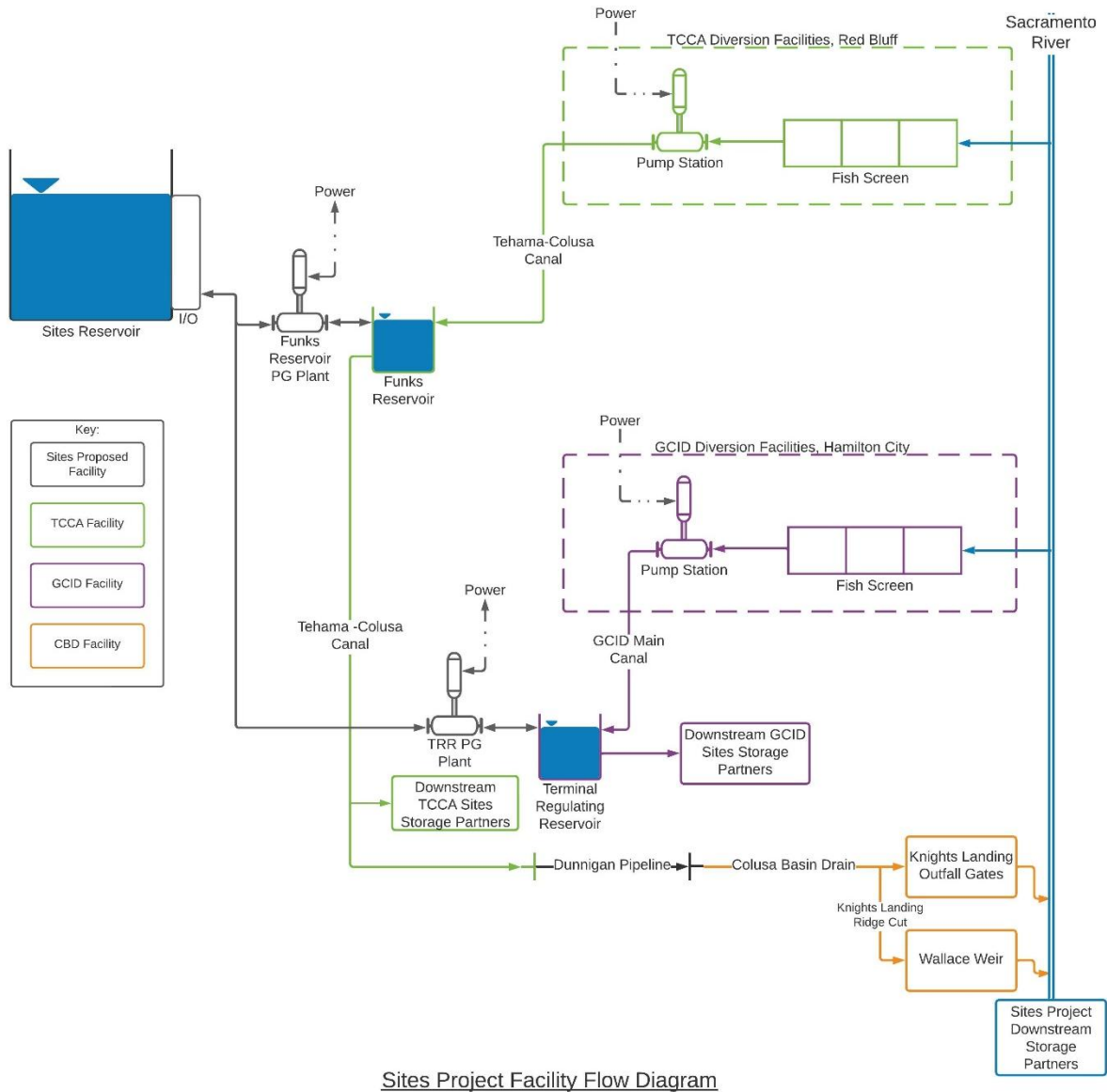


FIGURE 1. FACILITY SCHEMATIC

Abbreviations (in alphabetical order): CBD = Colusa Basin Drain; GCID = Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District; I/O = Inlet/Outlet; PG = Pumping / Generating; TCCA = Tehama Colusa Canal Authority; TRR = Terminal Regulating Reservoir

Note: Funks and Stone Corral Creeks not shown in the graphic. See Figure 2 for the creek locations.

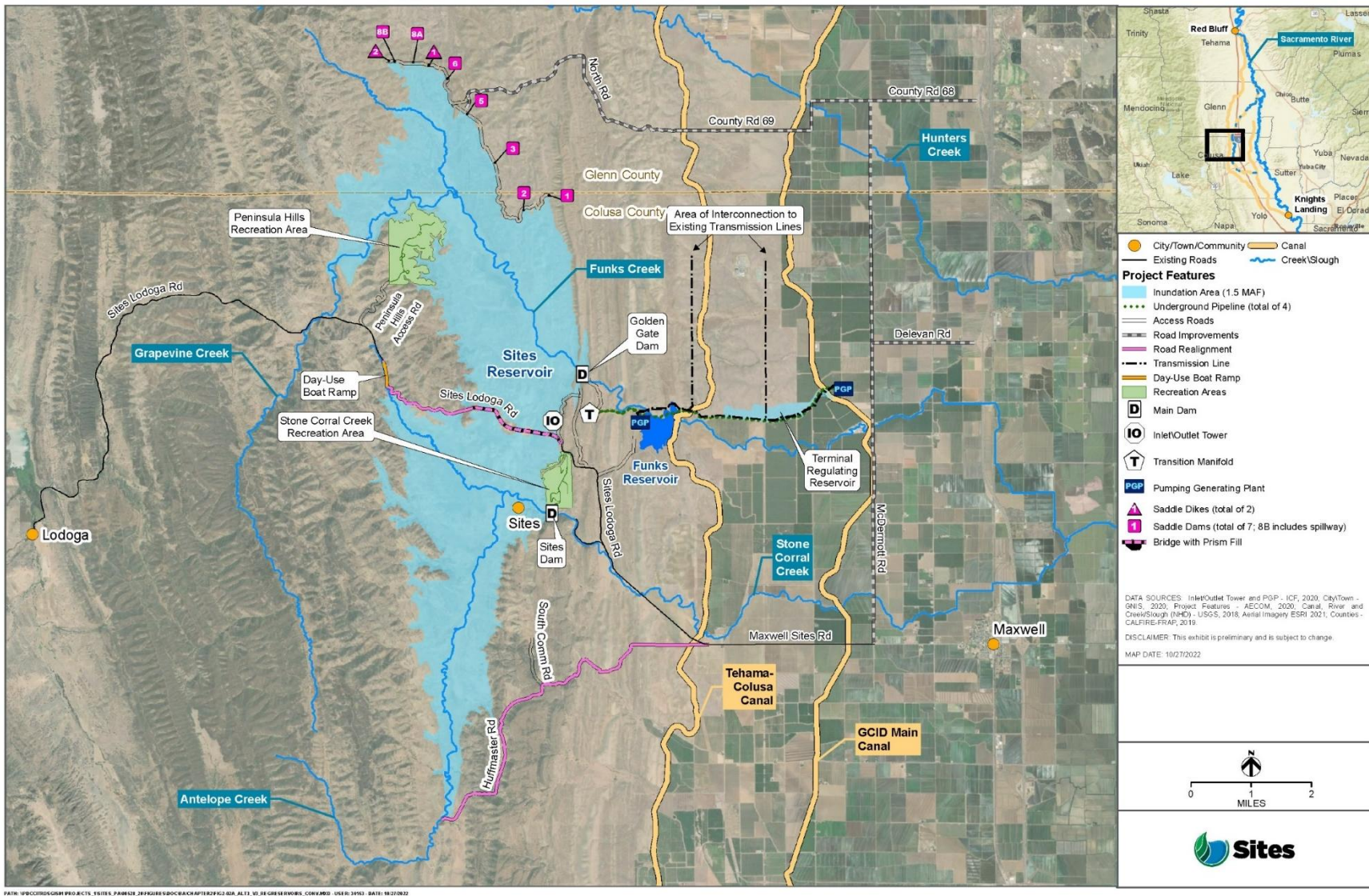


FIGURE 2. REGULATING RESERVOIRS, CONVEYANCE, AND SITES RESERVOIR FACILITIES

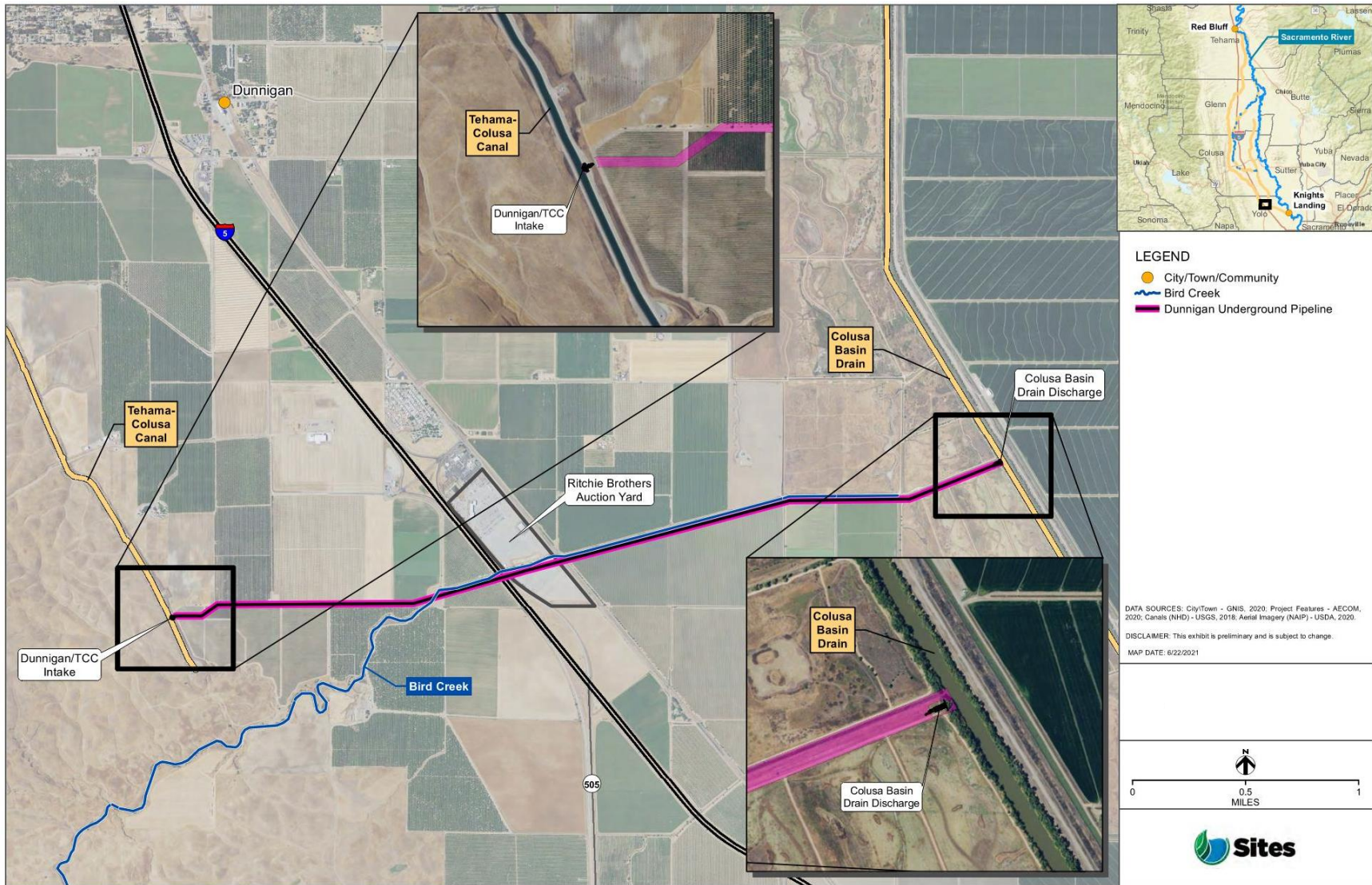


FIGURE 3. CONVEYANCE TO THE COLUSA BASIN DRAIN

2.0 Operations Planning, Forecasting, and Accounting

2.1 Annual Operating Cycle

Figure 4 provides a generalized annual operating cycle. The annual operating cycle depicts the timeline and requirements of components important to operations:

- Diversions from the Sacramento River, Funks Creek, and Stone Corral Creek to Sites Reservoir and primary diversion months
- Timing of releases for north-of-Delta (NOD) and SOD uses
- Timing of exchanges with DWR

The annual operating cycle can be broadly divided into those times when the Project is diverting water to storage, releasing water for NOD purposes which may occur at any time but will likely occur during the summer months, releasing water SOD during July through November in the transfer window,¹ and exchanging water with DWR. Note that operations vary year by year, so there is overlap between potential operations “seasons”; however, the figure shows the primary months for each operation.



FIGURE 4. ANNUAL OPERATING CYCLE

¹ Releases of Sites Water for uses SOD will be exported through Delta Export Facilities consistent with the requirements for transfer of non-CVP/SWP project water. Currently, non-CVP/SWP project water can only be conveyed through the Delta Export Facilities during July through November (often referred to as the “transfer window”) consistent with the Record of Decision for the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. Sites water will be exported during this July through November transfer window.

2.2 Forecasting

Forecasting will be used to project when Project diversions to storage are expected and to estimate the amount of water available to each Storage Partner in a given year. Forecasts will use the best available technology and information at the time of operations and are expected to rely on publicly available deterministic and probabilistic river and seasonal runoff forecasts.

Forecasting for diversions will begin as early as late-August (prior to the start of the diversion season in September). Diversion forecasting will include coordination with DWR and Reclamation to monitor, project, and verify Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) conditions. Diversion forecasting is further described in Section 3.4.

The Authority intends to work with all Storage Partners, Reclamation (in its capacity of CVP operations), and DWR to determine the most effective time period to initiate seasonal Project-specific forecasts along with what information is most useful for Storage Partners' planning purposes and for Reclamation and DWR in determining such things as available capacity and timing for diversions during the transfer window. Seasonal forecasts are expected to include storage estimates, potential release schedules, and estimates of available release and downstream capacities. Seasonal forecasting is expected to begin early in the calendar year and will be updated at least on a monthly basis as new information becomes available and on a timeline consistent with Storage Partners' planning schedules. Following the Authority's discussions with the Storage Partners, Reclamation, and DWR, this section will be updated to describe the general forecasting schedule and forecast details.

