

Reservoir Committee and Authority Board Meeting

Agenda Item 2.2: Flood, Recreation and Drought
Emergency Supplies Contract for Administration
of Public Benefits (CAPB) with DWR

May 22, 2026

Flood, Recreation and Drought Emergency Supplies CAPB

Issue for Discussion

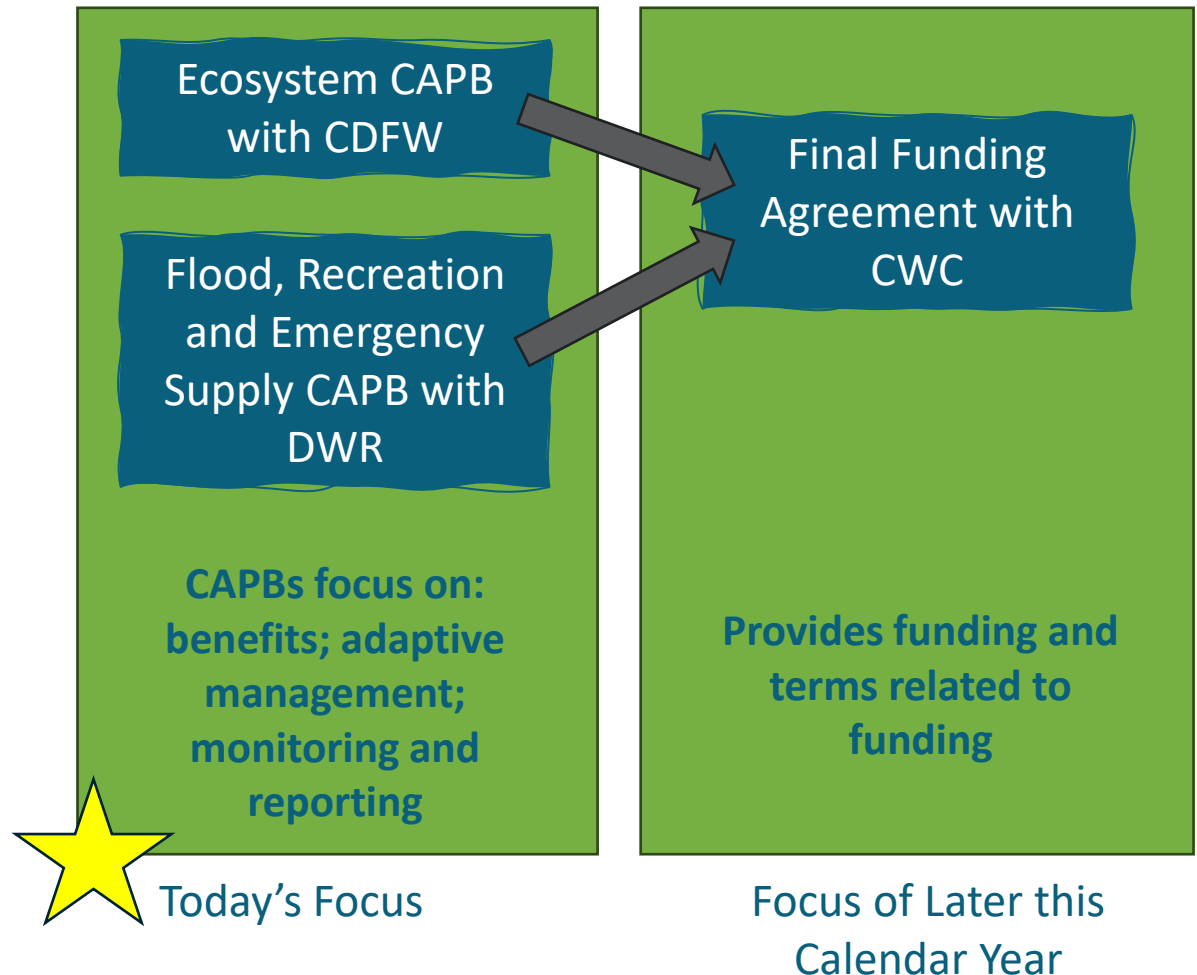
- Executed Flood, Recreation and Drought Emergency Supplies CAPB is necessary to achieve Prop 1 funding for the Project

Policy Direction Needed

- Consider acceptance of the terms of the CAPB
- Withhold final determination on drought emergency supply delivery quantities until after: (1) final water right permit issued and (2) completion of public review process. Staff will come back for final approval.

