



Meeting: **Reservoir Committee/Authority Board**
Agenda Item 1.6

May 22, 2026

Subject: **Contract Amendment for ICF**

Requested Action:

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board consider approval of a task order amendment with ICF to perform environmental surveys and permitting to support initiating construction activities in early 2027 following completion of investor commitment, in the amount of:

- ICF: +\$200,000 making the revised total FY2026 contract authority not-exceed of \$3,296,000.

Detailed Description/Background:

The project's construction permits outline the process the Authority must follow to authorize specific work activities. Generally, for specific work activities to be authorized, permits require the submission of plans describing the proposed work and its potential effects on the actual "in the field" specific resources being affected (e.g., cultural resources, listed species, jurisdictional waters, etc.). To develop these plans, the Authority must perform field surveys to determine actual site conditions, allowing the agencies to then evaluate the degree of impact and substantiate the appropriate level of compensatory mitigation required.

Factoring in time to perform the survey work, develop the various plans required of the permits, and the agency reviews, it is critical to ensure this work is properly scoped and funded such that the Project is positioned to begin construction at the onset of Phase 3, following the investor commitment period. Not performing this work in 2026, as proposed, would translate to starting construction later than the Program Schedule and Plan of Finance assumes, exposing the project to additional escalation costs, currently estimated around \$20 million per month.

In support of performing these required surveys, staff is requesting to increase ICF's contract authorization by \$200,000 to perform specific biological surveys. This authorization reflects a portion of the funding needed to prepare for early construction activities, additional funding requests using other uncommitted funds is expected to be requested, pending the midyear budget review. This timing is expected to align with securing additional land access agreements, which would allow the start of additional critical path survey work.

At the midyear budget review in July, Staff will perform another comprehensive review of the budget to determine whether the proposed additional authorizations are appropriate and if any funding constraints are necessary to extend the budget further into 2027, if necessary.

Prior Action:

Approval of the FY26 budget.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

The requested action will result in no change to the overall adopted FY26 budget. The effort described above will be funded using existing uncommitted funds within the previously approved *Project 301 Preparing for Construction & Reservoir CMAR* budget. Specifically, \$200,000 will be funded from budget line items earmarked for this work but uncommitted to start the year.

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Attachments:

None