2.3 Real-time Tracking and Accounting

A Project dashboard will be developed that will allow the Authority and the Storage Partners to track real-time Project operations and accounting. The dashboard is anticipated to include the following:

- Project diversions and conveyance
 - Sacramento River diversions at Red Bluff and Hamilton City
 - Pumping into Sites Reservoir from Funks Reservoir and the Terminal Regulating Reservoir (TRR)
 - Local inflows from Funks Creek and its watershed, Stone Corral Creek and its watershed and the watershed of Sites Reservoir, including precipitation
 - Requested fills
 - Actual fills
- In-Reservoir operations
 - Amounts in each Storage Partner's Storage Allocation
 - Reservoir levels
 - Estimated/calculated losses including evaporation and seepage
- Releases and deliveries
 - Outflow (releases) to Funks and Stone Corral Creeks
 - Requested releases to TRR and Funks Reservoir
 - Actual releases to TRR and Funks Reservoir
- Other Project operations
 - Power use and generation
 - Exchanged water and location
 - Estimated losses, including conveyance losses and carriage water

The real-time dashboard is anticipated to have the ability to summarize data at various timesteps (e.g., instantaneous data, prior week, prior month, year-to-date) and will be developed with input from the Storage Partners.

2.4 Year-end Accounting

Following the final deliveries, year-end accounting and true-up will be prepared. True-up will consist of reconciling the end of year diversion, storage, release, and delivery accounting with all final operational data. Any discrepancies not immediately settled will be resolved through coordination with the pertinent Storage Partner(s) and the Owner/Operator(s) of any pertinent downstream facility(ies). Metrics will be provided to the Storage Partners and may also be used in the annual Sites Water Right report. It is anticipated that the year-end accounting will include a summary of the volumes collected to storage by source, account storage, requested releases from storage, actual releases, actual deliveries, and estimated losses, including spills (or carryover, if allowable) of exchange water in Oroville. The year-end accounting will be available to the Storage Partners as they make their requests for Sites Water the following year.

Currently, annual water right reports are due to the SWRCB by February 1 for the prior Water Year. Following the end of the Water Year on September 30, the Authority will request any additional information needed from Storage Partners for water right reporting purposes (see Section 12.0).

2.5 Periodic Summary Reporting

A summary report will be prepared by the Authority staff every 5 years, starting 5 years after initial operations of the Project. Depending on hydrologic conditions and the range of operations during the initial years of operation, the Authority will consider if an earlier report (i.e., prior to 5 years) would be informative. The summary report will evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of Project operations, describe, at a minimum, challenges and opportunities that occurred over the prior 5 years of operations, and identify improvements to be implemented in the future, including potential changes to this Operations Plan. The Periodic Summary Report will incorporate feedback and assess satisfaction of the Storage Partners and facility partners with Project operations. Any changes to the Operations Plan recommended by the Periodic Summary Report will be made consistent with the process and requirements detailed in Section 14.0.

3.0 Diversions and Conveyance to Sites Reservoir

3.1 Overall Project Diversions

Project diversions to storage will generally occur in the winter and early spring but could occur any time from September 1 through June 14, subject to compliance with all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals. With regard to diversions from the Sacramento River, Project facilities can only be used to divert/fill or release from the Reservoir; simultaneous fill from the Sacramento River and release back into Funks Reservoir or the TRR through the inlet/outlet works (I/O Works) cannot occur with the planned facilities. Simultaneous fill from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks and release through the I/O Works is possible, as is release of water to the creeks below the dams while filling with Sacramento River water. In addition, and consistent with the Sites Water Right application, all water diverted under the Sites Water Right must be placed into storage in Sites Reservoir and cannot be directly put to beneficial use prior to being stored in Sites Reservoir.

In accordance with all its obligations, contractual, permitting, regulatory, agreements, and otherwise, the Authority plans to maximize the diversion of water from all three sources (Sacramento River, Funks Creek, and Stone Corral Creek) into storage consistent with physical constraints and hydrologic conditions. The Authority is responsible for deciding whether and how much Sites Water to divert from all sources.

3.2 Diversion and Conveyance Facilities to Sites Reservoir

Sites Reservoir will be filled primarily through the diversion of Sacramento River flows. Diversions from the Sacramento River and conveyance to Sites Reservoir will occur via (1) the existing Red Bluff Pumping Plant (RBPP) and fish screen, the Tehama-Colusa Canal (TC Canal), and Funks Reservoir or (2) the existing Hamilton City Pump Station and fish screen, GCID Main Canal, and TRR. These facilities are described in Attachment B. When river conditions and capacity are available for both diversion facilities to be operated simultaneously, the maximum combined diversion rate from the Sacramento River is 4,200 cubic feet per second (cfs)² as identified in the Sites water right application. Additional criteria related to the rate of diversion at each POD are summarized in Section 3.3.

Water from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks will also be impounded in Sites Reservoir. Water from Funks Creek and its tributaries upstream will be diverted at Golden Gate Dam. Water from Stone Corral Creek and its tributaries upstream will be diverted at Sites Dam.

3.3 Diversion Criteria

Table 1 provides a summary of all of the diversion criteria applicable to the Project’s Sacramento River diversions that are in place at the time this document was prepared. Table 2 provides a summary of all of the diversion criteria applicable to the Project’s Funks and Stone Corral Creeks diversions. Each diversion criteria is discussed in more detail in the following subsections.

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF PROJECT’S SACRAMENTO RIVER DIVERSION CRITERIA

Criteria	Description
System-wide Criteria and Regulations	
Diversion Season	Limited to September 1 to June 14
Delta Conditions	<p>No diversion under the Sites Water Right is authorized at any time from the Sacramento River when DWR and Reclamation have declared the Delta to be in any of the following conditions, as will be coordinated in real time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Balanced Water Conditions, 2. Excess Conditions with Export Restrictions for Delta Inflow, 3. Excess Conditions with Export Restrictions for Sacramento River Inflow, 4. Any unforeseen circumstance that may cause and Adverse Effect, as reasonably determined by DWR and Reclamation.

² The maximum combined diversion rate planned by the Authority and included in the Sites water right application is 4,200 cfs. The current maximum combined diversion rate in the ITP is 4,190 cfs.

Criteria	Description
Close Coordination	DWR, Reclamation, and the Authority have agreed to closely coordinate to avoid adverse effects on SWP and CVP operations and water rights. During the diversion season, DWR, Reclamation, and the Authority will use real-time and forecasted data to determine the needed level of coordination and actions to be taken to avoid adverse effects on the SWP and CVP.
Net Delta Outflow Index (NDOI) Upon Initiation	For diversions to commence, NDOI must have increased by an additional 3,000 cfs above the observed NDOI from the day prior to the determination of Excess Conditions to initiate diversions. Following commencement of diversions, the 3,000 cfs requirement is not required to be maintained unless or until the Delta returns to a Balanced Condition.
Senior Water Rights	Existing water rights with a priority date prior to September 30, 1977 and those listed in Attachment C are senior
Term 91	Diversions only allowed when Term 91 is not in effect
SWP Article 21, Reclamation Article 3F and Section 215	Delivery of SWP Article 21 water, CVP Article 3(f), and CVP Section 215 water is senior to Project diversions ³
SWRCB Decision 1641 (D-1641)	Project operations cannot affect the implementation of water quality and flow objectives in D-1641
SWP Incidental Take Permit (ITP)	Project operations cannot affect DWR’s ability to operate to the then existing SWP ITP
CVP and SWP Record of Decision (ROD)	Project operations cannot affect Reclamation’s ability to operate to the then approved Record of Decision for the Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP
Diversion Capacity Available	There is available capacity at the RBPP and in the TC Canal and GCID facilities to divert and convey water to Sites Reservoir, above the capacity needed for deliveries to existing TC Canal users and within the GCID service area
Trinity River Water	No water diverted from the Trinity River watershed to the Sacramento River watershed by Reclamation can be rediverted into the Project
Temporary Urgency Change Order for Delta Water Quality Objectives	No diversions when the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan requirements for Delta Outflow, X2 (Spring), Rio Vista, Emmaton, Jersey Point, and Delta Export to Inflow (E:I) ratio are modified by a Temporary Urgency Change Petition/Order and the CVP or SWP are operating to the modified conditions
Temporary Restrictions	Comply with any temporary restrictions on diversions put into place by SWRCB, such as water right curtailments

³ Only these contracted “excess” supplies are identified here to specifically note that diverted Sites Water cannot displace CVP Article 3(f) or CVP Section 215 water in the TC Canal or GCID Main Canal and/or diversion of Sites Water cannot reduce the ability of the CVP and SWP to export water for SWP Article 21, CVP Article 3(f), or CVP Section 215 supplies South of the Delta.

Criteria	Description
Project-specific Sacramento River Diversion Criteria	
Flow Dependent Diversions	<p>RBPP: No diversion until flows in the Sacramento River at Bend Bridge exceeds 4,800 cfs from January 1 to February 28 (or February 29 in leap years) and 6,295 cfs from September 1 to December 31 along with March 1 to June 14. Diversions ramp up as flows increase in the Sacramento River until full diversion amount is reached at flows of 14,100 cfs or higher in the Sacramento River at Bend Bridge from January 1 to February 28 (or February 29 in leap years) and 17,500 cfs or higher from September 1 to December 31 along with March 1 to June 14.</p> <p>HCPS: No diversion until flows in the Sacramento River at Hamilton City exceeds 10,500 cfs after any Project and non-Project diversions at HCPS from September 1 to June 14. Diversions ramp up as flows increase in the Sacramento River until full diversion amount is reached at flows of 24,500 cfs or higher in the Sacramento River at Hamilton City after any Project and non-Project diversions at HCPS.</p>
Wilkins Slough Bypass Criteria	Diversions may not cause flow in the Sacramento River at Wilkins Slough to decline below 10,930 cfs
Bypass Criteria at RBPP ⁴	<p>March – November: Sacramento River at RBPP must remain at or above 3,250 cfs</p> <p>December – February: The flow at which the Sacramento River at RBPP must remain at or above is determined based the end-of-September (EOS) storage in Shasta Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ≤ 2.4 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 3,250 cfs - ≤ 2.8 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 4,000 cfs - ≤ 3.2 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 4,500 cfs - > 3.2 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 5,000 cfs
Bypass Criteria at HCPS	Sacramento River at HCPS must remain at or above 4,000 cfs
Operable Fish Screens	Diversions may only occur when the fish screen panels at the RBPP and HCPS are installed, maintained, and fully operational
Maximum Total Annual Diversions and Maximum Diversion Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total maximum annual Project diversions from the Sacramento River of no more than 986,000 AF - Total maximum annual Project diversion at the RBPP of no more than 660,000 AF - Total maximum annual Project diversion at the HCPS of no more than 421,000 AF - Maximum instantaneous diversion rate at RBPP of 2,120 cfs - Maximum instantaneous diversion rate at HCPS of 2,070 cfs

⁴ The December – February Bypass Criteria at RBPP considers the “Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Redd Maintenance and Reservoir Refill” action specified in Reclamation’s Record of Decision (ROD) Operations Plan (signed December 4, 2025). The Bypass Criteria at RBPP for November may revert to the December – February flow target, depending on how Reclamation implements the “Fall Release Ramp Down” action in the ROD Operations Plan. The ROD allows for potential modifications to these flow targets based on hydrology and Shasta Lake cold water pool conditions. If this occurs, the Bypass Criteria at RBPP will be adjusted to remain consistent with Reclamation’s current operation.

Criteria	Description
Cessation of Diversions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – When either USGS Station 11390500 or CNRFC-WLKC1 Station are nonoperational unless CDFW has approved an alternative plan – When Project flow monitoring facilities are nonoperational
Agreements	Project is implementing all Sacramento River diversion-related agreements described in Section 3.3.3

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF PROJECT’S FUNKS AND STONE CORRAL CREEK DIVERSION CRITERIA

Criteria	Description
System-wide Criteria and Regulations	
Diversion Season	Limited to September 1 to June 14
Balanced Conditions in the Delta	No diversions during Balanced Conditions, which are determined by DWR and Reclamation
Close Coordination	DWR, Reclamation, and the Authority have agreed to closely coordinate to avoid adverse effects on SWP and CVP operations and water rights
Senior Water Rights	Existing water rights with a priority date prior to September 30, 1977 and those listed in Attachment C are senior
Term 91	Diversions only allowed when Term 91 is not in effect
Temporary Restrictions	Comply with any temporary restrictions on diversions put into place by SWRCB, such as water right curtailments
Project-specific Funks and Stone Corral Creek Diversion Criteria	
Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek Operations Plan	No water can be impounded from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks until the Authority completes a Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek Operations Plan
Agreements	Project is implementing all Funks and Stone Corral Creek, diversion-related agreements described in Section 3.3.5

3.3.1 System-wide Criteria and Regulations

The system-wide regulatory requirements that must be met prior to diversions are summarized below. All diversion criteria, both system-wide and Project-specific, must be met for Project diversions.

- System-wide criteria and regulations applicable to all sources:
 - **Diversion Season:** The Authority would only divert from September 1 through June 14, inclusive. No diversions can occur from June 15 to August 31, inclusive, regardless of conditions or flows.
 - **Balanced Conditions in the Delta:** The Project would not be allowed to divert when the Delta is in Balanced Conditions. Balanced Conditions exist when DWR and Reclamation agree that releases from upstream reservoirs plus unregulated flow approximately equals the water supply needed to meet Sacramento Valley in-basin uses plus exports. Balanced Conditions are determined by DWR and Reclamation.

- **Close Coordination with DWR and Reclamation:** DWR, Reclamation, and the Authority have agreed to closely coordinate to avoid adverse effects on SWP and CVP operations and water rights.
- **Senior Water Rights:** The Authority has submitted a Petition for Assignment of a State-filed water right (A025517), which has a priority date of September 30, 1977. Existing water rights with an earlier priority date are senior to the Project. This includes the existing CVP and SWP water rights. This also includes those water rights to which the Authority subordinated its right to divert listed in Attachment C which were included in the Sites Water Right application materials.
- **Term 91⁵:** The Project would only divert when Term 91 is not in effect.
- **Temporary Restrictions:** The Project will also be required to operate under any temporary restrictions on pumping put into place by SWRCB, such as water right curtailments.
- System-wide criteria and regulations applicable to Sacramento River diversions, in addition to the above:
 - **Excess Conditions with Sacramento River Export Restrictions:** In addition to Balanced Conditions, the Project may not divert during Excess Conditions with Export Restrictions for Delta Inflow or for Sacramento River Inflow, or if any unforeseen circumstance that may cause an adverse effect, as reasonably determined by DWR and Reclamation.
 - **NDOI Upon Initiation:** For diversions to commence, NDOI must have increased by an additional 3,000 cfs above the observed NDOI from the day prior to the determination of Excess Conditions. This criteria is initiated each time the Delta moves from Balanced to Excess and Project diversions are initiated. The 3,000 cfs requirement is not required to be maintained while the Project is diverting. See Operations ITP Term 9.8.
 - **SWP Article 21, Reclamation Article 3F and Section 215:** SWP contracts and CVP contracts include provisions for deliveries above contract amounts in certain conditions. This water is generally available in wetter water year types or in higher flow conditions. The delivery of SWP Article 21 water, CVP Article 3(f), and/or CVP Section 215 water cannot be displaced or impacted by Project diversions.
 - **SWRCB Decision 1641 (D-1641):** D-1641 and its amendment identify the implementation of water quality and flow objectives for the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. Components of D-1641 expected to have the largest influence on Project operations include requirements for the Net Delta Outflow Index, maximum percent of Delta inflow diverted (Export/Inflow ratio), operations of the CVP and SWP related to salinity and X2, and Delta water quality requirements.

