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# Progress Report

**DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR** 

Progress Report No.:

PR-18

**DESIGN OF DAMS AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES** 

Prepared by:

G. Roussel

Reporting Period:

October 28, 2023 through December 1, 2023

Date:

12/28/2023

### **ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD**

# Task 1 - Project Administration

- Prepared for and attended biweekly status meetings with Program Team, prepared meeting notes, and maintained action item list.
- Prepared progress report (including Earned Value Analysis) and submitted with invoice.
- Held weekly internal status meetings with TGP technical staff involved in the work to monitor progress and address issues, as necessary.
- Provided direction to TGP staff for prioritizing and re-scheduling activities and resolved logistics issues as they
  arose.
- Addressed special requests from Program Team.
- Continued to answer questions and provide input for the EIS alternative analyses of the Ingram Canyon and the smaller Del Puerto Canyon reservoirs.

### Task 3 - Geotechnical Evaluation

- Completed work on the Phase 2 explorations including mud rotary drilling and rock coring, packer testing, and piezometer installation.
- Demobilized drill rigs and support equipment and removed all IDW, except for Cascade's frac tank.
- Collected samples by hand from the left abutment erosional wedge.
- Completed restoration of exploration locations and installation of soil erosion control measures.
- Completed survey of exploration locations.
- Continued drafting of boring logs and started assembly of materials to be included in GDR.

#### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES ENCOUNTERED / ADDRESSED

No new issue encountered.

# ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD (thru December 29, 2023)

# Task 1 - Project Administration

- Prepare for and attend biweekly status meetings with Program Team, prepare meeting notes, and maintain
  action item list.
- Monitor weekly progress and address issues, as necessary.
- Provide logistical direction to the TGP Team as project needs and requirements evolve.
- Continue work on input to EIS including conceptual construction schedules for both the Ingram Canyon Reservoir and the smaller Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir alternatives.
- Address special requests from Program Team.

# Task 3 - Geotechnical Evaluation

- Install data loggers for piezometers in boreholes located north of Del Puerto Creek.
- Continue drafting of boring logs and assembly of materials to be included in GDR.
- Develop final plan for laboratory testing of samples collected during Phase 2 explorations and assign initial laboratory tests on specimens of sandstone from Panoche Formation for assessing its suitability as riprap and on samples from left abutment erosional wedge.
- Complete draft 3-dimensional geologic model of embankment foundations based on initial results from Phase 2 explorations.
- Start preparing materials for presentation at the Technical Review Board meeting scheduled for January 10 through 12, 2024.

#### PROGRESS AND COST TO DATE

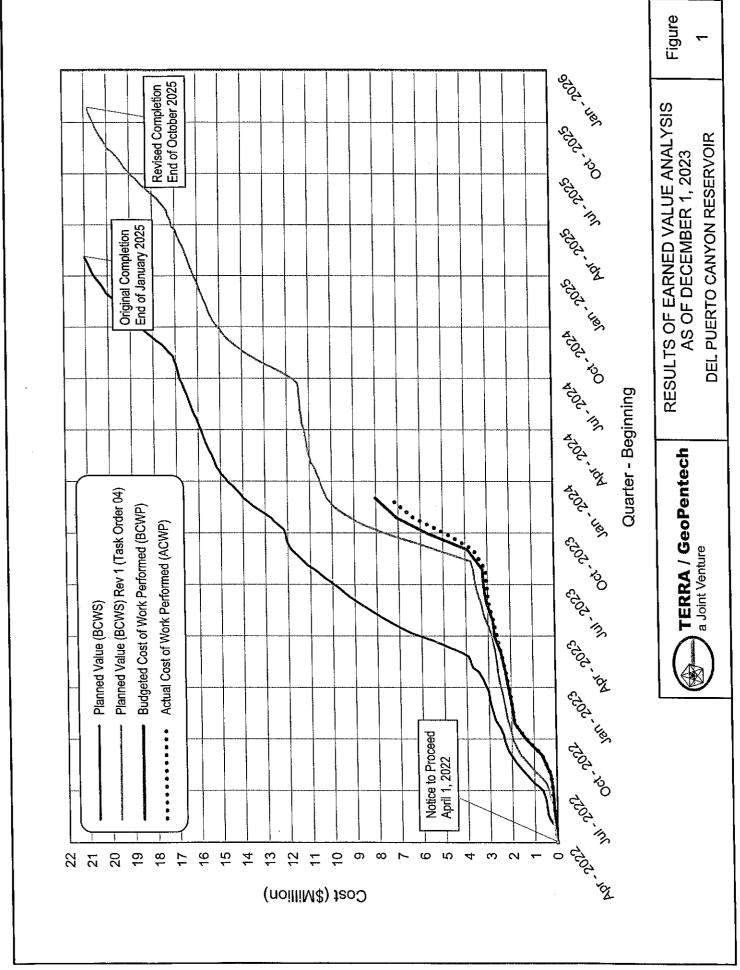
Work on the project is authorized by Task Orders that assign partial budgets to the various Tasks as the project progresses. The following table provides a summary of the cost and progress by Task for work authorized under Task Orders 01 & 03 to 05, as of December 1, 2023.

