

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

2017 July 31

Subject: **Inputs to WSIP Application - Conditional Acceptance**

Reservoir Committee Report and Recommendation

Purpose: To provide a recommendation to the Sites Project Authority Board for its consideration regarding the status of documents that are required to be submitted as part of the WSIP application to the Water Commission.

Background:

1. The Reservoir Committee created a Document Review Sub-Work Group to focus on review of the documents that will be submitted to the Water Commission with the exception of:
 - a. Documents that had previously been reviewed by the Document Review Work Group (e.g. draft engineering drawings and studies as well as working drafts of EIR/S)
 - b. The Finance Plan

This sub-work group also was tasked to review Reclamation’s Administrative Draft Feasibility Report.

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.

2. The Finance and Economics Work Group will review the Finance Plan.

Status: Various aspects of the WSIP application have been presented, primarily through a series of workshops, to both the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board. The Reservoir Committee and Authority Board have provided direction to the General Manager to work with staff and the consulting teams to address the Reservoir Committee’s and Authority’s comments, respectively.

Currently, the working draft of the 20-page Executive Summary has been reviewed by members of the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board and initial comments addressed. Review of the technical sections, including the Finance Plan, are in progress and nearing completion.

Recommendation: Based on the status of reviews, the Reservoir Committee provides the following recommendations for Authority Board consideration:

Status:	Issued for Use	Preparer:	Thomson	Phase:	1	Version:	A
Purpose:	Status and Date of Release of WSIP Application	Checker:	Watson	Date:	2017 Jul 24		
Caveat:	Subject to change	QA/QC:		Ref/File #:	12.228-210.501		
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1. Based on the work completed, The Reservoir Committee recommends the Authority Board direct staff to submit the completed WSIP application on or before August 14, 2017.
2. Since Reclamation's current Draft Feasibility Report contains independent analysis and information that bolsters the Authority's WSIP application, the Authority Board direct that Reclamation's Draft Feasibility Report be included in the WSIP application.
3. The Reservoir Committee recommends the Authority Board approve the resolution as required by CCR Title 23, Division 7, Sections 6003(a)(1)(C) for inclusion with the WSIP application (refer to **Attachment 8-A**).
4. The Authority Board direct staff to submit the WSIP application to the Water Commission be delegated to the General Manager with the expectation the following conditions have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Coordination Work Group:
 - a. Acceptance by the Authority of the 20-page Executive Summary (Agenda item 9-1)
 - b. Comments provided by the Reservoir Committee's Document Review Sub-Work Group have been satisfactorily addressed by staff and the consulting teams
 - c. The Finance Plan has been accepted by the Reservoir Committee's Finance and Economics Work Group

Respectfully Submitted by:

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