⁵ Term 91 requires that those holding such permits and licenses cease diverting water when the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Water Rights (Division) gives notice that water is not available for use under those permits and licenses. This occurs at times when the State Water Project and Central Valley Project are releasing previously stored water to meet water quality and flow requirements in the Delta and the Delta is termed to be in "Balanced Conditions," generally during the summer and fall. See: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/term_91/

- **SWP Incidental Take Permit (ITP):** The Project would operate so as to avoid affecting DWR’s ability to operate to the then-existing SWP Incidental Take Permit, currently the 2024 SWP ITP (ITP No. 2081-2023-054).
- **CVP and SWP Record of Decision:** The Project would operate so as to avoid impairing Reclamation’s ability to operate to the then-existing Record of Decision for the Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP, including the Incidental Take Statements provided in the Services’ Biological Opinions.
- **Diversion Capacity Available:** There is available capacity at the RBPP and in the TC Canal and GCID facilities to divert and convey water to Sites Reservoir, above the capacity needed for deliveries to existing TC Canal users and within the GCID service area.
- **Trinity River Water:** No water originating from the Trinity River can be rediverted into the Project. Trinity River Water is defined as water diverted by Reclamation from the Trinity River watershed into the Sacramento River watershed pursuant to Reclamation’s water rights.
- **Temporary Urgency Change Order for Delta Water Quality Objectives.** No diversions when the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan requirements for Delta Outflow, X2 (Spring), Rio Vista, Emmaton, Jersey Point, and Delta Export to Inflow (E:I) ratio are modified by a Temporary Urgency Change Petition/Order and the CVP or SWP are operating to the modified conditions. See Operations ITP Term 9.9.

3.3.2 Project-specific Sacramento River Diversion Criteria

Below are the Project-specific Sacramento River diversion criteria. All of the criteria must be met, in addition to the system-wide criteria listed in Section 3.3.1.

3.3.2.1 Flow Dependent Diversion

RBPP

No diversion until flows in the Sacramento River at Bend Bridge as measured at the CDEC Station Bend Bridge (BND)⁶ exceeds 4,800 cfs from January 1 to February 28 (or February 29 in leap years) and 6,295 cfs from September 1 to December 31 along with March 1 to June 14.

Allowable Sites Project diversions at RBPP from January 1 to February 28 (February 29 in leap years) are specified in Table 3. Allowable Sites Project diversions at RBPP from March 1 to June 14 and September 1 to December 31 are specified in Table 4. Linear interpolation shall be used between the range values provided in Table 3 and Table 4. Diversion adjustments can be made as frequently as desired in coordination with TCCA.

⁶ California Data Exchange Center Station Bend Bridge (BND) – https://cdec.wa14.100ter.ca.gov/dynamicapp/staMeta?station_id=BND

TABLE 3. FLOW DEPENDENT DIVERSIONS AT RBPP – JANUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28 (FEBRUARY 29 IN LEAP YEARS)

Real-Time Flow at Bend Bridge (BND) in cfs	Maximum Diversion (cfs)
4,800	0
5,000	130
6,000	230
7,000	360
8,000	520
9,000	710
10,000	930
11,000	1,180
12,000	1,450
13,000	1,760
14,000	2,100
14,100	2,120
Greater than 14,100	2,120

TABLE 4. FLOW DEPENDENT DIVERSIONS AT RBPP – MARCH 1 TO JUNE 14 AND SEPTEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Real-Time Flow at Bend Bridge (BND) in cfs	Maximum Diversion (cfs)
6,300	0
7,000	120
8,000	220
9,000	340
10,000	480
11,000	640
12,000	810
13,000	1,010
14,000	1,220
15,000	1,460
16,000	1,710
17,000	1,980
17,500	2,120
Greater than 17,500	2,120

See Operations ITP Term 9.14.1.

HCPS

No diversion until flows in the Sacramento River at HCPS as measured at the CDEC Station Hamilton City (HMC)⁷ exceeds 10,500 cfs from September 1 to June 14 and accounting for both Project and non-Sites Project diversions at the HCPS. As the HMC CDEC Station is downstream of the HCPS, Sites Project and other non-Sites Project⁸ (if any are occurring) diversion at the HCPS must be accounted for such that, for

⁷ California Data Exchange (CDEC) Station Hamilton City (HMC) - https://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/staMeta?station_id=HMC.

⁸ Non-Sites Project water refers to any water diverted at the HCPS not for the purpose of diversion to Sites Reservoir.

the Sites Project diversions to occur, the HMC CDEC Station continues to exceed 10,500 cfs with total diversions at the HCPS.

Allowable Sites Project diversions at HCPS from September 1 to June 14 are specified in Table 5. Linear interpolation shall be used between the range values provided in Table 5. Diversion adjustments can be made as frequently as desired in coordination with GCID.

TABLE 5. FLOW DEPENDENT DIVERSIONS AT HCPS – SEPTEMBER 1 TO JUNE 14

Real-Time Flow at Bend Bridge (BND) in cfs	Maximum Diversion (cfs)
10,500	0
11,500	280
12,500	370
13,500	480
14,500	590
15,500	720
16,500	850
17,500	980
18,500	1,130
19,500	1,290
20,500	1,450
21,500	1,620
22,500	1,800
23,500	1,990
24,500	2,200
Greater than 24,500	2,200

See Operations ITP Term 9.14.2.

3.3.2.2 Wilkins Slough Bypass Criteria

Diversions to Sites Reservoir may not cause flow in the Sacramento River at Wilkins Slough to decline below 10,930 cfs for the entire diversion season (September 1 to June 14) as indicated by United States Geological Survey (USGS) Station 1139050031⁹ - Sacramento R BL Wilkins Slough NR Grimes CA.

This is determined using the following criteria:

- The Real-Time flow at USGS Station 11390500 exceeds 10,930 cubic feet per second (cfs).
- The California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) forecasted flow at station WLKC1¹⁰ exceeds 10,930 cfs for the subsequent 72 hours following the estimated start time of any diversion event.

⁹ Real-time flow at USGS Station# 11390500 - <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoringlocation/11390500/#parameterCode=00065&period=P7D&showMedian=false>

¹⁰ California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) deterministic forecasted flow at station WLKC1 - <https://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/ensembleProduct.php?id=WLKC1&prodID=3>

- The forecasted flow continues to exceed 10,930 cfs at CNRFC station WLKC1 for 72 hours after the diversion event is scheduled to end.
- The forecasted flow at CNRFC station WLKC1 shall be re-evaluated for the duration of the diversion event at a minimum of every twenty-four hours to ensure the projected forecast has not changed and the forecasted flow continues to exceed 10,930 cfs.

In the event that TCCA and/or GCID is also diverting at the same time as diversions to Sites Reservoir are occurring, then the above condition applies and the Sites Project cannot divert unless the Sacramento River at Wilkins Slough remains at or above 10,930 cfs. The total allowable Sites Project diversions shall be determined by the following equation:

$$\text{Available Flow for the Sites Project (cfs)} = \text{WLK}_{72\text{hrForecast}} - (10,930 + \text{RB}_{\text{NonPermitteeDiv}} + \text{HC}_{\text{NonPermitteeDiv}})$$

Where: $\text{WLK}_{72\text{hrForecast}}$ is the CNRFC 72-hour forecast

$\text{RB}_{\text{NonPermitteeDiv}}$ is non-Sites Project diversions at RBPP

$\text{HC}_{\text{NonPermitteeDiv}}$ is the non-Sites Project diversions at HCPS

See Operations ITP Term 9.12 and 9.13.

Diversions need to cease when any of the following exist:

- Flows at USGS Station 1139050031 no longer exceed 10,930 cfs.
- The 72-hour forecast indicates the CNRFC Station WLKC1 no longer exceeds 10,930 cfs for the 72-hour period following the estimated start time or end time of diversions.
- Any 24-hour re-evaluation of the forecast indicates CNRFC Station WLKC1 will no longer exceed 10,930 cfs.
- Total Sites diversions and non-Sites diversions at RBPP and HCPS will reduce flows below 10,930 cfs at Wilkins Slough (as measured at either USGS Station 1139050031 or CNRFC Station WLKC1).

See Operations ITP Term 9.15.

3.3.2.3 Bypass Criteria at the Red Bluff Pumping Plant

From March through November, diversions at the RBPP can occur only when flows in the Sacramento River are at and remain at or above 3,250 cfs, as measured at the Bend Bridge California Data Exchange (CDEC) Station (BND)¹¹ minus any Project diversions and any non-Project diversions (such as CVP diversions) occurring at the RBPP. See Operations ITP Term 9.10.

¹¹ California Data Exchange Center Station Bend Bridge (BND) - https://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/staMeta?station_id=BND

From December through February, the bypass flow at the RBPP is dependent on the end-of-September storage in Shasta Lake, as specified in Reclamation’s 2025 ROD Operations Plan:

- ≤ 2.4 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 3,250 cfs
- ≤ 2.8 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 4,000 cfs
- ≤ 3.2 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 4,500 cfs
- > 3.2 MAF Shasta EOS storage: 5,000 cfs

Diversions at the RBPP can occur only when flows in the Sacramento River are at and remain at or above the specified flow, as measured at the Bend Bridge California Data Exchange (CDEC) Station (BND) minus any Project diversions and any non-Project diversions (such as CVP diversions) occurring at the RBPP. See footnote 4 and Reclamation’s 2025 ROD Operations Plan, Section 2.9, for additional detail and operational considerations.

3.3.2.4 Bypass Criteria at the Hamilton City Pump Station

Diversions at the HCPS can occur only when flows in the Sacramento River are at and remain at or above 4,000 cfs, as measured at the Hamilton City CDEC Station (HMC)¹². See Operations ITP Term 9.11.

3.3.2.5 Operable Fish Screens

Diversions may only occur with the fish screen panels at the RBPP and HCPS are installed, maintained, and fully operational. The Project’s Operations ITP includes terms and conditions relative to fish screen testing and maintenance that must be implemented relative to this criteria. See Operations ITP Terms 9.1 and 9.2.

3.3.2.6 Maximum Total Annual Diversions and Maximum Diversion Rates

Total maximum annual Project diversions from the Sacramento River is limited to 986,000 AF, combined from both the RBPP and HCPS. The total maximum annual Project diversion at the RBPP is no more than 660,000 AF. The total maximum annual Project diversion at the HCPS is no more than 421,000 AF. The individual total maximum annual Project diversion at RBPP and HCPS are not intended to add to 986,000 AF. See Operations ITP Term 9.4.

The maximum Project diversion rate at the RBPP is 2,120 cfs. The maximum Project diversion rate at the HCPS is 2,070 cfs. See Operations ITP Term 9.5 and 9.6.

3.3.2.7 Cessation of Diversions

Diversions from the Sacramento River must cease when either of the following exist:

- Either USGS Station 11390500 or CNRFC - WLKC1 Station is nonoperational, or the data centers cease to provide data. The Authority may develop and seek CDFW’s approval of alternative methods of compliance.
- Downstream flow monitoring equipment or Project facilities that monitor water volumes diverted, exported, transferred, or exchanged related to the Project are nonoperational or cease

¹² California Data Exchange Center Station Hamilton City (HMC) - https://cdec.water.ca.gov/dynamicapp/staMeta?station_id=HMC

to provide data. The equipment or facilities include, but are not limited to, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) components at the RBPP or HCPS diversion facilities, flow monitoring equipment at the Terminal Regulating Reservoir, Funks Reservoir, I/O Facility, Sites Reservoir and at the Dunnigan Pipeline.

See Operations ITP Term 9.15.

3.3.3 Project-specific, Sacramento River Diversion-Related Operations Agreements

The Project-specific, Sacramento River operational components from operations agreements are indicated below. Note that each description does not summarize the respective agreement in its entirety, but rather focuses on the sections of this Operations Plan that address operational components. Executed agreements can be found in Attachment A.

- CCWD Agreement – The notification and coordination components of this agreement have been incorporated into Section 3.5. This agreement may require modifications in the timing or amount of Project diversions depending on outcomes of the notification and coordination process.
- NDWA MOU – The operations-related components of this agreement are incorporated into the diversion criteria described throughout this Section 3.3. Future changes, if any, to the diversion criteria need to be considered in the context of the NDWA MOU.
- Anticipated Sites/Reclamation/DWR Operations Agreement – The operations-related components of this agreement are incorporated into the diversion criteria described throughout this Section 3.3. The notification and coordination components of this agreement have been incorporated into Section 3.5.
- Sites/SWC/DWR Settlement Agreement – The operations-related components of this agreement are incorporated into the diversion criteria described throughout this Section 3.3. The notification and coordination components of this agreement have been incorporated into Section 3.5.

3.3.4 Project-specific Funks and Stone Corral Creeks Diversion Criteria

Below are the Project-specific Funks and Stone Corral Creeks diversion criteria. All of the criteria must be met, in addition to the applicable system-wide criteria and regulations listed in Section 3.3.1.

- **Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek Operations Plan:** No water can be impounded from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks until the Authority completes a Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek Operations Plan, as described in the Sites Water Right application and the Project’s Final EIR. The Authority has committed to including GCID, TCCA, Colusa County, Maxwell ID, and the Colusa Drain MWC in the development of this Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek Operations Plan. This effort is likely to result in additional operational considerations for the creeks that would be reflected in a future version of this Operations Plan.

