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Reservoir Committee/Authority Board Meeting **November 6, 2026**
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Link Call in: **(916) 538-7066**

122 Old Hwy 99W, Maxwell, CA 95955 Code: **813 599 474#**
(additional locations below)

Authority Board Chair:	Fritz Durst (Reclamation District 108)
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Reservoir Committee Chair:	Mike Urkov (Westside Water District)
Reservoir Committee Vice Chair:	Robert Cheng (Coachella Valley Water District)
Treasurer:	Jamie Traynham (Davis Water District)

AGENDA

ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER:

- Introduction
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of meeting agenda, November 6, 2026
- Announcement of Closed Session
- Period for Public Comment

People may speak about any subject of concern, provided it is within the Reservoir Committee's (RC) and Authority Board's (AB) jurisdiction. Before speaking, you must submit a public comment card electronically or on paper. The time allotted for receiving such public communication shall be 3 minutes per person. Note: No action shall be taken on comments made during this period. If your comment is related to a specific agenda item, please indicate this on your comment card, and you will be called upon at that time.

1. **Action Items:** Approximate start time 9:05 a.m.

1.1 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider authorizing the Executive Director to accept the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit for Work Package 1 of the Project and direct staff to proceed with implementation of the permit and associated compliance requirements.

1.2 Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider increasing the previously authorized task order amendment with Barnard Construction Company by $610,000, from approximately $1.05M to $1.66M, inclusive of a $150,000 change order authority, to support geotechnical investigations on Authority owned property along the left abutment of the proposed Golden Gate Dam.

2. **Discussion and Information Items:** Approximate start time 9:30 a.m.

2.1 Review and comment on the progress toward recommendations from the Project Alignment Ad Hoc Workgroup to add language to the Benefits & Obligations Contract that support continued Sacramento Valley participation, improve Project performance, and advance the shared interests of all Participants.

3. **Closed Session:** Approximate start time 10:00 a.m.

3.1 Water Right Application 25517X01 (Govt. Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.9(d)(1)).

3.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Govt. Code Section 54957)
Title: Executive Director

4. **Report from Closed Session:** Approximate start time 11:50 a.m.

5. **Recap:** Approximate start time 11:55 a.m.

5.1 Suggested Future Agenda Items.

5.2 Next Board Meeting, **Friday, November 20, 2026** (9:00 a.m. to **TBD**).
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Alternate Meeting Locations:

City of American Canyon, 4381 Broadway Street, Suite 201, American Canyon, CA 94503
Coachella Valley Water District, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211
Desert Water Agency, 1200 S Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92262
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, 849 Allen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93314
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350
Zone 7 Water, 100 N Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551

Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Agenda Item 1.1** **November 6, 2026**

Subject: **Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit for Work Package 1**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider authorizing the Executive Director to accept the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Permit for Work Package 1 (WP1) of the Project and direct staff to proceed with implementation of the permit and associated compliance requirements.

Detailed Description/Background:

On October 15, 2026, the USACE Sacramento District issued a Department of the Army Section 404 permit for WP1 of the Project. The permit authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material associated with early construction activities, including site preparation, access roads, staging and stockpile areas, borrow areas, diversion infrastructure, dam foundation preparation, and geotechnical investigations. The permit also establishes the initial compensatory mitigation and compliance requirements applicable to WP1.

Issuance of the permit follows completion of the federal environmental review process and adoption of the Record of Decision (ROD) by the USACE, on April 17, 2026. The USACE's ROD adopted the Bureau of Reclamation's Final EIS and identified the Authority's preferred alternative as the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) under the CWA Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Importantly, the USACE's ROD established the overall permitting framework for future Project construction activities and confirmed that implementation would occur through a series of separate Section 404 permits for individual work packages rather than a single permit covering all Project construction.

How the Section 404 Permitting Strategy Will Be Implemented

The USACE has adopted a phased permitting strategy that is generally consistent with the Authority's planned construction sequencing and overall environmental compliance program. Rather than issuing a single permit covering all Project components, the USACE will evaluate and authorize individual work packages through separate permit decisions as Project design, land access, and construction readiness advance. This approach allows for mitigation, and associated costs, to be phased in proportion to actual anticipated impacts.

Under this approach, future permit applications will tier from the completed federal environmental review and USACE's ROD while allowing site-specific review of aquatic resource impacts, avoidance and minimization measures, compensatory mitigation,

and construction methods associated with each work package. As additional delineations, Project refinements, and land access become available, the USACE may adjust authorized impacts, mitigation requirements, and permit conditions based on project-specific information submitted for future permits.