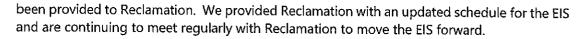
ACTIVITY	Estimate for Task Orders 01 & 03 to 05	Prior Billed (\$)	Current Billed (\$)	Total Billed (\$)	Remaining Budget (\$)	Percent Spent	Percent Complete
Task 1 - Project Administration	810,555	412,195	15,405	427,601	382,954	52.8%	71%
Task 3 - Geotechnical Evaluation	8,094,582	5,151,358	1,053,613	6,204,971	1,889,610	76.7%	86%
Task 4 - Preliminary (30%) Design	1,330,906	748,039		748,039	582,867	56.2%	47%
TOTAL	10,236,043	6,311,593	1,069,019	7,380,611	2,855,432	72.1%	78%

The results of the Earned Value Analysis (EVA) for the project as of December 1, 2023 are as follows and are shown graphically on Figure 1. This figure shows the original planned value (BCWS) developed at the beginning of the project and the new planned value based on the sequencing of the Phase 2 explorations and the expected schedule for completion of these explorations.

Actual Cost of Work Performed (ACWP)	Budgeted Cost of Work Performed (BCWP)	Budgeted Cost of A Work Scheduled (BCWS)	Cost variance	Schedule Variance (BCWP – BCWS)
\$7,380,611	\$8,029,473	\$10,247,855	\$648,862	(\$2,218,383)

The EVA is based on an Estimate-to-Complete (ETC) by subtask and continues to indicate that the work planned and authorized to date by Task Orders 01 & 03 to 05 is likely to be completed under budget. The project is behind schedule primarily because the design work has slowed down awaiting the results of the Phase 2 explorations but, as first noted in Progress Report PR-16, the schedule variance from the EVA is overstated and somewhat misleading. It is impacted by the fact that the work under Task 3, which represents the great majority of the cost of the work authorized, is forecast to be completed under budget as a result of a reduction in scope of the explorations caused by environmental constraints and access issues.







# New Road Alignment

The TYLin road team continues to advance the development of road alternatives. On December 14-15, the team completed a field survey of key portions of candidate alignments. The team also received comments from Stanislaus County and is incorporating that feedback into the ongoing screening of alternatives. These are key steps toward identifying the best roadway alignment, which will in turn be the subject of CEQA and NEPA documentation.

# Public Outreach

The Program continues to work with Ellen Cross to develop materials highlighting the multiple ways in which the Program will benefit various stakeholders.

# **Project Financing**

No new update

# **Programmatic**

- 1) Weekly client meetings
- 2) Weekly Reclamation meetings
- 3) Weekly internal team meetings
- 4) Bi-weekly internal meetings with the TGP dam design team, TYLin road design team, and clients

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TO:

Chris White, Executive Director, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water

Authority

Anthea Hansen, General Manager, Del Puerto Water District

FROM:

Andy Neal

DATE:

January 2, 2024

RE:

Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Progress Update for January 2024 Board Meeting

Mr. White and Ms. Hansen:

Below is a summary of our progress on the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project.

# Project Goals:

- Design, permit, and construct an 82,000 AF south-of-delta reservoir to provide locallyowned and controlled water storage for agricultural and west-side communities water supply.
- 2) Seek to obtain up to 25% federal cost share through the Water Infrastructure Improvements in the Nation (WIIN) Act. A proportional share of the project benefits are the federal benefits.

# Dam Design/Engineering

Having completed fieldwork for Phase 2 geotechnical investigations in November, the team continued work to analyze the samples and process information obtained during the extensive fieldwork.

A meeting of the Technical Review Board (TRB) is scheduled for January 10-12 to update the TRB on the work and seek the TRB input.

# **Utility Relocation**

The program team continues to coordinate with Crimson on the relocation of their petroleum line following the assignment of new staff by Crimson.

The Program team continues to work with PG&E and the dam designer TGP to coordinate and define adjustments to avoid a potential conflict between the proposed dam spillway and proposed PG&E electrical towers. PG&E continues to review a proposal made by TGP that resolves the tower location conflict.

# Environmental

The Program team is continuing to work on the EIS, defining the physical features of the Ingram Canyon Alternative. Reclamation reviewed the footprint for the Ingram Canyon Alternative and provided minor comments., which the program team incorporated. A revised footprint has



### PROGRESS REPORT No. 2

DATE: December 18, 2023

TO:	Del Puerto Water District
ATTENTION:	Anthea Hansen
PROJECT:	Del Puerto Reservoir – Roadway – Task Order #1 Alternatives Analysis
FOR PERIOD:	October 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023
INVOICE NO.:	102311187
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## I. Progress during This Period

# Task 1.1 Project Work Plan

- Completed Project Work Plan (PWP) (Used as a guide for onboarding new staff-Contract summary, Scope of Work, Staff Responsibilities, and many more items pertinent to logistics related to performing work on the project.
- Completed internal quality check of PWP.

# Task 1.2 Contract Administration and Progress Reporting/Invoicing

- Prepared October/November monthly invoice and progress report.
- Developed contract agreement with H&A and held ongoing contracting discussions.
- Developed initial subcontract agreements with other subconsultants.

# Task 1.3 CPM Project Schedule/Updates

Updates to detailed CPM schedule based on design progress.

# **Task 1.4 Project Meetings**

 Prepared for and attended Project Management Team meeting 10/2/23, 10/16/23, 11/1/23, and 11/14/23.

# **Task 1.5 Coordination Meetings with Other Consultant Teams**

- Prepared for and attended coordination meeting with the Environmental Team on 9/8/23.
- Prepared for and attended coordination meeting with the Dam Team on 9/15/23.

# **Task 1.7 Project Communication Plan**

- Completed Project Communication Plan. Used to organize project contacts and establish procedures by which to conduct communication throughout the length of the project.
- Completed internal quality check of the Communication Plan.

#### Task 1.8 Risk Management Plan

Completed initial population of the risk register.