3.3.4.1 Regulation of Creek Flows

The Authority may regulate flows on Funks and/or Stone Corral Creeks (temporarily store water from the creeks for less than 30 days) for the purposes of public safety to prevent downstream flooding impacts. Regulation would only occur when the applicable Funks and Stone Corral Creek diversion

criteria are not being met and thus, water from the creeks is not being diverted to storage under the Sites Water Right; but downstream impacts are anticipated from high flow events. Prior to regulating flows, the Authority shall coordinate with Colusa County and document the current and anticipated flow conditions and possible downstream threats to life and property. The Authority shall estimate the amount of flow retained during regulation and develop a plan to safely release the entire estimated amount, with no more than a 30-day retention period. Regulated flows from Funks and/or Stone Corral Creeks will occupy empty space (i.e., Storage Allocation not filled with water) in Sites Reservoir and will not require the Authority to lease space from Storage Partners. In the event that all Storage Partner allocations are full, it is assumed that this water would be held in the inactive storage pool. If and when this water is released from the inactive storage pool, that volume will be accounted for and refilled consistent with Section 4.3 of this Operations Plan. This is expected to be a rare occurrence. Regulated flows from Funks and/or Stone Corral Creeks will not be allocated to any Storage Partner as this is not Sites Water diverted under the Sites Water Right.

Regulation may also occur during Project construction to manage flows through construction areas for public/worker safety and site stability considerations. If regulation is needed during construction, the Authority will develop a plan for regulating flows and will establish a methodology to measure daily inflows and outflows. The Authority will make all reasonable efforts to release regulated flows within 30 days when considering safety and site conditions.

3.3.5 Project-specific, Funks and Stone Corral Creeks Diversion-Related Operations Agreements

The Project-specific, Funks and Stone Corral Creeks operational components from operations agreements are described below. Note that each description does not summarize the respective agreement in its entirety, but rather focuses on the diversion-related operational components. Executed agreements can be found in Attachment A.

- Colusa County MOU – The allocation of Sites Water diverted from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks is addressed in Section 3.6 of this Operations Plan. Section 3.3.4 of this Operations Plan describes the development of the Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek Operations Plan and the Authority’s commitment to include Colusa County in its development. Monitoring and measurement of water originating from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks will be addressed in a separate Measurement and Monitoring Plan that Authority staff are developing.
- Maxwell ID Agreement – The diversion-related components of this agreement are incorporated into the diversion criteria described throughout this Section 3.3. The diversion-related notification and coordination components of this agreement are incorporated into Section 3.5. Monitoring and measurement of water originating from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks will be addressed in a separate Measurement and Monitoring Plan that Authority staff are developing.
- Anticipated Colusa Drain MWC Agreement – The diversion-related operations components of this agreement are incorporated into the diversion criteria described throughout this Section 3.3. The diversion-related notification and coordination components of this agreement are incorporated into Section 3.5. Monitoring and measurement of water originating from Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek and releases into the Colusa Basin Drain will be addressed in a separate Measurement and Monitoring Plan that Authority staff are developing.

3.4 Diversion Forecasting

The Authority will develop and maintain a tool to assist with diversion forecasting and coordination. Currently, a spreadsheet tool, referred to as the Forecasting Tool, has been created to forecast potential diversions from the Sacramento River. The Forecasting Tool includes observed and forecasted flows for the Sacramento River at Bend Bridge, the Sacramento River at Wilkins Slough, and the observed and expected Delta condition. The observed and forecasted flows are evaluated with the system-wide and Project-specific diversion criteria to forecast the rate of water that the Authority could potentially divert each day.

Forecasted flows for locations on the Sacramento River and tributary creeks are available on a 30-day outlook; however, detailed forecasts are typically only available up to 10 days out with a greater reliability in the 3- to 5-day range. The Authority will use forecasts to initiate and continue coordination with facility operators and other agencies as required under agreements.

There are currently no forecast data available for Funks and Stone Corral creeks. The Authority will consider what tools are needed, if any, to forecast inflows from these creeks.

Each diversion forecast and all long-range, seasonal forecasts prepared for the Sacramento River and for Funks and Stone Corral creeks will consider the available storage capacity remaining in Sites Reservoir as a whole and in each Storage Partner account.

3.5 Diversion Notifications

During the diversion season, the Authority will regularly coordinate with DWR and Reclamation to exchange data and forecasts regarding projected operations and conditions. Through this regular close coordination, the Authority, DWR, and Reclamation will have a collective understanding of when Project diversions are projected to begin, continue, or cease.

When system-wide and Project-specific diversion criteria are met, the Authority will be responsible for deciding whether and how much to divert from all sources in accordance with applicable provisions of the Project's Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals, and will coordinate with Reclamation, TCCA and GCID to provide specific diversion requests, including timing and amount. The Authority will work with Reclamation, TCCA and GCID to develop a communications protocol and procedure to ensure efficient and effective communication on diversions and conveyance of diverted water to Funks Reservoir and the TRR, respectively.

Table 6. identifies diversion notifications applicable to the Project's Sacramento River diversions.
Table 7. identifies diversion notifications applicable to the Project's Funks and Stone Corral Creeks diversions.

TABLE 6. SACRAMENTO RIVER DIVERSION NOTIFICATIONS AND TIMING

Notification Timeframe	Agency Notifying	Notification Summary	Controlling Agreement and Section
Regular basis, no specific timing	CCWD	Meet with CCWD to share information about forecasted conditions and coordinate regarding foreseeable Project operations; discuss and cooperatively work to assess and improve relevant modeling tools and processes; agree upon the tool or tools to be used prior to the Sites Project diversion season within the context of the agreement	CCWD Agreement, SOP, Paragraph 1
At least 7 days prior to diversions (or earlier, if possible)	CCWD	Inform CCWD of dates and rates of intended diversions, as well as if forecasted “Quick Check-in Conditions and Process” or “Quantitative Analysis Conditions and Process” exist and follow process identified in the CCWD Agreement, SOP (see Attachment A)	CCWD Agreement, SOP, Paragraph 2
At least 3 days prior to diversions (or earlier, if possible)	DWR, Reclamation	DWR and/or Reclamation can give notice to the Authority that diversions may occur 7 days in advance. The Authority shall coordinate and confirm with DWR and Reclamation that the conditions exist with the date and rate of planned diversion at least 3 days before the planned diversions, or earlier if possible.	Sites/DWR/Reclamation Operations Agreement, Attachment 1, Section 1
At least 7 days prior to diversions (or earlier, if possible)	DWR, SWC	Inform DWR and SWC of date and rate of intended diversions. If Excess Conditions with Sacramento River export restrictions are forecasted as defined in the Sites/SWC/DWR Settlement Agreement, DWR shall determine if the planned diversion will cause an adverse effect to the SWP and notify the Authority	Sites/SWC/DWR Settlement Agreement, Paragraphs 2.3 and 3.4

TABLE 7. FUNKS AND STONE CORRAL CREEKS DIVERSION NOTIFICATIONS AND TIMING

Notification Timeframe	Agency Notifying	Notification Summary	Controlling Agreement and Section
Regular basis, no specific timing	Maxwell ID	Meet with Maxwell ID to share information about forecasted conditions and coordinate regarding foreseeable Project operations; discuss and cooperatively work to assess and improve relevant measurement and monitoring tools and processes along with assess and improve data sharing and communications tools and processes	Maxwell ID Agreement, SOP, Paragraph 1
At least 7 days prior to diversions (or earlier, if possible)	Maxwell ID	Inform Maxwell ID of date of anticipated initial diversions	Maxwell ID Agreement, SOP, Paragraph 3a

Notification Timeframe	Agency Notifying	Notification Summary	Controlling Agreement and Section
Weekly after initial notification through remainder of diversion season (June 14)	Maxwell ID	Inform Maxwell ID of Project’s intended diversions to storage of water from Funks and/or Stone Corral Creeks and releases into Funks and/or Stone Corral Creeks weekly for the upcoming seven (7) days that occur two (2) days following the notification (for example, if the notification occurs on a Monday, it would cover the upcoming seven days from Wednesday through the following Tuesday). Inform Maxwell ID of changes that may occur to the weekly plan as soon as possible	Maxwell ID Agreement, SOP, Paragraph 3b
Daily	Maxwell ID	Inform Maxwell ID of the following: flows in the creeks above Sites Reservoir for the prior day; actual daily releases into Funks and Stone Corral Creeks from Sites Reservoir for the prior day; expected daily releases into Funks and Stone Corral Creeks from Sites Reservoir for the current day; and flows in Stone Corral Creek at locations downstream of Sites Reservoir but upstream of Maxwell ID’s POD #2 (on Stone Corral Creek near its intersection with Maxwell Road) for the prior day	Maxwell ID Agreement, SOP, Paragraph 2
Periodic Regulation of Flows for Less than 30 Days	Maxwell ID	Notify Maxwell ID in advance of regulation, or as soon as possible after regulation has occurred if advance notice was not possible, and coordinate to ensure that Maxwell ID’s ability to exercise its water rights is not impacted	Maxwell ID Agreement, SOP, Paragraph 4

Note: The Anticipated Colusa Drain MWC Agreement is expected to have the same or substantially similar notification requirements. Once this agreement is finalized, these requirements will be incorporated into this table.

3.6 Allocation of Diversions to Storage Partners

3.6.1 Allocation of Diversions

Sites Water diverted from the Sacramento River is first used to fill inactive storage. After inactive storage is filled, each Storage Partner will be allocated water diverted from the Sacramento River based on each Storage Partner's Base Facilities Capacity Interest as specified in their respective contract up to each Storage Partner’s Storage Allocation or other Storage Allocation leased or acquired. If a Storage Partner's Storage Allocation is not available or is full, then diverted Sites Water from the Sacramento River will be allocated proportional to the Storage Allocation of all Storage Partners who have available Storage Allocation remaining.

Sites Water diverted from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and their tributaries, and from the watershed of Sites Reservoir is allocated to Colusa County or other beneficiaries as specified in the Colusa County MOU up to the County’s or other beneficiaries’ Storage Allocation or other Storage Allocation leased or

acquired.¹³ If Colusa County’s or other beneficiaries’ Storage Allocation is not available or is full, then diverted Sites Water from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and their tributaries, and from the watershed of Sites Reservoir will be allocated first to fill inactive storage, and second, proportional to the Storage Allocation of all Storage Partners who have available Storage Allocation remaining.

The timing, volume, and rate of releases into Funks and Stone Corral Creeks are uncertain at this time. Once additional information is known, the Authority may project anticipated release needs for the creeks and hold back allocating water diverted from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and their tributaries, and from the watershed of Sites Reservoir in anticipation of meeting future downstream needs. This allocated creek water will occupy empty space (i.e., Storage Allocation not filled with water) in Sites Reservoir and does not require the Authority to lease space from Storage Partners. In the event that all Storage Partner allocations are full, it is assumed that this water would be held in inactive storage. If and when this water is released from inactive storage, that volume will be accounted for and refilled consistent with Section 4.3 of this Operations Plan. This is expected to be a rare occurrence.

Consistent with the Sites Water Right application, all water diverted under the Sites Water Right must be placed into storage in Sites Reservoir and cannot be directly put to beneficial use prior to being stored in Sites Reservoir. Under expected operational conditions, once water is diverted and physically placed into storage it is considered “stored” water. Stored water can be subsequently withdrawn from storage and put to beneficial use per the needs of the Authority and/or the Storage Partners.

All allocations of Sites Water to a Storage Partner’s Storage Allocation will be made in Sites Reservoir. Sites Water at diversion locations and in conveyance prior to being placed in Sites Reservoir shall remain held by the Authority and not allocated to individual Storage Partner accounts.

3.6.2 Diversions and Storage Opportunity Request Form

Each Storage Partner shall provide the Authority with a projected request for the volume of Sites Water the Storage Partner seeks to be stored in its respective Storage Allocation or other Storage Allocation leased or acquired in the format requested by the Authority (“Storage Opportunity Request Form”). An example Storage Opportunity Request Form is provided in Attachment E. The timing for providing an initial Storage Opportunity Request Form will be determined in a future version of this Operations Plan. The timing and frequency of changes allowed to the Storage Opportunity Request Form will be determined in a future version of this Operations Plan – with changes anticipated to be allowed with one (1) week advance notification provided that changes cannot go below the amount of Sites Water already allocated in Sites Reservoir to that Storage Partner in that diversion season. For example, if a Storage Partner originally requested its Storage Allocation to be filled but seeks to modify this request to a partial fill, but has already been allocated 50,000 AF in that diversion season in its Storage Allocation, the Storage Partner cannot reduce its partial fill request below 50,000 AF.

Storage Partners may opt out of receiving diversions into their Storage Allocation. If a Storage Partner opts out of receiving diversions, the amount of unused storage space will remain empty. B&O Section 4.3.3 states that Participants will make efforts to optimize diversion and beneficial use of Sites Water

¹³ The Colusa County MOU allows for water originating from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and their tributaries, and from the watershed of Sites Reservoir to be allocated to others in the future, such as Glenn County. If additional parties are beneficiaries of the Colusa County MOU in the future, then the water diverted from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and their tributaries, and from the watershed of Sites Reservoir would be first allocated to those parties before being allocated to the inactive storage pool or other Storage Partners.

during the Sites Water Right Development Period (prior to the Sites Water Right being perfected to license) and not interfere with the Sites Authority's efforts to do the same. During this time, if a Storage Partner chooses to opt out of fully filling its Storage Allocation with Sites Water, the Authority will evaluate if leaving that Storage Allocation empty would result in forgoing diversion of Sites Water from the Sacramento River in a way that may result in negative consequences when the Authority proceeds to license its water right. If the analysis determines that negative consequences are possible, then the Authority will work with the Storage Partner to strongly encourage the Storage Partner to make arrangements to fill the empty Storage Allocation through voluntary actions (such as a Lease of Capacity Interest or filling and selling the water to other Storage Partners). If the Storage Partner continues to choose to leave their Storage Allocation empty, then the concern will be elevated to the Authority Board of Directors for resolution. The purpose of this activity is to maximize the Sites Water Right when moving to water right licensing in the future for the benefit of all Storage Partners.

Storage Partners are not permitted to request specific timing or location for Sacramento River diversions.

3.6.3 Priority of Diversions

The diversion of Sites Water from the Sacramento River will take priority over the release of water from Sites Reservoir using the I/O Works and over the diversion of Other Water (see Section 7.0). Each Storage Partner has equal priority to its share of diverted water consistent with its respective contract.