The WP1 permit therefore represents both the first construction authorization and an important milestone in implementation of the broader federal permitting strategy for the Project. The permit incorporates requirements associated with the recently issued Section 401 Water Quality Certification, federal biological opinions, cultural resource agreements, mitigation obligations, construction notification procedures, and future verification of aquatic resource delineations.

Staff Assessment

Staff believe the WP1 Section 404 permit represents a significant Project permitting milestone and establishes a practical framework for continued implementation of the Project. The permit is consistent with broad permitting strategy contemplated throughout environmental review and allows Project construction authorizations to proceed incrementally as design and construction advance. This approach provides flexibility to incorporate updated resource information, refined engineering, and site-specific avoidance and minimization measures.

The permitting strategy also reduces the need to revisit project-level alternatives and environmental analyses with each future WP authorization. The USACE has already completed a comprehensive alternatives analysis, public interest review, and NEPA evaluation of the program, and determined that the approved Project configuration satisfies CWA requirements.

Future permit decisions are therefore expedited to focus primarily on implementation-level issues including aquatic resource delineations, construction methods, work package-specific impacts, and associated mitigation needs.

As implementation proceeds, the most important permitting considerations will be coordination of future WP applications, timely completion of field delineations and mitigation planning, integration of Section 404 requirements with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification process, and management of permit review schedules to support overall Project delivery. Staff will continue to coordinate closely with the USACE and resource agencies to maintain consistency across federal and state permits and to identify permitting issues early in the development of future work packages.

Based on staff's review, the permit conditions and implementation requirements are manageable and consistent with the Authority's anticipated environmental compliance program. Staff therefore recommend that the Authority Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the Section 404 permit for WP1 and direct staff to proceed with implementation.

Prior Action:

June 2025: Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider authorizing the Executive Director to resubmit the Project's Clean Water Act 404 and 401 Permit applications.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Implementation of the WP1 Section 404 permit will require ongoing staff and consultant resources for ongoing permit compliance, mitigation implementation, agency coordination, aquatic resource delineation verification, monitoring, reporting, and preparation of future work package permit applications. These activities are part of the Project's planned environmental permitting and construction compliance program and will be incorporated into applicable Project work plans and budgets.

Staff Contact:

Ali Forsythe

Primary Service Provider:

HDR and ICF

Attachments:

Attachment A – Department of the Army Permit Number: SPK-2001-00055

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT
1325 J STREET
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: Sites Project Authority
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Permit Number: SPK-2001-00055

Issuing Office: U.S. Army Engineer District, Sacramento
Corps of Engineers
1325 "J" Street
Sacramento, California 95814-2922

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below. A notice of appeal options is enclosed.

Project Description:

Work Package 1 (WP1) includes site preparation, grading, excavation, construction of access roads, staging and stockpile areas, borrow areas, diversion infrastructure, dam foundation preparation, and geotechnical investigations for Sites Reservoir. These activities will result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

WP1 will result in permanent direct impacts to approximately 10.66 acres of wetlands and 14.03 acres of non-wetland waters of the United States, associated primarily with site preparation, road construction, staging and stockpile areas, borrow areas, and dam foundation activities.

The proposed project will also result in temporary direct impacts to approximately 18.19 acres of wetlands and 298.60 acres of non-wetland waters, primarily associated with geotechnical investigations within Funks Reservoir and the Terminal Regulating Reservoir area, where aquatic resources will be restored following completion of the investigations.

In addition, construction of the Golden Gate Dam cofferdam will result in temporary indirect impacts to approximately 17.85 acres of wetlands and 24.57 acres of non-wetland waters through temporary alterations to hydrology during construction.

The proposed project will include site preparation activities consisting of vegetation clearing, stripping of topsoil, grading, cut-and-fill operations, excavation, and placement and compaction of fill material to establish stable construction surfaces within dam foundation areas, staging and stockpile areas, borrow areas, and other construction support areas. Excavated native material will be reused for cofferdam construction or managed within designated stockpile areas.

Existing roads will be improved and new access and haul roads will be constructed to provide construction access between dam sites, borrow areas, staging areas, and public roadways. Road construction will involve grading, cut-and-fill operations, placement and compaction of gravel surfacing, installation or replacement of culverts and roadside drainage features, and placement of fill necessary to establish stable road prisms and stream crossings. Utility conduit will also be installed within select road corridors concurrent with road construction.