#### Task 1.9 QAQC Plan

 Completed QAQC Plan which establishes internal quality procedures by which to quality check deliverables to ensure high quality product.



#### Task 2 1 2019 FIR

- Reviewed 2019 EIR to assist in the compilation of screening criteria.
- Reviewed 2019 EIR to review existing F+P traffic study.
- Reviewed 2019 EIR to assist in establishing ex conditions for tech criteria memo.

# Task 2.2 Confirm Project Goals, Criteria + Alternatives

- Revised the draft technical criteria tech memorandum based on meeting with the PMT.
- Refined initial screening criteria and detailed screening criteria based on meetings with PMT.
- Revised the draft technical criteria tech memorandum based on meeting with Stanislaus County.
- Refined initial screening criteria and detailed screening criteria based on meetings with Stanislaus County.

# Task 2.3 Develop Data for Alternatives Evaluation

- 811 Utility request for existing facilities
- Contact between utility owners and data requests for initial basemaps.
- Development of initial utility basemaps based on information received from owners.

# Task 3.1.1 Identify Initial Alternatives

- Development of corridor models for alternatives 6-9.
- Tabulation of data to be used for initial alternatives screening criteria.

# II. Ongoing/Upcoming Tasks

## Task 1.1 Project Work Plan

No additional work anticipated.

# Task 1.2 Contract Administration and Progress Reporting/Invoicing

- Continue to onboard subconsultants as-needed.
- Monthly invoicing

### Task 1.3 CPM Project Schedule/Updates

• Ongoing schedule updates and detailed 6-week lookahead updates as-requested.

### **Task 1.4 Project Meetings**

- · Bi-weekly progress meetings.
- Other meetings with the Project Management Team as-needed.

### Task 1.5 Coordination Meetings with Other Consultant Teams

Coordination meetings as-needed.

### **Task 1.6 Stakeholder Meetings**

Coordination meetings as-needed.

### Task 1.7 Project Communication Plan

None



#### Task 1.8 Risk Management Plan

None

#### Task 1.9 QAQC Plan

No additional work anticipated.

## Task 1.10 Project History File/Record

• No work on this task in immediate future.

# Task 2.1.1 2019 EIR

• Continue to utilize existing information and studies to assist in initial alternatives screening.

#### Task 2.1.2 Site Review & Reconnaissance

• Site review anticipated to occur following initial screening of alternatives (consultant team to visit 4 detailed screening alternatives)

# Task 2.2 Confirm Project Goals, Criteria + Alternatives

No additional work anticipated.

# **Task 2.3 Develop Data for Alternatives**

 Coordinate with sources for materials to be utilized for initial alternatives screening (geologic mapping, land use mapping, LiDAR, etc.)

# **Task 3.1.1 Identify Initial Alternatives**

No additional work anticipated.

### **Task 3.1.2 Alternatives Screening Workshop**

- Develop DRAFT Initial Screening Memo
- Conduct Initial Screening Workshop
- Revise DRAFT Initial Screening Memo Based on workshop conversations

### Task 3.2.1 Further Development of Alternatives

Begin detailed alternative development

# Task 3.2.2 Access Constructability

No work on this task in immediate future.

#### Task 3.2.3 LOS Evaluation

• No work on this task in immediate future.

### **Task 3.2.4 Evacuation Analysis**

No work on this task in immediate future.

# Task 3.2.5 Maintainability Assessment

No work on this task in immediate future.



#### Task 3.2.6 Environmental & Cultural

• No work on this task in immediate future.

### Task 3.2.7 Estimate Life Cycle Cost

No work on this task in immediate future.

### Task 3.2.8 Other Factors

• No work on this task in immediate future.

### Task 3.2.9 Evaluate Geologic Conditions

No work on this task in immediate future.

# Task 3.2.10 Value Analysis/Engineering

• No work on this task in immediate future.

### Task 3.2.11 Preferred Alternatives

No work on this task in immediate future.

## Task 5.1 Grant Funding Identification

Ongoing coordination calls to determine funding strategy.

# Task 5.2 Strategy Development to Facilitate Funding

• Initial development of funding strategy and targets.

# **Task 5.3 Grant Application Preparation**

No work on this task in immediate future.

# Task 5.4 Preliminary Benefit-Cost Analysis

• No work on this task in immediate future.

# III. Status of Near-Term Deliverables and Milestones

TASK	DELIVERABLE/MILESTONE	DUE DATE	STATUS	
2.2	Technical Criteria Tech Memo	11/8/23	Completed	,
2.2	Initial and Detailed Screening Criteria	11/8/23	Completed	
3.1.2	Initial Alternatives Screening Memo	12/20/23	Ongoing	
2.2	Detailed Alternative Geometric Exhibits	2/15/24	Not Started	

# IV. Significant Technical Issues and Proposed Resolutions/Actions

ISSUE	PROPOSED RESOLUTION/ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
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# V. <u>Scope</u>, Budget, and Schedule Issues and Proposed Resolutions/Actions

ISSUE	PROPOSED RESOLUTION/ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
Golden Eagle permit required starting January 1 <sup>st</sup> . No field work allowed within 1 mile of nesting locations until August 31 <sup>st</sup> without permit.	Engage environmental surveyors early 2024 to obtain nesting locations required to apply for permit.	TYLin	1/15/24

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		Current Project Schedule
		Additional Issue Documentation:

# VII. Consultant Certification

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The above information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Michael Pyrz, PE Project Manager 12/18/2023

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# **Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Program Management**

**Subject: November 2023 Progress Report** 

Prepared for: Anthea Hansen (DPWD) and Chris White (SJRECWA)Prepared by: Xavier Irias and Romy Sharafi (Woodard & Curran)

Date: January 8, 2024

**Project No.:** 0011297.00

This progress report summarizes the work performed by Woodard & Curran and subconsultants for the period between October 30, 2023 and November 24, 2023, for Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Program Management. Please contact <a href="mailto:aneal@woodardcurran.com">aneal@woodardcurran.com</a> or (925) 627-4114 with any questions.