3.6.4 Losses During Diversions and Conveyance

Anticipated and unanticipated water losses may occur during diversion and conveyance of Sites Water to Sites Reservoir from seepage, operational considerations, or emergency conditions, and similar occurrences. Sites Water diverted by the Authority will be allocated to Storage Partners in Sites Reservoir after losses during diversions and conveyance to Sites Reservoir have been accounted for. In this way, anticipated and unanticipated water losses during diversions and conveyance are spread proportionally among all Storage Partners that are allocated Sites Water during the diversion period.

3.6.5 Deliveries During Diversions

No delivery of Sites Water upstream of Sites Reservoir is allowed in the Sites Water Right. All Sites Water diverted must be placed into storage in Sites Reservoir first, minus any losses. Potential operational and delivery location flexibility may be provided through exchanges which are described in Section 8.0.

4.0 Storage in Sites Reservoir

4.1 Sites Reservoir Storage Capacity

The current estimate for Sites Reservoir storage capacity is 1,470,000 AF based on the most current surveying data. Sites Reservoir storage space available to Storage Partners is 1,410,000 AF after considering an inactive storage pool volume of 60,000 AF.

Storage Partner Storage Allocations are based on each Storage Partner's Base Facilities Capacity Interest and field measurements of reservoir storage capacity, as updated from time to time. Following construction of Sites Reservoir, the actual storage volume will be measured and/or calculated. If the

storage volume changes at any time, the available storage will be allocated to Storage Partners based on their Base Facilities Capacity Interest.

4.2 Losses from Storage

Regular losses of water held in storage in Sites Reservoir are expected to result from, but are not limited to, evaporation and seepage. Periodic losses may occur from such things as, but not limited to, facility testing and releases during testing. Infrequent and unusual losses may occur from such things as, but not limited to, emergency releases and firefighting needs. The approach to assessing losses is yet to be determined and will be addressed in a future update to this Operations Plan. All losses of water held in Sites Reservoir storage—including evaporation and seepage—will be estimated on a daily basis. These losses will be allocated to each Storage Partner in proportion to the amount of water in storage that day. No losses will be allocated to the inactive storage pool unless it is the only water in the reservoir.

4.3 Inactive Storage Pool

Sites Reservoir will have a physical inactive storage pool of approximately 11,250 AF, below which water cannot physically be removed from the reservoir using the I/O Works. However, the Authority is currently planning to operate to an operational inactive storage pool of 60 TAF under normal conditions.

When filling Sites Reservoir from the Sacramento River, the inactive storage pool (physical and operational) will be filled first. In the event that Colusa County's or other beneficiaries' Storage Allocation is not available or is full under the Colusa County MOU, then diverted Sites Water from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and their tributaries, and from the watershed of Sites Reservoir will be allocated first to fill inactive storage and second proportional to the Storage Allocation of all Storage Partners who have available Storage Allocation remaining. The cost of diverting and conveying water to fill and maintain the inactive storage pool volume will be distributed to Storage Partners based on their Base Facilities Capacity Interest.

Reservoir losses as described in Section 4.2 will not be applied to the inactive storage pool unless it is the only water in the reservoir.

4.4 Storage Allocation

Sites Reservoir storage is allocated to each Storage Partner proportionate to their Base Facilities Capacity Interest in their respective contract. Base Facilities Capacity Interest of each Storage Partner will be tracked and maintained as part of the real-time tracking and accounting described in Section 2.3.

5.0 Releases from Sites Reservoir

5.1 Overall Project Releases

Project releases for the Storage Partners will generally occur in the late spring, summer, and fall months but could happen throughout the year. Export of Sites Water to Storage Partners SOD must occur during

the CVP/SWP transfer window¹⁴ each year. Sites Water releases and deliveries to Storage Partners in the Delta (including for redirection at the Barker Slough Pumping Plant) and NOD, including Reclamation (as an exchange partner or a Storage Partner) and DWR (as the acquirer or an exchange partner), can occur outside the transfer window but will be limited to periods when the Delta is in a Balanced Condition. Further discussions of exchanges are included in Section 8.

5.2 Release and Conveyance Facilities

Releases from Sites Reservoir will be made through the I/O Works. The Delivery Point will be Funks Reservoir, TRR, the Sacramento River at KLOG, or a nearby location as specified by each Storage Partner in their Release Request Form. Releases to Funks Reservoir may be used along the TC Canal. Releases intended for delivery to the Sacramento River will use the Funks Reservoir, TC Canal, then the Dunnigan Pipeline, then the Colusa Basin Drain pathway, where it will outflow to the Sacramento River. Releases to TRR and the GCID Main Canal are considered for use by GCID or as environmental water for NOD wildlife refuges under Proposition 1. These facilities are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3 and further described in Attachment B.

5.3 Releases to Funks and Stone Corral Creeks

In the construction of Sites Reservoir, Funks and Stone Corral Creeks will be impounded by the construction of the Golden Gate Dam and the Sites Dam, respectively. Releases will be made from Sites Reservoir into Funks and Stone Corral Creeks to comply with California Fish and Game Code Section 5937 and to ensure no injury to downstream water right holders.

Detailed release schedules for releases into Funks and Stone Corral Creeks have not been developed due to lack of information on the conditions in these creeks. Field studies are and will continue being conducted as access is obtained and before final designs for Sites Dam and Golden Gate Dam are completed to determine the following:

- Existing fish assemblage in these creeks, including fish species presence and habitat use;
- Characterization of habitats available (e.g., spawning, rearing, foraging, and sheltering habitats) at varying flow levels;
- Characterization of flows, including assessing the base flow during the summer months;
- Conducting a fluvial geomorphologic study to characterize bed load and flow levels necessary for mobilization;
- Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program technical study (i.e., bioassessment) that focuses on relationships between physical habitat, water quality, and benthic macroinvertebrates; and
- Hydrological studies to define flow temperature relationships.

Using information from these field studies, along with currently available information on water right holders downstream of the reservoir, and consistent with the operational agreements described below, the Authority will prepare a Funks and Stone Corral Creeks flow schedule that will be incorporated into this Operations Plan. The flow schedule will identify the approach for releases, including release schedules and volumes, a monitoring plan, and an adaptive management plan. Releases into these

¹⁴ See footnote 1 on page 6.

creeks will be made in consideration of the flood control benefits of the Project and will not overtop the stream banks and flood downstream areas unless required by emergency conditions.

The operations agreements relative to Funks and Stone Corral Creeks described in Section 3.3.5 also have operational components related to releases to the creeks as described below. Note that this description does not summarize the respective agreement in its entirety, but rather focuses on the release-related operational components. Executed agreements can be found in Attachment A.

- Colusa County MOU – The amount of Sites Water diverted from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks will be the net amount stored in Sites Reservoir and is dependent on the required releases. Development of the flow schedule, coupled with monitoring and measurement of water released to the creeks, will be important to successful implementation of the MOU and will be addressed in a separate Measurement and Monitoring Plan that Authority staff are developing.
- Maxwell ID Agreement – In the event that diversions from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks affect Maxwell ID operations, the Authority will work with Maxwell ID to address the Project effects to Maxwell ID’s operations. This may include increased releases of inflows from the creeks (i.e., passed through the reservoir) in consideration of Maxwell ID’s existing water rights.¹⁵
- Anticipated Colusa Drain MWC Agreement – In the event that diversions from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks affect senior water user operations along the Colusa Basin Drain, increased releases of inflow will be made (i.e., passed through the reservoir) up to the amount of inflow coming into the reservoir but not more (i.e., does not include release of previously stored water) in consideration of existing senior water rights.

As with existing conditions, water released or passed through for environmental purposes into Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek will be available for downstream water right holders after serving its environmental purpose(s), consistent with California water right law. In other words, releases being made for environmental purposes and downstream water right holders are not additive. The amount of water to be passed through in consideration of existing downstream water rights will not exceed the inflow from Funks or Stone Corral Creeks on any given day.

Releases into Funks Creek will be made through a new pipeline that terminates at Funks Creek below Golden Gate Dam that is designed to have an operating release range of 0 to 100 cfs into Funks Creek. Releases into Stone Corral Creek will be made through the permanent outlet at Sites Dam that is designed to have an operating release of 0 to 100 cfs, with an emergency release capacity of up to 4,700 cfs.

5.4 Release Criteria

Sites Water may be released for uses NOD or in Delta any time the I/O Works are not diverting water to storage. Sites Water for uses along the North Bay Aqueduct may be released: (1) anytime the I/O Works are not diverting water to storage; (2) when the Delta is in Balanced Conditions; and, (3) when opportunities exist for movement of water through the North Bay Aqueduct. Sites Water for uses SOD will be released: (1) when the I/O Works are not diverting water to storage; (2) when the Delta is in

¹⁵ The Maxwell ID Agreement allows for the Authority and Maxwell ID to work out possible ways to address impacts to Maxwell ID’s operations. This may include increased release of water into Stone Corral Creeks or other operational or monetary considerations.

Balanced Conditions; and, (3) when opportunities exist for movement of non-CVP/SWP project water through the Delta Export Facilities if these facilities are planned for redirection of Sites Water (i.e., the transfer window). All releases of Sites Water are subject to downstream capacity constraints and need to be coordinated with TCCA/Reclamation and GCID, as appropriate. All releases of Sites Water for uses beyond the TC Canal and GCID Canal systems require coordination with Reclamation, DWR, and organizations along the lower Colusa Basin Drain. Coordination and notification procedures for releases will be developed in a future version of this Operations Plan. Releases of Sites Water for redirection at the North Bay Aqueduct is subject to concurrence by DWR. Releases of Sites Water for export at the Delta Export Facilities are subject to concurrence by DWR and Reclamation and are further subject to the terms and conditions of the conveyance agreements to be developed for such deliveries.

To the extent possible, the I/O Works ports/tiers will be operated to meet a rice-growing temperature objective of 65°F or higher during the rice growing season (May through September) because cooler water temperatures may inhibit rice growth. When water of this temperature is not available, the Authority will target release flow temperatures to be greater than or equal to the water temperature in the TC Canal and/or GCID Canal. Information regarding this temperature objective is included in the Project Final EIR/EIS.

Releases shall meet the following requirements:

- Releases through the Knights Landing Outfall Gates (KLOG)
 - Releases through KLOG may not be conducted until a temperature monitoring and modeling study is conducted and results are approved by CDFW. Releases must then be implemented consistent with the approved final report. See Operations ITP Term 9.23.
 - Releases through KLOG may not be conducted until a Sacramento River dissolved oxygen (DO) study is conducted and results are approved by CDFW. Releases must then be implemented consistent with the approved final report. See Operations ITP Term 9.25.
- Releases through the Knights Landing Ridgecut are no longer envisioned as part of the Project, but were covered in the Project Final EIR/EIS and Operations ITP. Releases through the Knights Landing Ridgecut, if implemented in the future, require the following:
 - Releases to the Yolo Bypass via the Knights Landing Ridgecut shall only occur from August 1 to October 31. See Operations ITP Term 9.22.
 - Releases to the Yolo Bypass via the Knights Landing Ridgecut shall not result in water temperatures that would exceed 70 degrees F as measured at the Wallace Weir Fish Collection Facility. See Operations ITP Term 9.24.
 - No releases shall occur to the Yolo Bypass via the Knights Landing Ridgecut when dissolved oxygen (DO) levels in the Ridge Cut Slough at Highway 113 (Station A0D84761435)¹⁶ are 5.0 mg/L or lower. Another station may be used or installed by the Sites Authority if Station A0D84761435 is not functional. See Operations ITP Term 9.26.

¹⁶ Ridge Cut Slough at HWY 113 – (Station A0D84761435) - <https://wdl.water.ca.gov/WaterDataLibrary/StationDetails.aspx?Station=A0D84761435&source=map>

- No releases shall occur to the Yolo Bypass via the Knights Landing Ridgecut if adult salmonids are present at the Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Facility. See Operations ITP Term 9.27.

Additionally, the redirection of Sites Project water at the SOD Export Facilities (Jones and Banks pumping plants) is subject to compliance with the objectives currently required of DWR and Reclamation set forth in Tables 1, 2, and 3 on pages 181 to 187 of State Water Board Revised Decision 1641 (D-1641), or any future State Water Board order or decision implementing Bay-Delta water quality objectives at those plants, including compliance with the various plans required under D-1641 as prerequisites for the use of the Joint Points of Diversion by DWR and Reclamation. Rediversion of water at the Clifton Court Forebay and the Jones Pumping Plant is also subject to compliance with the Record of Decision for the Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP, including all applicable biological opinions, Incidental Take Permits, court orders, and any other conditions imposed by other regulatory agencies applicable to these operations.

5.5 Storage Partner Release Requests, Delivery Locations and Losses

5.5.1 Release Requests

Storage Partners have discretion regarding the amount of water held in their Storage Allocation that they request to be scheduled for release for their use and will have control over the use of their Storage Allocation based on the conditions outlined in their respective contract.

Each Storage Partner shall provide the Authority with a projected request for the volume of Sites Water the Storage Partner would like to be released from the available supply in its Storage Allocation or other Storage Allocation leased or acquired in the format requested by the Authority (“Release Request Form”). An example Release Request Form is provided in Attachment E. The timing for providing an initial Release Request Form will be determined in a future version of this Operations Plan.

The Authority will work with DWR and Reclamation to schedule deliveries south of the Delta. Beginning in February of each year, operations of the reservoir, along with conditions in the Delta, will be reevaluated at least weekly. From such analysis, the Authority will update release and delivery schedules and will coordinate with Storage Partners should any conflicts arise.

5.5.1.1 Conveyance Capacity

Project releases to the CBD may be constrained by capacity in both the Dunnigan Pipeline and the lower CBD. Exports to SOD may be further constrained by export capacity or other Delta operating restrictions. If it is anticipated that releases are constrained, the Authority will coordinate closely with Storage Partners, DWR, Reclamation, TCCA, GCID, and entities along the lower CBD in an attempt to meet the requested water release schedules. If there is a release constraint that will affect the ability to meet the requested schedules, the Authority will work with the conflicted Storage Partners to determine whether accommodations can be made (i.e., Storage Partners voluntarily adjust their release requests). If the conflict cannot be resolved, releases will be made in proportion to the Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest attributable to the conflicted Storage Partners thereby providing Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest equal priority for releases.

Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest (through contract rights or lease) determine the use of their Capacity Interest and have first priority rights to use available conveyance capacity in the Downstream Facilities for conveyance of Sites Water and Other Water. This first priority

to available conveyance capacity in the Downstream Facilities includes first priority to available capacity above their respective Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest. Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest will be assessed a wheeling charge for use of Downstream Facilities above their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest. Possible scenarios are provided below for illustrative purposes only.