Borrow areas will be developed by removing overburden, excavating rock material, and stockpiling material for use as construction aggregate. Staging and stockpile areas will provide locations for equipment staging, material storage, and placement of excavated native material generated during construction activities. Development of these areas will involve grading, excavation, and placement of fill material.

Construction within the Golden Gate Dam footprint will include excavation of surficial materials to competent bedrock, installation of a temporary diversion system for Funks Creek, construction of a permanent cofferdam using excavated native material, and installation of a grout curtain through drilled boreholes beneath the future dam foundation. The proposed project also includes excavation of the Stone Corral Creek diversion tunnel using a tunnel boring machine, with temporary ground support installed as necessary. Material excavated during tunneling will be transported and placed within an adjacent stockpile area.

Geotechnical investigations will include exploratory borings, cone penetration testing, test pits, fault trenching, quarry studies, test fills, and installation of piezometers and monitoring wells. These activities will involve localized excavation, drilling, and trenching, with boreholes and probes backfilled using grout and native topsoil in accordance with California Department of Water Resources standards. Test pits and trenches will be backfilled with excavated material and restored upon completion, while select piezometers and monitoring wells will remain in place for long-term groundwater monitoring.

All work is to be completed in accordance with Attachment *A Revised Work Package No. 11 (Alternative 3, Applicant Preferred Alternative) Engineering Plans and Aquatic Resources* dated June 2026 (Enclosure 1).

Project Location:

The approximately 1,725.86-acre project site is located on Funks Creek, Latitude 39.32720°, Longitude -122.29721°, within Colusa County, California (Enclosure 2).

Permit Conditions:

General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **October 13, 2031**. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.

2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.

3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

Special Conditions:

1. You shall implement the enclosed January 23, 2026, Programmatic Agreement (PA), entitled Programmatic Agreement Among the Bureau of Reclamation, Interior Region 10 California-Great Basin, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Planning and Construction of the Sites Reservoir Project (Enclosure 3), and signed by these entities, in its entirety. USBR has been designated the lead federal agency responsible for implementing and enforcing the PA as signed. If you fail to comply with the implementation and associated enforcement of the PA, this office may determine that you are out of compliance with the conditions of your permit and suspend the permit. Suspension may result in modification or revocation of the authorized work.

2. This Corps permit does not authorize you to take an endangered species, in particular vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardi*), vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*), valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*), and giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*). In order to legally take a listed species, you must have separate authorization under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (e.g., an ESA Section 10 permit, or a Biological Opinion (BO) under ESA Section 7, with "incidental take" provisions with which you must comply). The enclosed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) BO (Number 2024-0125050-S7-001, dated July 16, 2025; Enclosure 4), contains mandatory terms and conditions to implement the reasonable and prudent measures that are associated with "incidental take" that is also specified in the BO. Your authorization under this Corps permit is conditional upon your compliance with all of the mandatory terms and conditions associated with "incidental take" of the attached BO, which terms and conditions are incorporated by reference in this permit. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions associated with incidental take of the BO, where a take of the listed species occurs, would constitute an unauthorized take, and it would also constitute non-compliance with your Corps permit. The USFWS is the appropriate authority to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of its BO, and with the ESA.

3. To compensate for the loss of 5.9 acres of seasonal wetlands, you shall:

Purchase 5.9 Vernal Pool (404) credits from Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank

To compensate for the loss of 11.22 acres of stream and 2.81 acres of pond, you shall:

Purchase 28.6 aquatic resource credits from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Sacramento District (NFWF) In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program, for the Cache-Putah Service Area.

To compensate for the loss of 1.61 acres of freshwater marsh, 1.47 acres of scrub shrub wetland, and 1.67 acres of forested wetland, you shall:

Purchase 9.5 aquatic resource unallocated advanced credits from the NFWF ILF Program.

Evidence of the purchase shall be provided to this office prior to initiation of construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this permit.

4. You shall comply with all terms and conditions of the enclosed September 11, 2026, Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Enclosure 5).

5. At least 60 days prior to the commencement of any discharge of dredged or fill material authorized by this permit, you shall conduct an aquatic resource delineation throughout the entire project area and submit the results to this office for review and verification. No discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States shall commence until this office has issued a written verification of the aquatic resource delineation. You shall not discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States exceeding those identified in this permit and on Figure *Alternative 3 – Maximum Avoidance, Aquatic Resources Impacts and Project Components* without written authorization from this office.