# **Work Performed**

A summary of work performed during the current reporting period is summarized in the following table.

Task Description	Work Completed This Period
	<ul> <li>Weekly internal team and external client coordination meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Task 1</b> Program Management	<ul> <li>Project management tool maintenance (EVA, document management portal, staff management and tracking, sub billing calendar).</li> <li>Budget, schedule, and scoping tracking and updates.</li> <li>Coordination with and management of subcontractors.</li> </ul>
<b>Task 2</b> Agency Coordination and Permitting Plan	<ul> <li>USBR weekly meetings and preparation.</li> <li>Internal meetings and staff coordination related to permitting and agency coordination efforts.</li> <li>Continued fieldwork for geotechnical investigations into early November, using multiple rigs to complete the work prior to the onset of wet weather. Fulltime monitoring was done to ensure compliance with environmental permitting restrictions and entry requirements.</li> </ul>

Task Description	Work Completed This Period
<b>Task 3</b> Reservoir Operations Analysis	• None.
<b>Task 4</b> Funding	<ul> <li>Reviewing information for grant application.</li> </ul>
Task 5	• Continued work on the EIS and worked to define the physical features of the Ingram Canyon Alternative. Specific tasks included identification of roadway improvements that would be required for the Ingram alternative, and dam and appurtenance footprints for that alternative.
5160565050	<ul> <li>Working on various technical studies for Ingram Canyon alternative, including traffic and dam inundation.</li> </ul>
	Road design coordination with TYLin
	<ul> <li>Shared Ingram Canyon project footprint with Reclamation and addressed their comments.</li> </ul>
<b>Task 6</b> Validate Facilities	• None.
<b>Task 7</b> Procure Design Consultants	• None.
	<ul> <li>Continued to coordinate with TGP to maintain ongoing geotechnical field investigations.</li> </ul>
<b>Task 8</b> Design Consultant	<ul> <li>Continued to apprise DSOD of the progress of investigations. Coordinated DSOD site visit that occurred in early November.</li> </ul>
Management	<ul> <li>Held review meetings with TYLin team to finalize documents for County. Reviewed road screening criteria and technical design standards to be used for alternatives development.</li> </ul>

Task Description	Work Completed This Period
<b>Task 9</b> Conveyance Facilities Preliminary Design	None.
<b>Task 10</b> USBR Feasibility Report	• None.
<b>Task 11</b> Land-Owner Coordination	Owner coordination for access and agreements
Task 12 Survey/Mapping	None.
	<ul> <li>Held coordination meeting with PG&amp;E in continuing effort to resolve conflict between proposed locations for the spillway and a transmission line tower.</li> </ul>
Task 13 Utility Company	<ul> <li>Continued coordination with Crimson on the relocation of their petroleum line.</li> </ul>
Coordination	<ul> <li>Continued work with PG&amp;E and dam designer, TGP, to coordinate and define adjustments to avoid a potential conflict between the proposed dam spillway and proposed PG&amp;E electrical towers.</li> </ul>
<b>Task 14</b> Outreach Support	Continued coordination with team.

# **Budget Status**

As of this invoice, 80% of the project budget has been billed (\$9,794,819.16 of \$12,255,825.13). A budget breakdown by task is included in the below table.

**Table 1: Budget Breakdown By Task** 

Task No.	Description	Budget	Previously Billed	Billed This Period	Total Billed to Date	Budget Remaining	% Billed to Date
1	Program Management	\$1,240,574.94	\$891,819.36	\$5,400.25	\$897,219.61	\$223,355.33	80%
2	Agency Coordination and Permitting Plan	\$1,070,643.56	\$1,041,779.21	\$75,882.76	\$1,117,661.97	\$72,981.59	94%
3	Reservoir Operations Analysis	\$383,833.50	\$373,206.00	\$0.00	\$373,206.00	\$10,627.50	97%
4	Funding Strategy	\$71,000.00	\$40,462.25	\$125.00	\$40,587.25	\$30,412.75	57%
5	CEQA/NEPA Compliance	\$3,724,736.91	\$2,281,194.88	\$24,216.18	\$2,305,411.06	\$1,419,325.85	62%
6	Validate Facilities	\$2,155,442.87	\$2,155,442.84	\$0.00	\$2,155,442.84	\$0.03	100%
7	Procure Design Consultants	\$148,875.06	\$141,333.05	\$0.00	\$141,333.05	\$7,542.01	95%
8	Design Consultant Management	\$567,016.51	\$127,033.39	\$8,118.23	\$135,151.62	\$431,864.89	24%
9	Conveyance Facilities Preliminary Design	\$1,082,317.94	\$1,082,317.94	\$0.00	\$1,082,317.94	\$0.00	100%
10	USBR Feasibility Study	\$571,778.64	\$571,778.64	\$0.00	\$571,778.64	\$0.00	100%
11	Land Owner Coordination	\$149,420.07	\$51,431.80	\$172.50	\$51,604.30	\$97,815.77	35%
12	Survey/Mapping	\$173,364.88	\$173,364.88	\$0.00	\$173,364.88	\$0.00	100%
13	Utility Company Coordination	\$515,007.06	\$371,880.10	\$1,035.00	\$372,915.10	\$142,091.96	72%
14	Outreach Coordination	\$401,813.19	\$376,505.90	\$319.00	\$376,824.90	\$24,988.29	94%
Total \$12,255,825.13 \$9,679,550.24 \$115,268				\$115,268.92	\$9,794,819.16	\$2,461,005.97	80%

### Notes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Task budgets are internally allocated and may be reallocated between tasks based on program need.