- Downstream Facilities are Capacity Limited– Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest seek to convey water through Downstream Facilities and the capacity desired exceeds the capacity available. In this case, each Storage Partner with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest would be limited to their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest. As each Storage Partner is limited to their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, no additional wheeling charges will be applied. No excess capacity exists for second priority users of Downstream Facilities. This situation is likely rare as it would mean that all Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest are seeking to use their full Downstream Facilities Capacity at exactly the same time. This is not currently envisioned as a routine operation.
- Downstream Facilities are Capacity Limited, Storage Partners NOT Limited to Downstream Capacity Interest – Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest seek to convey water through Downstream Facilities. Some Storage Partners are using their full Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest and will exceed their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest, some Storage Partners are not using their full Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest. In this case, an additional wheeling charges will be applied for those Storage Partners that are using more than their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest to ONLY the increment conveyed above their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest. The proceeds from this wheeling charge will be applied to those Storage Partners that are NOT using their full Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest.
 - If capacity continues to be limited and not all requests for capacity by first priority users can be satisfied, then the increment of available capacity above the sum of each Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest shall be apportioned proportional based on the Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest of those seeking to use this unused capacity.
 - If capacity remains after all needs of the Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest are satisfied, then any unused capacity can be utilized by second priority users (those without Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest). A wheeling charges will be applied for: (1) Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest to ONLY the increment conveyed above their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest; and (2) to those Storage Partners WITHOUT Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest for all water conveyed. The proceeds from this wheeling charge will be applied to those Storage Partners that are NOT using their full Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest.

Storage Partners with Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest control the use of their Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest but cannot unreasonably withhold such use by others. The Authority will administer the availability of excess capacity upon confirmation by the holder of the Downstream Facility Capacity Interest that all or a portion of their Capacity Interest is being made available to others. The State is a passive operator of its Capacity Interest and the Authority will assume the responsibility for determining excess use of their Capacity Interest.

Storage Partners without Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest have second priority for conveyance of releases through the Downstream Facilities. Storage Partners without Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest will have access to unused capacity after all the needs of the first priority users are met and may need to adjust their schedule to avoid constraints. If available capacity changes, and unused capacity is no longer available, then Storage Partners without Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest will need to adjust their schedule to avoid constraints. The Sites Authority will work to communicate with second priority users as soon as possible if adjustments are anticipated or need to be made.

Wheeling costs through Downstream Facilities will be described in a future version of this Operations Plan. Wheeling costs shall follow beneficiary pays principles and be consistent with State law.

5.5.1.2 Low Storage Level Considerations

As Sites Reservoir is new and not yet constructed, there is uncertainty as to water quality at low reservoir elevations. If poor water quality conditions occur at low reservoir elevations, then management actions may be needed to ensure that releases into Funks Reservoir, TRR and/or Funks and Stone Corral Creeks continue to be of sufficient quality¹⁷ and that the Authority can meet all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals.

The Authority will annually conduct an analysis of projected reservoir elevations with anticipated Storage Partner release requests. If projected reservoir elevations are estimated to reach or go below elevation 358 feet or approximately 173,500 AF of storage (which corresponds with 30 feet above the 60,000 AF operational inactive storage pool elevation), then the Authority will conduct additional evaluation to determine if water quality issues are likely to occur such that the Authority may not be able to make all requested releases and meet all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals. If this analysis determines that the Authority may not be able to make all requested releases and meet all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals, then meeting all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals will take priority over Storage Partner requested releases. In this situation, Storage Partner requested releases may need to be reduced, postponed, or ceased to ensure that the Authority can comply with all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals. If Storage Partner requested releases are reduced, release amounts will be in proportion to Base Facilities Capacity Interest. If Storage Partner requested releases are postponed or ceased, then the Reservoir Committee and/or Authority Board, as appropriate, will determine how best to equitably address this situation.

It is important to note that low storage levels occur infrequently in the Project modelling. Low storage levels will develop over time (months or possibly a year or more) such that there will be time to plan and adjust. The Project Final EIR/EIS and Reservoir Management Plan (to be developed) include monitoring actions within and downstream of the reservoir that will inform the analysis called for in this section.

5.5.2 Release Order Adjustments

The Authority will provide regular updates on the scheduling of releases and deliveries. Storage Partners may request changes to their initial release request. The timing and frequency of changes allowed to the Release Request Form will be determined in a future version of this Operations Plan. Current considerations for changes to requested releases include the following.

¹⁷ This uncertainty was addressed in Chapter 6, Surface Water Quality, of the Final EIR/EIS and in Appendix 2D.

- Storage Partners receiving water not conveyed through Dunnigan Pipeline – It is anticipated that increases or decreases in requested release amounts can be accommodated with one (1) week advance notice.
- Storage Partners receiving water downstream from Dunnigan Pipeline, not through Delta Export Facilities – It is anticipated that decreases in requested release amounts can be accommodated with one (1) week advance notice. Increases in requested release amounts are anticipated to be needed by the 15th of the preceding month (e.g., an increase in September releases must be requested by August 15).
- Storage Partners receiving water through Delta Export Facilities – It is anticipated that decreases in requested release amounts can be accommodated with one (1) week advance notice. Increases in requested release amounts are anticipated to be needed by the 15th of the preceding month (e.g., an increase in September releases must be requested by August 15) and are subject to approval by DWR and/or Reclamation, as applicable.

Weekly releases, particularly for those deliveries that must be exported through the Delta, are highly dependent on coordination with DWR and Reclamation. The Authority may shift weekly deliveries as needed. The Authority will notify Storage Partners of any shifts, should they occur.

5.5.3 Deliveries and Losses

The Delivery Point for all Storage Partner releases will be Funks Reservoir, TRR, the Sacramento River at KLOG, or a nearby location as specified by each Storage Partner in their Release Request Form. The Sites Authority will convey Water beyond the Delivery Point (including through Base and Downstream Facilities) to a Secondary Delivery Point in accordance with Partner Agreements described in Section 9.0 and any other agreements that are relevant to Downstream Facilities. Releases from Sites Reservoir to the Delivery Point and releases conveyed to a Secondary Delivery Point are subject to conveyance losses, including but not limited to conveyance losses in the TC Canal, lower Colusa Basin Drain, Sacramento River, Knights Landing Ridgecut, Yolo Bypass, and carriage water¹⁸ associated with export of water from the Delta Export Facilities, as appropriate.

The Sites Water Right allows for the redirection of Sites Water at a number of facilities located throughout the state which are anticipated to be used as Secondary Delivery Point(s) – termed points of redirection in the Sites Water Right. Storage Partners may specify a Secondary Delivery Point(s) in their respective Release Request Form. The Authority will review the Secondary Delivery Point(s) to ensure that delivery of Sites Water is consistent with the Sites Water Right. Identification of Storage Partner’s Secondary Delivery Point(s) for the year will also provide key information needed by the Authority to evaluate Downstream Facilities capacity availability, consider timing of deliveries to all Storage Partners, and coordinate with DWR and/or Reclamation for redirection at Delta Export Facilities. The Sites Authority will take actions reasonably practicable to assist Storage Partners in conveying their Water to

¹⁸ Carriage Water is the additional water needed for Delta outflow to compensate for the additional export of Sites Water to assure compliance with the water quality requirements of the SWP and CVP. DWR and Reclamation will determine the amount of Carriage Water that is needed for the Sites Water releases to the Sacramento River for SOD water users in a similar manner as DWR and Reclamation calculate Carriage Water for water transfers originating from the Sacramento River. The methodology for determining Carriage Water will follow similar principles as described in the Draft Carriage Water Overview for Non-Project Water Transfers, dated October 2019, and as updated. See https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/State-Water-Project/Management/Water-Transfers/Files/Draft_CarriageWaterOverview_20240215.pdf.

a Secondary Delivery Point(s). Such actions taken by the Sites Authority are subject to Applicable Law, Governmental Approvals and Partner Agreements. Storage Partners shall bear all costs (monetary or otherwise), including the risk of loss and any shortfall or reduction in water between the Delivery Point and the Secondary Delivery Point(s).

Costs (monetary or otherwise) associated with the Authority's efforts to convey water to a Secondary Delivery Point, including equitable distribution of costs, cost recovery, and similar, will follow the beneficiary pays principle and will be addressed in a separate document in the future.

5.6 Releases to Satisfy Terms of Operations Agreements

Although expected to be infrequent, releases may be necessary to satisfy the terms of existing operations agreements. These releases would occur consistent with all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals. These releases will have priority over all other releases as these releases are necessary for the Project to comply with Applicable Laws and/or Governmental Approvals. Releases to satisfy the terms of existing operations agreements are expected to be infrequent as actions in the operations agreements are intended to avoid circumstances which would result in the need for "payback" releases. As such, the Reservoir Committee and/or Authority Board, as appropriate, will determine how best to equitably, based on beneficiary pays principles, address costs, including wheeling costs, and how to account for such releases among the Storage Partners (including adjusting the amount of water in Storage Partners' Storage Allocations to make such releases available).

6.0 Sites Water Sales or Exchanges

Storage Partners may sell or exchange their Sites Water to other Storage Partners or other entities. The terms of sales or exchanges of Sites Water are at the sole discretion of the Storage Partner(s) and/or entities. The concepts of specific exchanges are still being developed and additional detail will be included in a future version of the Operations Plan. The Authority will continue to endeavor to ensure all details of any potential exchange maintain compliance with all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals.

The Authority will develop and maintain a database accessible to other Storage Partners where individual Storage Partners can identify their interest in a sale or exchange of Sites Water or leasing or sale of Base and/or Downstream Facilities Capacity Interest (both buyers and sellers). Participation in the database will be voluntary and is only intended to facilitate connection of interested parties in these transactions.

Terms of a sale or exchange must not negatively impact other Storage Partners' rights to store or convey water consistent with their respective contract. The factors that determine what constitutes a negative impact to other Storage Partners will be reflected in a subsequent version of this Operations Plan. Any sale or exchange of Sites Water cannot negatively impact the Sites Water Right. The selling entity should also consider that if the Authority is to convey the sold water to a Secondary Delivery Point, this action will need to be consistent with all relevant Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals for the Sites Project.

Following agreement between the two entities, notice of the sale or exchange shall be provided to the Authority so that Project operations and Sites Water accounting may be maintained.

7.0 Other Water

The respective Storage Partners' contracts are anticipated to allow for the diversion, storage and release of Other Water (water not appropriated under the Sites Water Right) in Project facilities in the future, subject to compliance with all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approval. The Authority will take reasonable steps to facilitate these requests. The use of Project facilities for Other Water will be addressed and considered by the Authority on a case-by-case basis, subject to compliance with all Applicable Laws and Governmental Approvals. The use of Project Facilities for Other Water must not negatively impact other Storage Partners' rights as set forth in the B&O Contract or the State and Federal Contracts (as applicable).

8.0 Exchanges

The operation of the Project includes the potential for exchanges of water with the CVP and SWP. Exchanges have the potential to assist the CVP and SWP in meeting their regulatory obligations and their authorized purposes including to protect, restore and enhance fish, wildlife, and associated habitats, provide water supply and generate power. Exchanges would only be conducted when they would be neutral or net beneficial to CVP and SWP operations and not affect the ability of the CVP or SWP to meet applicable laws, regulations, biological opinions and incidental take permits, contractual deliveries, and court orders in place at the time. The exchanges are expected to primarily occur with Lake Oroville. Exchanges are also expected to take place in real-time with local Storage Partners.

All exchanges contemplated by the Authority can be accomplished through the Sites Water Right and existing water rights of the CVP and SWP.

A Storage Partner's, DWR's, Reclamation's, and any real time exchange partner's participation in any exchange is voluntary. Exchanges are not mandatory on any party.

- Real-time exchanges will be used to support timing of releases and deliveries to both NOD and SOD Storage Partners. These exchanges will be initiated by Storage Partner and are expected to help minimize capacity constraints along the Dunnigan Pipeline as well as the delivery of water to Storage Partners upstream of the release facilities.
- Exchanges with Oroville will be used primarily to increase flexibility and yield of Sites Reservoir. Upon request of a Storage Partner, and contingent on approval by DWR, water would be released from Sites Reservoir to meet SWP purposes, resulting in reduced releases from Lake Oroville which would be stored for use later in the year.
- Exchanges with the CVP will generally be for a portion of another Sites Participant's water, that will be made in a single year, voluntarily purchased by Reclamation, and as coordinated between Reclamation and the Authority.

Attachment D provides additional information regarding exchanges and the associated operational parameters.

Exchanges must meet the following parameters¹⁹:

- Be consistent with the Operations ITP. See Operations ITP Term 9.18.
- Exchanges with Oroville Reservoir may not result in DWR not meeting its regulatory requirements. See Operations ITP Term 9.20.
- Exchanges may not be conducted until a Water Exchange and Temperature Management Plan is developed and approved by CDFW. Exchanges must then be implemented consistent with the approved Water Exchange and Temperature Management Plan. See Operations ITP Term 9.21.

9.0 GCID and TCCA Considerations

The Authority intends to enter into Partner Agreements with GCID and TCCA. Because the RBPP and TC Canal are owned by Reclamation, the agreement with TCCA will be in addition to an Excess Capacity Contract required for the use of federal facilities. Close coordination will be required between the Authority and operators at TCCA/Reclamation and GCID.

The Authority will make decisions on when and how much water to divert at RBPP and HCPS for the purposes of the Project. Similarly, the Authority will make the decision on when and how much water to release from Sites Reservoir to a specific location (Funks Reservoir or TRR). These decisions cannot be delegated to GCID and TCCA/Reclamation but must be made in close coordination with GCID and TCCA/Reclamation. As they currently do, GCID and TCCA/Reclamation will continue to own and operate their facilities, including the diversion of Sites Water and conveyance of Sites Water in their facilities to either Funks Reservoir or TRR and, upon release of Sites Water, from either Funks Reservoir or TRR to the location requested by the Authority.

Operation of the Project and use of capacity in partner facilities must not negatively impact GCID and TCCA/Reclamation's ability to meet existing legal and contractual obligations or negatively impact their regular customers.

9.1 Coordination

The Authority will coordinate annually with GCID and TCCA/Reclamation on diversion and release schedules of Sites Water, availability and scheduling of exchanges, and planned maintenance windows and conveyance facility downtime. The purpose of this annual coordination is to share information and begin planning for opportunities and constraints anticipated in the upcoming year. The timing of this annual coordination will be addressed in a future version of this Operations Plan.

It is also anticipated that the Authority, GCID, and TCCA/Reclamation will develop a coordination procedure and coordination templates to quickly and efficiently coordinate operations on a monthly, weekly and daily basis.