6. Within 60 days following completion of the authorized work or at the expiration of the construction window of this permit, whichever occurs first, you shall submit as-built drawings and a description of the work conducted on the project site and avoidance area(s) to this office for review. The drawings shall include the following:

a. The Department of the Army Permit number.

b. A plan view drawing of the location of the authorized work footprint (as shown on the permit drawings) with an overlay of the work as constructed in the same scale as the attached permit drawings. The drawing should show all "earth disturbance," wetland impacts, structures, and the boundaries of any on-site and/or off-site mitigation or avoidance areas. The drawings shall contain, at a minimum, 1-foot topographic contours of the entire site.

c. Ground and aerial photographs of the completed work. The camera positions and view-angles of the ground photographs shall be identified on a map, aerial photograph, or project drawing.

d. A description and list of all minor deviations between the work as authorized by this permit and the work as constructed. Clearly indicate on the as-built drawings the location of any deviations that have been listed.

7. Prior to initiation of construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this permit, you shall notify this office in writing of the anticipated start date for the work. No later than 10 calendar days following completion of construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this permit, you shall notify this office in writing that construction activities have been completed.

8. You and your authorized contractor shall allow representatives from this office to inspect the activity authorized by this permit and all compensatory mitigation, and avoidance areas at any time deemed necessary to ensure that work is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

9. You are responsible for all work authorized herein and ensuring that all contractors and workers are made aware and adhere to the terms and conditions of this permit. You shall ensure that a copy of the permit and associated drawings are available for quick reference at the project site until all construction activities in waters of the U.S. authorized by this permit are completed.

Further Information:

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

( ) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

( ) Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413).

2. Limits of this authorization.

a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local authorizations required by law.

b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.

c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed federal projects.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data. The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision. This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant.

Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (see 4 above).

c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions. General Condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

_____ _____

Name_____ Date

Title_____

Permittee

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below

_____ _____

Michael S. Jewell

Chief, Regulatory Division Date

(For the District Engineer)

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

_____ _____

Name_____ Date

Title_____

Transferee

Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Agenda Item 1.2** **November 6, 2026**

Subject: **Task Order Amendment for Barnard Construction Company**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider increasing the previously authorized task order amendment with Barnard Construction Company by $610,000, from approximately $1.05M to $1.66M, inclusive of a $150,000 change order authority, to support geotechnical investigations on Authority owned property along the left abutment of the proposed Golden Gate Dam.

Detailed Description/Background:

At the August 2026 Board meeting, the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board authorized $1.05M to support critical geotechnical investigations along the top of the ridge where the south end (left abutment) of the proposed Golden Gate Dam would be located. These investigations will help determine whether it is technically feasible to optimize the dam alignment, potentially shortening the dam and resulting in substantial construction cost savings. Given the magnitude of the potential savings relative to the cost of the investigations, obtaining the necessary geotechnical information is a high-value investment that could have a significant impact on the overall Project cost. Additionally, these investigations will provide valuable experience in planning and executing future geotechnical investigations, particularly in navigating the logistical, safety, and environmental compliance requirements.

The original budgetary estimate was developed based on a preliminary desktop review of the work. Since the August Board meeting, the investigations have been more thoroughly planned through procurement activities, site visits, coordination with drilling subcontractors, and environmental compliance planning. While the scope of the investigations has not materially changed, this planning identified additional logistical challenges associated with safely transporting equipment, personnel, and materials up the steep terrain while complying with environmental restrictions. As an example, for safety reasons, it was determined that winch-assisted access would be necessary to transport drilling equipment up and down the steep terrain to reach the investigation locations, an approach that was not anticipated in the original estimate. This approach is safer and more cost-effective than helicopter transport, the other practical alternative given the ground disturbance limitations established in the geotechnical investigation permits.

As a result of this planning, the estimated cost of Barnard's work has increased from $1.05M to $1.51M. Staff worked with Barnard to review and refine the proposed costs, including evaluating equipment needs, staffing levels, and anticipated durations, and has determined the proposed costs to be fair and reasonable as well

as comparable to past geotechnical efforts performed by the Project. The majority of the work will be compensated based on agreed-upon daily rates, with actual payments determined by the work performed within a not-to-exceed threshold. While staff has worked to manage costs, staff believes the proposed plan appropriately addresses worker safety, geotechnical data quality, and environmental compliance. Given the significant potential construction cost savings, these investigations warrant the investment necessary to perform the work safely and obtain reliable results.