# **Schedule Status**

Work through early November was focused on completing necessary geotechnical field work before winter rains.

Looking forward, the roadway alternatives analysis is the key schedule driver in the next few months since that work will inform other program activities. The team is working to maintain strong communications with the County so that the final roadway alternative meets appropriate standards.

# **Outstanding Issues**

# **CEQA** litigation

A Court decision upheld most of the analysis in the EIR, but directed that certification
be set aside because the road relocation was not sufficiently defined. The Project team
is now working to identify a preferred road alignment and issue a revised CEQA
document evaluating impacts of the road.

# **Bureau of Reclamation Coordination**

- Based on extensive comments from cooperating agencies on Reclamation's draft EIS, Reclamation developed a new approach for the EIS by which W&C will draft a new EIS with substantial detail on alternatives including Ingram Canyon. We have started work on EIS and are currently focused on developing a description of the physical features associated with the Ingram Canyon alternative.
- We continue to await written confirmation that Reclamation concurs with our position that
  the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project is under construction, consistent with the
  requirements in section 4013(2) cited per criteria in section 4011f(2). Our project manager
  at USBR, Allison Jacobson, has indicated that our letter has been reviewed and there are no
  objections to our position.

# **Army Corps Coordination**

 The Corps is officially a cooperating agency for the USBR NEPA process. They have designated Reclamation to act on their behalf in the Section 7 consultation. We have a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination from the Corps, which we have agreed is sufficient for the Project. We have determined that an Approved Jurisdictional Determination is not needed.

### State Water Resources Control Board Coordination

 After the initial water rights application was reviewed by the State Board, additional coordination and analyses were required for the water availability analysis portion of the application. This has required more detailed data collection and analyses to estimate downstream impacts of flow reduction in the Del Puerto Creek. The State Board does not have streamlined guidelines for the requirements of the water availability analyses, and it is unknown what level of detail will be required for completion of the application at this time. The team has developed a strategy for the water availability analysis and drafted a TM which will be presented to the State Board for further discussion before re-submitting the application.

# **Utility Company Coordination**

 Woodard & Curran continues to work with Crimson to relocate the Crimson pipeline, and is sharing project data with the Crimson team to facilitate their work.

# DESIGN OF EARTHEN DAMS AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES

# TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD Meeting No. 5 January 10 to 12, 2023 Patterson, CA

# **A**GENDA

# January 10, 2024

9:00 AM	Meet at the Office of Del Puerto Water District - 17840 Ward Ave, Patterson, CA 95363
9:30 AM	Technical Topics for Morning Discussion
9:35 AM	Review of Responses to Previous TRB Comments
10:00 AM	Scope of Phase 2 Explorations
10:45 AM	Brief Introduction to 3D Geologic Model
11:00 AM	Inspection of Selected Cores
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Welcome and Introductory Remarks by Project Partners
2:10 PM	<ul> <li>Meeting Agenda and Objectives</li> <li>Recap of Morning Session</li> <li>Project Status</li> <li>Questions for TRB</li> </ul>
2:30 PM	Discussion of 3D Geologic Model and Comments from TRB
4:30 PM	Meeting Close
6:00 PM	Group Dinner – TBD

# January 11, 2024

9:00 AM	Meet at the Office of Del Puerto Water District - 17840 Ward Ave, Patterson, CA 95363	
9:30 AM	Update of Geotechnical Characterization based on Results of Phase 2 Explorations	
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 AM	Remaining Investigative Work	
	<ul><li>Laboratory Testing Program</li><li>Fault Investigation</li></ul>	
1:30 PM	Preliminary Design	
3:30 PM	Six-Month Look Ahead	
4:00 PM	Concluding Comments by Partners and Program Team	
4:30 PM	Close for the Day	





# DESIGN OF EARTHEN DAMS AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES

# January 12, 2024

8:30 AM TRB Closed-Door Session – Venue TBD

2:00 PM Presentation of TRB Findings and Comments

3:30 PM Closing Statements and Schedule of Next TRB Meeting

## Anthea Hansen

From:

Los Vaqueros Reservoir JPA <info@losvaquerosipa.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 29, 2023 1:34 PM

To:

Anthea Hansen

Subject:

Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Update

December 29, 2023

# Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Update



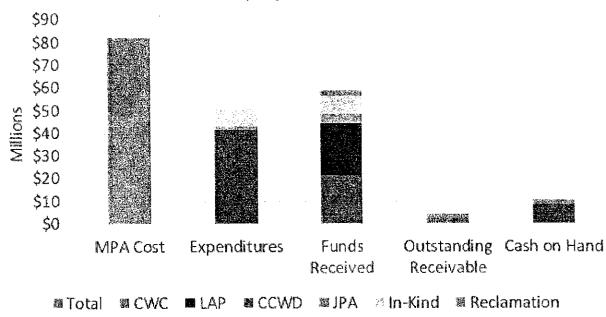
# UPDATE ON MULTIPARTY COST SHARE AGREEMENT AND PROJECT SCHEDULE

Amendment No. 5 to the Multiparty Cost Share Agreement (MPA) was fully executed and invoices for half of the total cost share have been sent to each of the JPA Member Agencies. The total cost share for each JPA Member Agency, excluding Grassland Water District, is \$1.239 million for FY24.