¹⁹ Exchanges with Shasta Lake have been removed from this Operations Plan consistent with Reclamation's request. It is noted that if these are implemented in the future, exchanges with Shasta Lake may not result in Reclamation not meeting its regulatory requirements. See Operations ITP Term 9.19.

9.1.1 TCCA Coordination

Daily operations will be coordinated closely with the Red Bluff and Willows Offices of TCCA. In particular, operations will be closely coordinated in the shoulder and transition seasons, when diversions for the Project are occurring at the same time as diversions and deliveries for TCCA contractors. Close operations will also be necessary for frost water, which could occur when the Project is diverting and may require water to pass through Funks Reservoir for TCCA users on the downstream portion of the TC Canal. TCCA will remain the lead operator for the RBPP and the TC Canal. The Authority will have an operator responsible for the diversions into Sites Reservoir at Funks via the Funks PGP. TCCA operations will take priority over Sites operations, although the two entities will coordinate closely to adjust operations to achieve operational objectives.

The Authority operator will also be responsible for the releases from Sites Reservoir to Funks Reservoir for downstream conveyance. These releases will be coordinated with TCCA operations to ensure the appropriate flow of TC water passes through Funks Reservoir for downstream TCCA users, in addition to the Water released from Sites Reservoir for delivery to Storage Partners.

It is anticipated that the Project's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system will also duplicate some of the TCCA system. This will allow logic and alarms to respond appropriately to changing conditions at the RBPP, along the TC Canal, and in Funks Reservoir. The Authority will work with TCCA in responding to any emergency operations required, and coordination with TCCA will be included in Project's Emergency Action Plan.

9.1.2 GCID Coordination

Daily operations will be coordinated closely with GCID's operations in Hamilton City. In particular, operations will be coordinated during the shoulder and transition seasons, when diversions for the Project are occurring at the same time as deliveries for GCID. Close operations will also be necessary for real-time exchanges, when GCID will receive water from the Project in lieu of diversions from the Sacramento River. GCID will remain the lead operator of the HCPS and the GCID Main Canal. The Authority will have an operator responsible for the diversions into the Sites Reservoir at TRR via the TRR PGP. GCID operations will take priority over Project operations, although the two entities will coordinate closely to adjust operations to achieve operational objectives.

The Authority operator will also be responsible for the releases from Sites Reservoir to TRR. These releases will be coordinated with GCID operations.

It is anticipated that the Project's SCADA system will also duplicate some of the GCID system. This will allow logic and alarms to respond appropriately to changing conditions at the HCPS, along the canal, and in the TRR. The Authority will work with GCID in responding to any emergency operations required, and coordination with GCID will be included in Project's Emergency Action Plan.

9.2 Losses

GCID, TCCA/Reclamation, and the Authority will determine a process to agree upon reasonable loss rates for water transportation losses in partner facilities. Changes in loss assumptions will go through a process of verification and approval by GCID, TCCA/Reclamation, and the Authority, as appropriate for that facility. Losses for these facilities will be addressed in a future version of this Operations Plan.

10.0 Coordination with CVP and SWP

Success of the Project requires close coordination with Reclamation and DWR. The Authority is currently developing the Anticipated Sites/Reclamation/DWR Operations Agreement with these agencies to address issues related to operations of the Project. Through the implementation of this agreement, it is expected that the Project will cooperatively interface with the existing and ongoing real-time decision-making processes. The goal is to avoid adverse effects and, potentially, provide benefits to CVP and SWP facilities, operational plans, listed species, public health, safety, and water supply reliability.

The anticipated Sites/Reclamation/DWR Operations Agreement will be focused on day-to-day coordination and communications protocols and procedures among the parties to ensure compliance with the proposed water right permit term. The Authority, DWR, and Reclamation are engaged in technical discussions to evaluate coordination and communications protocols and continue to work towards finalizing the Operations Agreement. It is expected that the final Sites/Reclamation/DWR Operations Agreement, to implement the Sites Project water right term and condition, would be executed prior to Sites Storage Partners executing contracts with the Authority for Capacity Interest in the Sites Project, which is expected to occur after the receipt of critical permits and approvals, including the final water right decision.

11.0 Drought Emergency Response Program

At the time of preparation of this Operations Plan, the Sites Authority is pursuing a Contract for Administration for Public Benefits with the Department of Water Resources (CAPB-DWR) to receive State Proposition 1 funds relating to the Sites Project delivering public benefits associated with drought emergency response and associated adaptive management requirements. The CAPB-DWR is expected to require that the Sites Authority prepare a Drought Emergency Response Program (DERP). As described in the draft CAPB-DWR, the DERP will need to consider hydrological conditions, system-wide and Sites facilities operations constraints, Sites Participants anticipated use of their Capacity Interest, and an examination of drought conditions throughout the State. The DERP is to be developed and adopted within 7 years from the execution of the Funding Agreement with the California Water Commission and reevaluated every 5 years after implementation based on best available science and the most current forecast informed reservoir operation approach.

The DERP is proposed to be incorporated into a future version of this Operations Plan consistent with the following general outline:

1. Project operations will prioritize and maximize diversions of Sites Water into storage which will be allocated as provided for consistent with the respective Storage Partner contracts.
2. A portion of the State's Proposition 1 funding is intended to achieve a drought emergency public benefit and all Participants have agreed to reasonably cooperate with any actions and provide any information reasonably necessary to demonstrate CAPB-DWR compliance. Such actions and information by Participants may include:
 - a. Consideration of voluntary transfer of Sites Water to Participant areas in drought emergency where the Participant has deemed additional supplies necessary.
 - b. Data and records necessary to account for storage of Sites Water and demonstrate Sites Water deliveries during drought emergency conditions.

- c. Actively participate in DERP implementation upon activation and associated coordination.
 - d. Future consideration of advanced approaches to reservoir storage management such as conjunctive use with groundwater storage, forecast informed reservoir operations.
 - e. Participate in good faith to assist the Sites Authority in fulfilling the adaptive management actions specified in the CAPB-DWR.
 - f. The DERP will include accounting requirements for the use and delivery of Sites Water delivery in emergency years from SOD storage.
3. The Sites Authority would ensure the Sites Water made available from the Sites Reservoir for drought emergency is delivered to the Secondary Point of Delivery designated by the applicable Participant. The Participant would be responsible for ensuring and demonstrating Sites Water delivered during drought emergency that has previously been moved SOD is delivered to the Participant's designated location.

12.0 Storage Partner Reporting

The Sites Authority is responsible for reporting and accounting for Sites Water under the Sites Water Right. The Sites Authority anticipates that to complete the Annual Water Right report for the Sites Water Right, it may need information from individual Storage Partners, including how Sites Water was beneficially used by Storage Partners. The type of information and timeframes for submittal of such information to the Sites Authority will be developed in a future version of the Operations Plan after the Sites Water Right is issued and accounting/reporting procedures and needs are better understood.

The Sites Authority will also be responsible for reporting and accounting for other operations-related activities in its other permits, approvals, and Project-related agreements. Although the Sites Authority currently anticipates that it will have / collect all of the data necessary for this reporting, if any information is needed from Storage Partners to complete such reporting activities, this section would be updated in the future to reflect the type of information and timeframes for submittal of such information.

13.0 Other Considerations

13.1 Emergencies

The Project includes the design and operation of facilities to meet California Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) criteria and requirements for emergency reservoir drawdown. Emergency releases will be governed by the Project's Emergency Action Plan, which is required by law and is prepared as part of the DSOD review and approval process; the details of emergency release are not covered here. The Reservoir Committee and/or Authority Board, as appropriate, will determine how best to equitably share losses due to emergency releases, if any occur in the future.

13.2 Flood Situations

The Project will provide flood damage reduction benefits to portions of Colusa County, including the town of Maxwell and the surrounding agricultural areas. The Authority is intending to receive Proposition 1 funds in exchange for providing these benefits. The Authority is currently negotiating a Flood Adaptive Management Plan for the purposes of the Public Benefits Contract required under Proposition 1, which is anticipated to require the development of a Flood Management Plan. The Flood Management Plan is anticipated to be a separate document from this Operations Plan and must be developed and adopted within 6 years from the execution of the Funding Agreement with the California Water Commission and reevaluated every 5 years.

The Authority currently anticipates that the flood damage reduction benefits being paid for by Proposition 1 will be provided when the reservoir is operated within the normal operating reservoir levels, and thus the parameters developed below are intended to ensure that compliance is not expected to infringe on any Storage Partners capacity rights.

While the specific operational details of the Flood Management Plan have not yet been developed, the Authority anticipates that it may need to maintain *empty* storage space during the flood season (“Flood Storage Space”); in an amount that is sufficient to capture potential incoming water from the Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek watersheds and provide the Project’s flood damage reduction benefits. The Authority may address the need for Flood Storage Space in the following ways:

1. If Sites Reservoir is not full and not near full, then any necessary Flood Storage Space would occupy unused Storage Partner Storage Allocations.
2. If Sites Reservoir is near full, diversions from the Sacramento River are ongoing, and these diversions will encroach into the necessary Flood Storage Space, then the Authority will ramp down or cease Sacramento River water diversions. In this situation, the Authority will track how much Sacramento River water could have been diverted and allocated to Storage Partner(s), by each individual Storage Partner, up to each Storage Partner’s Storage Allocation or maximum request in their Storage Opportunity Request Form. This amount will be allocated on a daily basis and will be tracked as “removed” from the inactive storage pool. In this situation, the Storage Partners allocated water from the inactive storage pool will incur a variable cost for the Water that was allocated from the inactive storage pool that is equal to the average cost of diversions for all other Storage Partners.
3. If Sites Reservoir is near full or is full such that water needs to be released to create the Flood Storage Space, then any necessary Flood Storage Space would be created through either method:
 - Voluntary means, such as encouraging Storage Partners to release previously stored Water from their Storage Allocation in sufficient quantities to create the necessary Flood Storage Space. In this situation, those Storage Partners that voluntarily release water will be credited for Sacramento River diversions and will need to pay the variable cost in the same way as described above in #2, up to the initial amount of water released for the purposes of creating Flood Storage Space.
 - Authority will release water from the inactive storage pool to create any necessary Flood Storage Space. In this situation, refilling of the inactive storage pool will continue to be consistent with Section 3.6.1.

Situations could also arise in which both strategies 2 and 3 are used in combination. For example, if a total of 30,000 AF of Flood Storage Space is needed and there is 20,000 AF of empty capacity available for Flood Storage Space. An additional 10,000 AF of Water would need to be released either through voluntary means or from the inactive storage pool (situation #3 above) to create the total 30,000 AF of Flood Storage Space needed. In this scenario, some Storage Partners may also be prevented from fully filling their Storage Allocation to ensure that the Flood Storage Space is maintained (20,000 AF in this scenario) as the Project's Sacramento River diversions would cease. Crediting this lost opportunity to fill a Storage Partners Storage Allocation would follow situation #2 above.

This section will be revisited once the Flood Management Plan is in its final stages of development to ensure consistency, and confirm and finalize the approach proposed.

The Authority will work with local, state, or federal entities in the future to adjust operations to protect life and property in flood situations.

13.3 Recreation and Power

The Project's recreation benefits, power use, and power generation benefits are secondary to the Project's water supply and flood damage reduction benefits. However, to the extent possible consistent with this principle, the Authority will work to schedule Project activities to be considerate of recreational uses along with working to minimize power use and maximize power production.

14.0 Changes to this Operations Plan

This Draft for Distribution Version 2.3 of the Operations Plan is being provided to the Storage Partners as they consider the Benefits and Obligations Contract and their participation in the Project. The Final Version 2.3 is expected to be considered by the Authority's Reservoir Committee and Board of Directors in late summer/fall 2026.

This Operations Plan will continue to be updated as details surrounding Project permits, including the water right, are further defined. Subject to the Authority Bylaws and the Sites Joint Powers Authority Agreement, changes to the Operations Plan are subject to approval by the Reservoir Committee and the Board of Directors (as applicable) as described in the Authority Bylaws. Prior to any such approval, the prior version of the Operations Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

Attachment A

MOUs and Agreements Related to Project Operations

The following MOUs and agreements have been executed by the Authority and are included herein:

- Memorandum of Understanding Between Colusa County and the Authority Regarding Area of Origin Water Rights Claims to Funks and Stone Corral Creeks, and Related Matters dated November 22, 2021 (Colusa County MOU);
- Agreement between the Authority and Contra Costa Water District to Coordinate in the Operations of the Sites Reservoir Project dated December 20, 2023 (CCWD Agreement);
- Agreement between the Authority and Maxwell Irrigation District to Avoid Impacts of Sites Reservoir Project to Maxwell Irrigation District Water Rights dated April 9, 2024 (Maxwell ID Agreement);
- Memorandum of Understanding Between the North Delta Water Agency and the Authority dated August 30, 2023 (NDWA MOU); and
- Settlement Agreement between the Authority, the State Water Contractors, and the Department of Water Resources dated June 7, 2024 (Sites/SWC/DWR Settlement Agreement).

Additional MOUs and agreement will be added in the future as described in Section 1.0 of this Operations Plan as they are completed and executed by the Authority.

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Attachment B

Facility Descriptions

The following sections describe the facilities that may be used in the operation of the Project. The location of these facilities is shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3 of the Operations Plan. Facilities are described below in order of operational process (i.e., diversion, storage, release).

Diversion and Conveyance Facilities

i. Red Bluff Pumping Plant, Tehama-Colusa Canal, and Funks Reservoir

The Project would divert water from the Sacramento River at the existing RBPP and HCPS (described below). Water diverted at the RBPP enters the TC Canal to be conveyed to Sites Reservoir. The RBPP and TC Canal are owned by Reclamation and operated by the TCCA. Diversions at the RBPP will be in addition to those occurring for TCCA members as part of their CVP contracts. The RBPP will have a capacity of 2,500 cfs after capacity improvements are made to serve the Project. The facility has a fish screen that meets National Marine Fisheries Service and CDFW criteria for 2,500 cfs. The total conveyance capacity of the TC Canal at the upstream end of the canal is 2,530 cfs and 2,100 cfs at Funks Reservoir (described below).

The TC Canal is concrete lined, resulting in relatively minor seepage losses during the conveyance of Sites Water. Losses occurring between the RBPP and Sites Reservoir are estimated to be 1 to 2 percent. However, the actual losses incurred will be estimated during Project operations. The TC Canal can be out of service for maintenance periodically during the mid-December to mid-February timeframe.

The existing Funks Reservoir will be used as a regulating reservoir to temporarily store water from the TC Canal for pumping to, and for release from, Sites Reservoir. Funks Reservoir will have an estimated storage capacity of 2,250 AF following dredging to restore the regulating reservoir's original design capacity. Funks Reservoir is periodically drained from mid-December to mid-February during the canal maintenance period. Funks Reservoir operates at a water surface elevation of 200 to 205 feet, with a preferred operational water surface elevation range of 202 to 204 feet.