Staff also recommends authorizing a $150,000 change order authority (COA) to address non-discretionary, unforeseen conditions, such as prolonged inclement weather or unanticipated environmental restrictions. Use of the COA would require approval by the Executive Director and would be limited to additional costs associated with completing the authorized scope of work. This brings the total requested task order authorization to $1.66M, an increase of $609,950 over the previously authorized amount described in the attachment.

The proposed 2026 budget reallocations to support the increased authorization are described in the attachment.

Prior Action:

August 2026: Approval of the mid-year 2026 budget review and work plan status update at the August 2026 Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The requested action will result in no change to the overall approved FY2026 budget that was adopted at the October 2025 Board meeting and revised at the August 2026 Board meeting. The increase of $609,950 is being funded by various underruns and deferred work as outlined in the attachments of this report. Any unspent funds, such as unreleased contingency, will roll over to the FY2027 budget.

Staff Contact:

Kyle Hughes and JP Robinette

Attachments:

Attachment A – Description of Budget Transfers

Attachment A: Description of Budget Transfers

Consultant	Description	Project No.	Project Name	Amount
Barnard	GGD Right Abutment	301	Preparing for Construction & Reservoir CMAR	$ 459,950
Barnard	Contingency on GGD Geotech Work	301	Preparing for Construction & Reservoir CMAR	$ 150,000
Brown & Caldwell	Extension of Staff Support	901	Project Management Support	$ (75,000)
Brown & Caldwell	Conditions Precedent Support	101	Key Agreements & Reports	$ (35,000)
Uncommitted	Land Management	302	Priority Acquisition & Land Management	$ (200,000)
Uncommitted	Improvements to Seaters	302	Priority Acquisition & Land Management	$ (150,000)
Uncommitted	Future Land Purchases	302	Priority Acquisition & Land Management	$ (99,950)
BBK	Phase 3 Contract Support	301	Preparing for Construction & Reservoir CMAR	$ (50,000)
			Net Change	$ -

Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board Agenda Item 2.1** **November 6, 2026**

Subject: **Project Alignment Ad Hoc Recommendations**

Requested Action:

Review and comment on the progress toward recommendations from the Project Alignment Ad Hoc Workgroup to add language to the Benefits & Obligations Contract that support continued Sacramento Valley participation, improve Project performance, and advance the shared interests of all Participants.

Detailed Description/Background:

The Project Alignment Ad Hoc Workgroup continues to engage in productive discussions regarding opportunities to improve the likelihood of the Project's long-term success while supporting continued participation and leadership by Sacramento Valley public water agencies (Sac Valley PWAs).

Since the October 16 Board Meeting the Ad Hoc has met three additional times and has formed a B&O language drafting sub-workgroup. During the prior review, Board members suggested keeping the B&O language at a higher level and leaving the details to be worked out in future agreements. This approach is being taken to the extent feasible.

Last month, the following three areas of focus were discussed. After further consideration, these three areas are addressed as follows:

Description	B&O Language (Yes/No)	Comments
Public Benefit Water Supply and Funding Arrangements	Yes	
Water Supply Augmentation	No	Future agreements
Water Management and Conveyance Services	No	Future agreements

In addition, there are other items that the Ad Hoc is considering for B&O language as follows:

1. Cooperative Capacity Management
    a. Prop 1 Funding Alignment (included above)

b. Other public funding

c. Recognition of Sacramento Watershed Participants Intrinsic Contributions

2. Reciprocal Storage Sharing
3. Phase 3 Value Planning Cost Reductions
4. Disposition of State 17.3% while or after CAPB terms are met
5. Cooperation Implementing Colusa Basin Drain Improvements
6. Disposition of Sacramento Watershed Participants Capacity Interest Upon Sale or Default Prior to Operational Completion

The Ad Hoc anticipates completing its evaluation and possibly presenting specific recommendations to the Board at the November 6 Special Board Meeting.

Prior Action:

October 2026: Receive an update on progress of the Project Alignment Ad Hoc Workgroup and provide comments on concepts being evaluated to support continued Sacramento Valley participation, improve Project performance, and advance the shared interests of all Participants.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

No immediate fiscal impact is associated with receiving this report. The financial implications of the concepts under consideration will be evaluated as part of the workgroup's recommendations and any subsequent agreements presented for approval.

Staff Contact:

Jerry Brown

Attachments:

None