

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

2017 July 31

Subject: **Draft Feasibility Report - Acceptance**

Reservoir Committee Report and Recommendation

Purpose: To provide a recommendation to the Sites Authority Board for its consideration regarding the status of Reclamation's draft Feasibility Report and potential use as part of the WSIP application to the Water Commission.

Background: The Document Review Sub-Work Group was created by the Reservoir Committee to focus on review of Reclamation's Administrative Draft Feasibility Report and the applicable sections of the WSIP application. This sub-work group operated within the charter of the Document Review Work Group, but on the condition their reviews be completed before the August 14 deadline.

Status: Various aspects of Reclamations Preliminary Draft Feasibility Report have been presented, primarily through a series of workshops, to both the Reservoir Committee and Authority with direction provided to the General Manager to work with Reclamation and their staff and consulting teams to address the Reservoir Committee's and Authority's comments, respectively. This work has now been completed.

Recommendation: The Reservoir Committee provides the following recommendations for the Authority Board's consideration:

The Authority Board consider accepting the Draft Feasibility Report from Reclamation as an independent review of the project technical, environmental, economic and financial feasibility consistent with appropriate federal processes and procedures.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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