



Topic: **Reservoir Committee Agenda Item 2-3** **2018 Feb 15**

Subject: **Public Comments from Draft EIR/EIS**

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**Requested Action:**

No action requested. Informational item.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

The public comment period for the Sites Project Draft EIR/EIS closed on January 15, 2018. Project Staff is in the process of organizing the submitted comments and starting the response to comment process. The final EIR/EIS is scheduled for late 2019.

**Prior Reservoir Committee Action:**

None.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

None.

**Staff Contact:**

Rob Thomson

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Draft EIR/EIS Public Comment Report

Subject: **Report to the Reservoir Committee – Comments on the Draft EIR/S**

Meeting: **Phase 1 Reservoir Committee Meeting - February 15, 2018**

From: Staff and CH2M-Jacobs: **Rob Thomson, Mark Oliver, and Lyna Black**

- 1) Received additional agency and public comments from an additional two individuals. A petition has received additional signees totaling 1,001 signees as of February 8, 2018. The table below summarizes commenters by affiliation. USFWS has notified the Authority their input will be provided through their Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report.
- 2) Continuing working through categorizing letters and identifying comments to support development of comment/response matrix.
- 3) Categorizing primary comments across letters to identify potential thematic response categories, as well as response approaches and potential need for additional analyses. Initial themes include:
  - a. Range of alternatives
  - b. Operational approach and bypass/weir flows
  - c. Tribal/cultural resources
  - d. Water quality impacts
  - e. Delta species/flow effects
  - f. Baseline assumptions and climate change
- 4) Developing summary memo in coordination with Reclamation for federal coordination purposes summarizing comments and proposed response approaches
- 5) Summary presentation to be provided at next meeting and subsequent Authority board meeting

| <i><b>Commenter Affiliation</b></i>           | <i><b>Number of commenters</b></i> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Federal                                       | 3                                  |
| State   | 6                                  |
| Tribal  | 3                                  |
| Local/Regional                                | 12                                 |
| NGO*  | 10                                 |
| Individuals**                                 | 103                                |
| <b>TOTAL COMMENT LETTERS/E-MAILS/PETITION</b> | <b>136</b>                         |

\*Some NGO letters included comments from multiple NGOs

\*\* Includes individual petition on Change.com containing 1001 signees as of 2/8/18