A comprehensive near-term project schedule has been developed and is under review with the JPA Member Agencies. The schedule reflects a potential delay in project implementation, due to the additional time required to enter into project agreements and obtain full funding approval from the California Water Commission (CWC). In anticipation of the projected schedule delay, the JPA is working to ensure sufficient interim funding for project activities.

The following chart provides an overview of the MPA expenditures through November 30, 2023, as well as in-kind services, funds received, outstanding receivables, and cash on hand.





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On December 13, the IPA Board of Directors mer in person at Zone 7 Vater. Agency: Action name included approval of proposed amendments to the IPA's Conflictor interest Code. The Board also received updates on the plan of thanse program management budget. IPA agreement amendments and capital preservation strategy. The next IPA Board Meeting is scheduled for language 10 at Zone 7 Water Agency. In accordance with the Brown Act, the meeting agenda packet will be posted on the <u>IPA website</u> in advance of the meeting.

# SUBMISSION AND REVIEW CONTINUE FOR PROJECT PERMITTING

ii S. Fish and Wildlife Service supervisory staff continue reviewing the draft Biological Opinion for constitution activities Reclamation continues preparing a response to comments received by the State Historic Preservation Officer on the Memorandum of Agreement required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Additionally, Reclamation is continuing to define the timing and path forward for the Record of Decision.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) continues work on the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for construction and the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement for construction activities. Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) submitted a counterproposal to the administrative draft ITP for operations, addressing CCWD and IPA Member Agency concerns related to the term, monitoring requirements, and mitigation measures. CDFW is considering the counterproposal and anticipates issuing a second administrative draft in the coming weeks.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues to work on the Section 404 permit and associated Decision Document

# PANALDICAMENTALINE STATEMENT OF COMPANIES OF SECONDARY OF

An updated work plan is under development to preserve capital funding until the ehd of calendar year 2024 to align with anticipated delay of agreements and California Water Commission approval. Prehiminally information from CC (46) and the engineering design and permitting portions of the capital preservation strategy is expected to be shared with the JPA in early January.

The dam raise design is near completion and associated its register is in development. Actual package addressing all California Division of Safety of Dams (PSOID) comments on the drawings and technical specifications at the dam design was submitted to DSOD for approval a CWD stated a revised can include the submitted to DSOD for approval a CWD stated a revised can include the submitted to DSOD comments will be submitted to DSOD. It could be submitted to DSOD.

Fumping Plant Lidesign is at 30-percent completion. A technical memorandum outlining the recommendation to enease the Rock Stouch Eish Screen after fac-

to prevent aquatic vegetation growth and protect the new pump station is expected to be submitted to the IPA for review by lanuary. This is a cost-saving measure relative to the recent cost estimate update.

The initial draft of the preliminary design report and 30-percent drawings for the Transfer Bethany Pipeline (TBPL) is underway. The draft geotechnical report for the first parase of georechnical investigations completed in September is being drafted. A work plan is in development outlining the process for gaining approval from landowings to acquire the TBPL right-of-way through areas linder conservation protections.

Implementation of the Project Management Information System (PMS) is underway. With design and system configuration taking place for the various project specifications and budgers. The PMB will support cost and streetile.

# UPCOMING METINGS

January 10 - 9:30 a.m.

JPA Board Meeting (Zone 7 Water Agency)

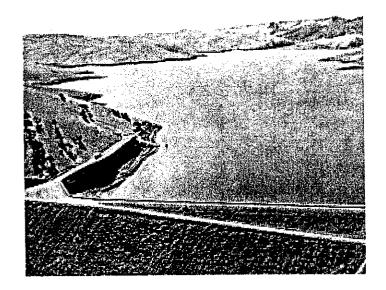
January 18 – 10 a.m.

JPA Operations & Engineering

Committee Meeting

January 22 - 10 a.m.

JPA Finance Committee Meeting



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# LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors January 10, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

To be held at: **ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY**100 North Canyons Parkway
Livermore, CA 94551

# JOIN BY ZOOM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available at the Zone 7 Administrative Building lot. If you are a person with a disability and you need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the Authority's Clerk at <a href="mailto:repersal@lagerlof.com">repersal@lagerlof.com</a>. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Authority to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. {28 CFR 35.102-35, 104 ADA Title II}.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting for the Clerk to read into the record (subject to three-minute limitation). The meeting Chair will acknowledge such individual(s) at the appropriate time in the meeting prior to making their comment. Materials related to items on this Agenda are available for public review at: <a href="https://www.losvaquerosjpa.com/board-meetings">www.losvaquerosjpa.com/board-meetings</a>. Each item on the Agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance, to take action on any item. Members of the public will be disconnected from the meeting prior to any Closed Session, if applicable.

**CALL TO ORDER** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency
Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District
Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District
Antonio Martinez, Director, Contra Costa Water District
Michael Tognolini, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Dennis Herrera, Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Rebecca Eisenberg, Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
TBD, Director – Ex Officio - Department of Water Resources

# ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

Jonathan Wunderlich, Alternate Director, Alameda County Water District
Patt Young, Alternate Director, Contra Costa Water District
Lesa McIntosh, Alternate Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Ricardo Ortega, Alternate Director, Grassland Water District
Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Jose Gutierrez, Alternate Director, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Richard Santos, Alternate Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
Sandy Figuers, Alternate Director, Zone 7 Water Agency
TBD, Alternate Director – Ex Officio, Department of Water Resources

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the Agenda should do so at this time. The Board welcomes your comments and requests that speakers present their remarks within established time limits and on issues that directly affect the Authority or are within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

# CONSENT CALENDAR

# 1.1 Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

\*Treasurers Report Note: The November 2023 and December 2023 Treasurer's Reports have not yet been reviewed by the Finance Committee due to the December 2023 cancellation and will be brought before the Board in February 2024.

