

Topic: **Sites Reservoir Project**

**2017 July 31**

Subject: **Delegation of Authority to Finalize the WSIP Application and Related Documents**

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## **General Manager's Recommendation**

**Purpose:** To provide a recommendation to the Sites Authority Board for its consideration requesting a delegation of authority to enable modifications to the WSIP application (August 14, 2017) and supporting documents that may need to occur before the next Reservoir Committee meeting, which is planned for August 18, 2017.

**Background:** Various aspects of the WSIP application - including the EIR/S and 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 staff and the consulting teams to address the Reservoir Committee's and Authority's comments, respectively.

The review of some key sections of the WSIP application are still in progress and its submission requires the integration of various work products and ensuring consistency between them. These activities are projected to extend up to the August 14, 2017 deadline established by the CA Water Commission. Further, work is progressing on related activities that may inform or require modification to the WSIP application.

**NOTE:** By separate action, the Reservoir Committee delegated responsibility to their Chair, Vice Chair and General Manager to incorporate changes to the WSIP Application to improve the integration and consistency of the various attachments and to address issues that may arise such as new information that may be received prior to submitting the WSIP Application.

**Recommendation:** Up to the August 14 deadline, the Sites Authority Board delegates responsibility to the Executive Committee of the Board and the General Manager to

Take appropriate actions both deem necessary to:

1. Ensure the EIR/S is released by August 14 in accordance with the decision associated with Agenda Item 8-3.
2. Assist Reclamation to ensure the Draft Feasibility Report is released by August 14, 2017.
3. Ensure the WSIP application is complete and responsive to the requirements (refer to CCR Title 23, Division 7, Sections 6000 et seq.) for its submission before the August 14 deadline.

And to resolve issues that may arise, such as new information, that could result in a material change to the documents and/or this recommendation and which may require amending this recommendation or amending the recommendation submitted to the Authority. The determination of a material change should be vested with either the Executive Committee members or the General Manager.

Respectfully Submitted by:

- Jim Watson, General Manager