Proposition 1 & WSIP Background

- Proposition 1
 - \$2.7 billion authorized for water storage projects
 - At least 50% of public benefits must be ecosystem improvements
 - Importantly, Prop 1 is buying benefits



Flood Control Public Benefit

- Incidental flood storage from Funks and Stone Corral creeks and other ephemeral streams
- Reduce flood damage to Maxwell, Interstate 5, and surrounding ag areas in Colusa County
- Authority obligations:
 - Develop a Flood Management Plan
 - Construct and Maintain Facilities in Accordance with Division of Safety of Dam Regulations

Authority's Flood Control Obligations

- Develop a Flood Management Plan
 - Draft within 3 years, final within 6 years of execution of Funding Agreement
 - Review Plan every 5 years (conduct in coordination with local emergency response agencies)
 - CAPB specifies core components of the Plan but details left to Authority to develop
 - Adaptive management triggered if Authority:
 - Not meeting timelines
 - Requires schedule to get actions back on track
- Construct and Maintain Facilities in Accordance with Division of Safety of Dam Regulations
 - Construct and maintain facilities in “safe for continued use” status
 - Adaptive management triggered if DOSD determines facilities “unsafe to store water”
 - Authority to work with DSOD to prepare plan to address unsafe judgement

Recreation Public Benefit

- New recreational opportunities, such as boating, fishing, swimming, camping, hiking and trail use, picnicking
- Provided through new recreation facilities
- Generate 187,000 annual recreation visitor days
- Authority obligations:
 - Construct Recreation Facilities in a Phased Approach
 - Achieve Annual Visitation Target

Authority's Recreation Obligations

- Construct Recreation Facilities in a Phased Approach
 - Construct Stone Corral Creek Recreation Area and Day Use/Boat Launch Ramp
 - Construct Peninsula Hills Recreation Area based on visitation triggers
 - Operate and maintain recreation areas, monitor visitation
 - Adaptive management triggered if:
 - Not meeting % complete for construction targets in CAPB
 - Implement corrective plan to get actions back on track
- Achieve Annual Visitation Target
 - Achieve average annual visitation of 187,000 visitor days over 5-year running average
 - Target ramps up over time
 - Adaptive management triggered if not achieving visitation target
 - Develop and implement marketing or event plan, conduct surveys and implement non-facility adjustments

Emergency Drought Supply Public Benefit

- Supplemental water during severe drought conditions
 - New supply that would not otherwise exist absent the Project and the participation of local agencies in the Project
- Drought Emergency Response Program (DERP)
 - Procedures by which water in Sites may be made available to M&I water agencies experiencing drought emergency conditions
 - Activated in drought emergency conditions
 - Authority facilitate voluntary transfers to agencies in need and coordinate necessary contract and operations steps for delivery
- Authority obligations:
 - Drought Emergency Response Operations Plan
 - Emergency Drought Supply

Authority's Emergency Drought Supply Obligations

- Drought Emergency Response Operations Plan
 - Develop, adopt, implement DERP Ops Plan within 7 years of executing Funding Agreement
 - Review Plan every 5 years
 - CAPB specifies core components of the Plan but details left to Authority to develop
 - Ensure B&O contracts conform
 - Adaptive management triggered if:
 - Not meeting timelines
 - Requires schedule to get actions back on track
- Emergency Drought Supply
 - Develop emergency supply in drought emergency years
 - Total supply being developed, can be provided in 1 year or multiple years
 - CAPB predicts 6 events over 35-year term

Adaptive Management Plan and Dispute Resolution Process

- Similar to Ecosystem CABP discussed in Item 2.1
- AMP Objectives
 - Establish performance thresholds
 - Establish early warning triggers
 - Provide structured response process
- Key Risk Protections
 - Recognizes factors beyond Authority control such as, climate change, hydrology, regulatory changes, etc.
- Dispute Resolution
 - Collaborative process first
 - Potential escalation to CWC only after extensive efforts

Term of the CAPB

- Flood Control and Recreation
 - 75 years after facilities constructed
 - Emergency Drought Supply
 - 35 years after first filling or until total target amount delivered, whichever comes first
- CAPB not effective until Funding Agreement with CWC is signed

Feb RC/AB Comments and Previous Direction to Staff

- Feb RC/AB Comments
 - No right to this water past term of the CAPB
 - Language provided by members included in Section 3 of the CAPB
 - Consideration of Maxwell Community Park
 - Not currently in the document, but staff and DWR are continuing to discuss the possibility of including
- Previous Direction
 - All items addressed

Next Steps

- Staff working on Emergency Drought Supply water delivery commitment values and targets
 - Ties into the value of the public benefits
 - Expected to have prelim numbers and value in June
 - Final numbers and value late calendar year (after final water right permit)
- DWR transmits CAPB to CWC for 30-day public review
 - NOTE, staff report incorrect in saying 60-day review
- Adjust CAPB based on comments and finalize
 - Late summer / early fall

Questions?