The newly constructed Funks PPGP will be used to pump water from Funks Reservoir to Sites Reservoir with a pumping capacity of 2,100 cfs and a generating capacity of up to 2,000 cfs. The pumping generating plant will require a substation to provide electricity to the associated facilities. The newly constructed Funks Pipeline will convey water approximately 1 mile between the pumping generating plant and Sites Reservoir.

ii. Hamilton City Pump Station, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Main Canal, and Terminal Regulating Reservoir

Water diverted from the Sacramento River at the existing HCPS enters the GCID Main Canal. The HCPS and the GCID Main Canal are owned and operated by GCID. Diversions at the HCPS will be in addition to those occurring for uses in the GCID system. The HCPS has a diversion capacity of approximately 3,000 cfs at the Sacramento River intake. The facility has a fish screen that meets National Marine Fisheries

Service and CDFW criteria. The total conveyance capacity of the GCID Main Canal is assumed to be 1,800 cfs at the TRR, described below.

The GCID Main Canal is unlined, resulting in larger seepage losses than the TC Canal during the conveyance of Sites Water. Losses from the HCPS to Sites Reservoir are estimated to be 2 percent from November to March and 13 percent from April to October. However, the actual losses incurred from the HCPS to Sites Reservoir will be estimated during Project operations. The GCID Main Canal maintenance time is generally 2 weeks in late January or early February.

The newly constructed TRR will be a regulating reservoir with up to 600 AF capacity constructed adjacent to the GCID Main Canal, approximately 2 miles east of Funks Reservoir. The TRR would have earthen embankments at the perimeter with impermeable lining consisting of a geomembrane overlying geocomposite placed over compacted earth. The TRR would be hydraulically connected to the GCID Main Canal to allow water to be conveyed to and from Sites Reservoir. The TRR would accommodate inflows of up to 1,800 cfs.

The newly constructed TRR PGP will be used to pump water from the TRR to Sites Reservoir with a pumping capacity of 1,800 cfs. The generating plant will have a capacity of 1,000 cfs. TRR pipelines would convey water approximately 4 to 4.5 miles between the TRR PGP and Sites Reservoir.

Release and Conveyance Facilities

The following sections provide a general description of the release and conveyance facilities that may be used in the operation of Sites Reservoir. The location of these facilities is shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

i. Tehama-Colusa Canal

Most releases from Sites Reservoir would flow into the existing Funks Reservoir and into the existing TC Canal. Sites Water would flow within the TC Canal and would either be diverted for delivery to local Storage Partners or would flow 40 miles south to the new Dunnigan Pipeline. Releases to the TC Canal would be limited by available downstream capacity in the TC Canal, Dunnigan Pipeline, lower Colusa Basin Drain, and capacity at the Delta Export Facilities or other points of rediversion (if applicable). Water would be released from the TC Canal into the Dunnigan Pipeline through a gravity outlet structure.

ii. Dunnigan Pipeline

The Dunnigan Pipeline will convey Sites Water from the TC Canal to the Colusa Basin Drain. The conveyance through the Dunnigan Pipeline to the Colusa Basin Drain would use gravity and has a proposed capacity of 1,000 cfs.

iii. Colusa Basin Drain

The Dunnigan Pipeline will convey Sites Water to the existing Colusa Basin Drain at a maximum flow of 1,000 cfs. From the Colusa Basin Drain, water may either be discharged into the Yolo Bypass or into the Sacramento River via the Knights Landing Outfall Gates for rediversion downstream. Releases into the Yolo Bypass are no longer envisioned as part of the Project, but were covered in the Project Final EIR/EIS and Operations ITP. Releases into the Yolo Bypass would flow from the Colusa Basin Drain through the Knights Landing Ridgecut.

iv. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Main Canal

Sites Water will also be released into the TRR and the GCID Main Canal for use by GCID or NOD wildlife refuges as environmental water for Proposition 1. Sites Water may be released to the GCID system for delivery to NOD wildlife refuges in all water year types but is generally not needed in wet year types. The water could be delivered any time of the year, although it is expected that it rarely would be released for this purpose from January through March during the Project's primary diversion season.

Attachment C

Additional Appropriative Water Rights that are Senior to Project Diversions

Priority Date	Application Number	Permit Number	Owner
Those Generally Applicable to Diversions from Funks and Stone Corral Creeks			
11/29/1979	A026141	19426	Buckhorn Ranch
3/12/1987	A028985	20401	Garreth B Schaad
05/30/1995	A030445	21004	Maxwell Irrigation District
11/5/1980	A026604	19117	Mumma Bros A Partnership
4/13/1992	A029471	20615	Knaggs Farming Land Company, LP & Hersey Land Company, Neal J Dow Family LP
8/4/1992	A030169	20721	Silver Bullet Farms
Those Generally Applicable to Diversions from the Sacramento River			
12/22/1977	A025616	18150	City Of West Sacramento
9/28/1983	A027893	19856	Contra Costa Water District
06/13/1995	A030454	21209	County of Sacramento and Sacramento County Water Agency
02/18/1999	A030838	21101	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
05/01/1978	A025727	19400	Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
11/02/1994	A030410	20933	Pelger Mutual Water Company
11/19/1998	A030812	21132	Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District
11/19/1998	A030813	21133	Provident Irrigation District
05/13/2003	A031436	21274	Reclamation District #108
01/20/2012	A031919	21378	River Garden Farms
09/07/1984	A028238	13351	Willow Creek Mutual Water Company
04/19/1994	A030358	20281	Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency

Attachment D

Exchanges and Related Operational Parameters

The proposed operation of the Project includes exchanges of water with the CVP and SWP. Exchanges have the potential to assist the CVP and SWP in meeting their regulatory obligations and their authorized purposes including to protect, restore and enhance fish, wildlife, and associated habitats, provide water supply and generate power. Exchanges would only be conducted when they would be neutral or net beneficial to CVP and SWP operations and not affect the ability of the CVP or SWP to meet applicable laws, regulations, biological opinions and incidental take permits, contractual deliveries, and court orders in place at the time. The exchanges are expected to primarily occur with Lake Oroville.

To support timing of releases and deliveries to both NOD and SOD Storage Partners, real-time exchanges or transfers with local Storage Partners may occur. This type of exchange or transfer is most likely to occur with GCID but could also occur with other Sacramento River Settlement Contractors and Reclamation. Instead of diverting all or a portion of its water from the Sacramento River, the local Storage Partner would receive a portion of its water from Sites Reservoir. A portion of the local agencies' supply would be left in the Sacramento River (i.e., not diverted by that contractor or agency) and used for other Storage Partners. This exchange is expected to occur to minimize capacity constraints along the Dunnigan Pipeline as well as the delivery of water to Storage Partners upstream of the release facilities.

Exchanges with Lake Oroville would be done primarily to increase the operational flexibility and yield of Sites Reservoir. Exchanges with Lake Oroville would be formulated to facilitate Project deliveries to Storage Partners and may also improve cold-water pool conditions at Lake Oroville. Under a Lake Oroville exchange, water would be released from Sites Reservoir primarily in June and July to meet SWP purposes. By reducing releases from Lake Oroville in these months, the storage in Lake Oroville would be preserved for use later in the year, typically during critical months of the cold-water pool management season (August and September). In late summer and fall (i.e., August through November), DWR would release an equivalent amount of water from Lake Oroville for Storage Partners.

The following information is based on Appendix 5A1 (pages 5A1-29 through 5A1-31) of the Final EIR/EIS regarding modeled and assumed operational parameters for exchanges. Additional information on exchanges will be developed and will likely replace the information below in a future version of the Operations Plan.

Real-Time Exchange

Sites Reservoir may release water via an in-lieu transfer with GCID. Instead of pumping water from the Sacramento River, GCID would receive its contracted CVP supply via Sites Reservoir and forego diversions in a corresponding volume from the Sacramento River. The foregone diversion that remains in the Sacramento River would remain instream and serve as a Sites release to other Storage Partners.

Oroville Exchange

The Lake Oroville exchange period would be limited to June and July. This exchange period would start in June due to the high degree of uncertainty in forecasting through Delta transfers during spring months. Forecasting through Delta transfers any earlier than June would pose a substantial risk to losing

Sites water via spills from Lake Oroville. The exchange period would end in July to protect green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*) habitat in August.

In Wet and Above Normal Water Years, Sites transfers to SOD Storage Partners would be limited. As such, the majority of Lake Oroville exchanges are expected to occur in Below Normal, Dry, and Critically Dry Water Year types.

The majority of exchange water would be released in August and September because releases from October 15 through November 30 are required to comply with Feather River fall stability flow requirements. Per fall stability flow requirements, total Lake Oroville releases to the Feather River below the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet are limited to 2,500 cfs from October 16 through November (California Department of Water Resources, 2008). All exchange water must be released in the August through November period. If exchange water is not released by the end of November, it would be subject to spill.

The Oroville Exchange operation is summarized in Table 5A1-16.

Table 5A1-16. Modeled Criteria for Oroville Exchange

	Modeled Criteria	Notes
Exchange Period	June – July	
Exchange Constraints		
Water year types	Below Normal, Dry and Critically Dry water years	
Release Period	August – November	
Release Constraints		
Max Feather River Flow	Oct: 4,000 cfs Nov: 2,250 cfs	Feather River fall stability flow requirements. Maximum October average flow of 4,000 cfs assumes flow requirement of 2,500 cfs for the 16 th through 31 st . Maximum November average of 2,250 cfs to protect fall stability flow requirement.
Spills	Spill Sites water in December	Unused Sites water in Oroville is subject to spill

Attachment E

Example Forms

This attachment provides examples of the Storage Opportunity Request Form and Release Request Form. Authority staff, in consultation with the Operations and Engineering Workgroup, may adjust these forms as needed without approval of the Reservoir Committee and the Board of Directors (as applicable) as described in the Authority Bylaws. However, each form must allow for at least the following parameters (which cannot be changed without approval of the Reservoir Committee and the Board of Directors, as applicable, as described in the Authority Bylaws):

- Storage Opportunity Request Form
 - Ability for a Storage Partner to entirely fill, partially fill or not fill their Storage Allocation
- Release Request Form
 - Ability for a Storage Partner to leave all of their water in storage or request releases up to all of their water in their Storage Allocation
 - Ability for a Storage Partner to request releases be conveyed to one or multiple Delivery Points and/or Secondary Delivery Points
 - Ability for a Storage Partner to request releases by month, by Delivery Point and/or Secondary Delivery Point(s)

DRAFT Storage Opportunity Request Form – Example



Draft form for review and input. Prior to actual reservoir operations, the Authority anticipates converting this form into an electronic format that will auto fill and calculate most values.

Contact Information:

Name:	Contact Name Here	Date of Submission:	Date Submitted Here
Contact Name:	Contact Name Here	Water Year:	Effective Water Year Here
Email:	Contact Email Here	Phone Number:	Contact Phone Number Here

Opportunity Request:

Total Storage Allocation [AF] _____ Total Water Available in Storage Allocation [AF] _____

Fill Entire Available Storage Allocation
 Estimated Available Storage Allocation [AF] x Estimated Variable O&M Cost [\$X/AF] =
 Total Estimated Variable O&M Cost [\$] *

Partially Fill Available Storage Allocation
 Fill _____ AF
 Fill _____ AF of Storage Allocation [AF] x Estimated Variable O&M Cost [\$X/AF] =
 Total Estimated Variable O&M Cost [\$] *

Do Not Fill Any Available Storage Allocation

*Estimated Variable O&M Costs for illustrative and planning purposes only. Variable O&M costs will be collected and trued-up consistent with the respective contract. The electronic form will autofill / auto calculate all information except the "Fill _____ AF".

Note: Fill opportunity requests are not guaranteed. The Authority will seek to optimize diversions within its permits and approvals, but may not be able to satisfy the entire request.
 Storage Allocation is the sum of Storage Allocation owned plus any Storage Allocation shared, leased, or acquired as reflected by the Authority's database. If this amount is not correct, please contact Authority staff immediately.

Opportunity For Lease of Storage or Sale/Exchange of Sites Water:

Storage Allocation Available for Lease
 _____ AF

Sites Water Available for Sale
 _____ AF

Sites Water Available for Exchange
 _____ AF

Contact Information for lease or sale discussions if different than above

Contact Name: Contact Name Here

Phone Number: Contact Phone Number Here

Email: Contact Email Here

Note: Information provided in this section will be added to the Sites Storage Partners Lease/Sale List maintained by the Authority and available to all Sites Storage Partners. Do not complete this section if you do not want your information added to this list.

DRAFT Release Request Form for Sites Water – Example



Draft form for review and input. Prior to actual reservoir operations, the Authority anticipates converting this form into an electronic format that will auto fill and calculate some values.

Contact Information:

Name:	Contact Name Here	Date of Submission:	Date Submitted Here
Contact Name:	Contact Name Here	Water Year:	Effective Water Year Here
Email:	Contact Email Here	Phone Number:	Contact Phone Number Here

Release Request:

Do Not Release Stored Water

Total Release Request (in AF)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jly	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total

Delivery Location(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Delivery Point: <u>[Specify location here through drop down menu]</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver all to this location <input type="checkbox"/> Partial delivery to this location (see page 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delivery or Secondary Delivery Point Included in Sites Water Right: <u>[Specify location here through drop down menu]</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver all to this location <input type="checkbox"/> Partial delivery to this location (see page 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Secondary Delivery Point Included in Sites Water Right: <u>[Specify location here through drop down menu]</u> (Electronic form will allow additional lines to be added) <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver all to this location <input type="checkbox"/> Partial delivery to this location (see page 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Delivery Point Not Included in Sites Water Right*: <u>[Specify location]</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver all to this location <input type="checkbox"/> Partial delivery to this location (see page 2) *Deliveries to locations not in the Sites Water Right will require additional review and approval by the Authority. The Authority does not guarantee that Sites Water can be delivered

	to a point not included in the Sites Water Right during this calendar year. Please contact Authority staff as soon as possible to discuss.
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Note: Release requests are not guaranteed. The Authority coordinate amongst Storage Partners in an effort to optimize releases within its contractual obligations, permits and approvals, but may not be able to satisfy the entire request. This form is for the purpose of releasing Sites Water only (water developed under the Sites Water Right). Releases of Other Water should be coordinated directly with Authority staff.

Partial Delivery Amounts by Location:

Location	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jly	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total													