#### ACTION ITEMS

### 2.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

# **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 3.1 Program Management Update
  - Budget Update
  - Capital Preservation Strategy Update

# **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

# **REPORTS**

- 4.1 **Directors**
- 4.2 **Executive Director** 

  - 4.2.1 Federal Relations Report
    4.2.2 December 2023 Engagement Activities with Reclamation
- 4.3 **General Counsel**
- 4.4 **Committee Meeting Summaries**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

# CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 1.1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

# RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER:

James Ciampa, General Counsel

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Authority's Board of Directors approve the attached minutes from the December 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

# **DISCUSSION:**

The Clerk, General Counsel and Executive Director have prepared the attached draft minutes from the December 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

# **ALTERNATIVES:**

Any suggested revisions to the draft December 13, 2023 Board meeting minutes will be considered.

# **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

Not applicable.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Not applicable.

# **EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft revised minutes from December 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.



# LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

# **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Held at: **ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY**100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551
December 13, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Chair Angela Ramirez Holmes called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Chair Angela Ramirez Holmes

### ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency
Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District
Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District
Antonio Martinez, Director, Contra Costa Water District
Michael Tognolini, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Rebecca Eisenberg, Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District

# ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

Jonathan Wunderlich, Alternate Director, Alameda County Water District
Patt Young, Alternate Director, Contra Costa Water District
\*Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Richard Santos, Alternate Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
Sandy Figuers, Alternate Director, Zone 7 Water Agency

# **ABSENT**

Dennis Herrera, Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Lesa McIntosh, Alternate Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District Ricardo Ortega, Alternate Director, Grassland Water District Jose Gutierrez, Alternate Director, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

<sup>\*</sup>Participated in place of absent Director

# OTHERS PRESENT

Taryn Ravazzini, Executive Director
James Ciampa, Lagerlof, LLP, General Counsel
Chuck Gardner, Program Manager, Hallmark Group
Jessica Alwan, Program Manager, Hallmark Group
Maddy Benner, Hallmark Group
David Moore, Clean Energy Capital (by telephone)
Rosemarie Perea, Board Clerk (by telephone)
M. J. Brown, Assistant Board Clerk

Numerous others were present in person, via Zoom and by telephone.

# PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ramirez Holmes called for public comments on non-agenda items. None were received.

# CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 1.2 Approval of Revised Minutes from October 11, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
- 1.3 Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
- 1.4 Treasurer's Report Month Ended October 31, 2023

Chair Ramirez Holmes called for public comments. None were received.

Upon motion by Director Martinez, seconded by Treasurer Sethy, the Consent Calendar was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency

Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District

Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District Antonio Martinez, Director, Contra Costa Water District

Michael Tognolini, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District Rebecca Eisenberg, Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District

Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

# **ACTION ITEMS**

# 2.1 Preliminary Approval of Amendments to Conflict of Interest Code

James Ciampa, General Counsel, advised that in December 2022, the Board approved the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code. The draft of that Code had previously been submitted to the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") for approval because the FPPC is the code

reviewing body due to the fact the Authority consists of members from multiple counties. The FPPC's initial suggested revisions to the draft Code were incorporated into the original Code adopted by the Board last December.

Over the past several months, the FPPC has come back with further proposed revisions to the Authority's Code. Those revisions are shown in the redlined version of the Code included in the meeting materials. Those revisions include (i) changes in the assigned Disclosure Categories for the Executive Director and Program Manager, (ii) a clarifying explanatory comment regarding Directors' filing obligation, and (iii) changes to the Disclosure Categories, including the deletion of prior Categories 5 and 7 and deletion of references to the Administrator.

General Counsel Ciampa stated that if the Board approves these proposed revisions to the Code, a notice will then be posted to start a 45-day public comment period and if any interested person requests, a public hearing would be held in connection with adoption of the amendments to the Code. If no request for a public hearing is received, the Board will provide its final approval of the amended Conflict of Interest Code at a meeting after the 45-day comment period has ended, likely at the February 14 Board meeting.

Chair Ramirez Holmes called for public comments on the phone, in the room and by Directors. None were received.

Upon motion by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Tognolini, the proposed Amendments to Conflict of Interest Code, were approved by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** 

Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency

Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District

Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District Antonio Martinez, Director, Contra Costa Water District

Michael Tognolini, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District Rebecca Eisenberg, Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District

Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

# 3.1 Plan of Finance Update

David Moore of Clean Energy Capital, Financial Consultant, Authority staff and the Plan of Finance Sub-Group, comprised of Member financial representatives, developed a draft Plan of Finance and a draft Prioritization Resolution for the Authority. The draft Plan of Finance sets forth the Authority's financial goals and objectives, along with plans for interim financing and permanent financing. The Prioritization Resolution establishes a starting point for documentation of any Authority borrowing and sets forth common terms for any such borrowing.

These draft documents were presented to the Finance Committee on December 5, 2023, and have been revised to incorporate the Finance Committee's input. Member agencies are still reviewing and considering the drafts of the Plan of Finance and the Prioritization Resolution. Mr. Moore then summarized the draft documents. In connection with the Plan of Finance, Mr. Moore stated the intent is for interim financing to be put in place after a competitive process, with the financing to be in place shortly after the Service Agreement is fully executed. He noted that once approved by the Board, the Plan of Finance will only require Board approval of any changes if those changes are significant. He further stated the Prioritization Resolution will be provided to the U.S. EPA and to the interim financing lender prior to be being finalized and approved by the Authority's Board.

