



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee & Authority Board**
Agenda Item 3.4

March 20, 2026

Subject: **Update on Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District/Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Facilities Use Agreements and Operations Agreement with Reclamation District 108**

Requested Action:

Receive a status update on the Facilities Use Agreements with Glenn Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) and Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) and the Operations Agreement with Reclamation District 108 (RD 108).

Detailed Description/Background:

Facilities Use Agreements with GCID and TCCA

In February 2023, the Sites Authority developed a Cooperative Agreement with GCID and TCCA regarding the future use of Partner facilities and outlining the process to reach final agreement regarding such shared use. To inform the development of the Facilities Use Agreements, staff solicited services from a wheeling rate consultant (Water Resources Economics) to work with Sites Authority, GCID and TCCA staff to develop a recommended framework and methodology to determine what the Sites Authority will pay for use of shared facilities operated by GCID and TCCA.

Leveraging provisions from other Sites agreements (e.g., Benefits & Obligations Contract, 2023 Cooperative Agreement with GCID and TCCA, etc), Sites Authority provided an initial draft of the Facilities Use Agreements to GCID and TCCA in December 2025. The Operation & Engineering Workgroup's Conveyance Ad Hoc Subcommittee also provided feedback on additional interests to consider in the initial version of the draft agreement. These interests focused on clarifications around flow (cfs) capacity available and offered level of service, termination process, and other commercial terms. The clarifications around flow capacity available and offered is anticipated to be handled in the forthcoming Reclamation Excess Capacity Agreement.

Staff met with GCID in February to review and discuss feedback on the agreement, including the participant interests noted above. TCCA also provided initial comments; however, their comments did not require a dedicated meeting.

Over the next month, staff will continue to refine the respective Facilities Use Agreements in coordination with both GCID and TCCA. Another update on the

status of these agreements is anticipated to be presented at the April Reservoir Committee/Authority Board meeting.

These agreements are a condition precedent to starting investor commitment.

Operations Agreement with RD 108

Parallel to the Lower Colusa Basin Drain (CBD) activities to inform the forthcoming Investor Commitment period (refer to Agenda Item 03-03), staff has adapted the Facilities Use Agreements into a template Operations Agreement with RD108. The Operations Agreement will describe the anticipated operations and associated cost sharing provisions for operations of the Dunnigan Pipeline; upper, middle, and lower reaches of the CBD, and Knights Landing Outfall Gates.

Staff will meet with RD108 in late March to discuss initial feedback on the template and expects to provide a status update at the April Reservoir Committee/Authority Board meeting.

Prior Action:

December 2024: Received update on GCID/TCCA Facilities Use Agreement development.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

None.

Staff Contact:

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Primary Service Provider:

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Attachments:

None.