Vice Chair Hansen asked how long it would take to receive a response from the U.S. EPA once they are provided with the draft Prioritization Resolution. Mr. Moore advised it would take four to six months after receipt of the Resolution until loan closing. Chair Ramirez Holmes asked when the Resolution would be brought back to the Board and Mr. Moore advised that it would probably be in April 2024, but that date could slip based on the overall Project schedule.

Director Eisenberg stated it is important for Members to have the option to make their contributions by cash rather than through borrowing due to the high cost of money. Mr. Moore confirmed that cash contributions are acceptable in lieu of financing if a Member elects to make such cash contributions.

Chair Ramirez Holmes called for public comments and comments from those on Zoom. None were received. She then asked for any questions or comments from Directors. Treasurer Sethy suggested going over the Plan of Finance in detail at some point. He supports moving forward with the Plan presented by Mr. Moore and his team.

# 3.2 Program Management Update

- Budget Overview
- Capital Preservation Strategy Update

Chuck Gardner, Program Manager, presented a status of program-level activities, including updates on recent accomplishments (Executive Management Team meetings between the Authority and CCWD and revised Project agreement schedule), the status of Authority contract authorizations (Clean Energy Capital and Hallmark Group trending over budget), budget (the Authority and CCWD are under budget), schedule, cash flow and capital preservation strategy.

Mr. Gardner stated a comprehensive near-term Project agreement schedule has been developed and is under review with the Member agencies. He noted this schedule reflects a potential delay due to the sequential consideration of the various Project agreements, instead of handling those agreements concurrently, as originally envisioned. The revised schedule reflects prioritization of the Backstop Plan for CCWD, as well as the Design and Construction Agreement (DCA) managed by CCWD. Additional agreements will be sequenced into the Service Agreement following progress on the Backstop Plan and DCA. That schedule has been provided to the Members' general managers and the Program Management team and technical staff will be meeting individually with the general managers in the coming month to review that schedule.

In anticipation of the projected schedule delay, staff is working on a capital preservation strategy to ensure sufficient funding for the Authority to remain in operation and pursue Project activities. Mr. Gardner presented an overview of the various strategies being considered, including ways to reduce the Authority's and CCWD's monthly burn rates of \$283,000 and \$1.1 million, respectively. Also, there is the potential to transfer approximately \$1.55 million in contingency funds from CCWD to the Authority and to have the Authority enter into a funding agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Authority budget was reviewed and overall is about \$200,000 under budget. The Finance Committee agreed that a 4% escalation factor on the Authority's administrative budget was appropriate. With respect to the Authority agreements' status, a meeting will be held on December 19 to further discuss the DCA, meetings continue with respect to the CCWD and EBMUD Facilities Usage Agreements, and the final draft CAPBs with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Water Resources are expected in February 2024.

Chair Ramirez Holmes called for public comments and comments from those on Zoom. None were received. She then asked for any questions or comments from Directors. Director Tognolini inquired about the possible reduction of the CCWD burn rate. Mr. Gardner stated he had not received definitive information from CCWD on the possible reduction but hoped to have that information in the coming week or two. Director Tognolini also asked about the status of the CCWD Facilities Usage Agreement's usage fee methodology, which remains an open issue. Mr. Gardner stated more will be known on the Facilities Usage Agreement negotiating process after the December 19 DCA meeting. Director Tognolini also expressed his concern about ceasing work on the Service Agreement for the time being and General Counsel Ciampa stated that is a temporary pause until Ibrahim Khadam's work on Project capacity issues is more refined. Mr. Ciampa stated he expected work on the Service Agreement resume in January.

Secretary Wehr asked about the timing of the DCA meetings, which are part of the critical path at this point. Mr. Gardner advised that more will be known regarding future meeting scheduling after the December 19 DCA meeting.

Treasurer Sethy informed the meeting that the Finance Committee also discussed reducing the number of Authority committee meetings and possibly changing the Board meetings to be held via Zoom. General Counsel Ciampa explained the requirements to conduct the Board meetings remotely, which would conform to how the Authority's committee meetings are currently handled, including the address of the Board members on the agenda, having the agenda posted at the respective locations and ensuring each location is accessible to the public. Chair Ramirez Holmes noted she is not in favor of minimizing transparency and Vice Chair Hansen stated the possibility of remote meetings was only briefly touched upon at the Finance Committee meeting. She stated she also is not in favor of diminishing transparency. Mr. Gardner advised further information on the potential cost savings is needed before a more detailed discussion can occur on that issue.

Director Eisenberg asked for an explanation of the nature of the funding problem that is being addressed. Chair Ramirez Holmes advised the ultimate problem is that Amendment No. 5 to the Multi-Party Cost Share Agreement will expire on June 30, 2024 and the Authority does not have a funding source once that amendment expires. Thus, if the Service Agreement is delayed and not in place June 30, 2024, there is no vehicle to fund the Authority, giving rise to the need to

explore alternatives to address that funding issue. Alternate Director Ritchie noted there is currently a lack of certainty among the various Project agreements which is contributing to the delay.

Chair Ramirez Holmes asked whether the next version of the financial proforma will include the updated costs. Mr. Gardner advised it will and he expected that proforma to be available in January.

Chair Ramirez Holmes asked for public comments in the room and Senobar Lanigan of SFPUC asked Mr. Gardner to elaborate on the possible resequencing of construction activities, particularly regarding the Los Vaqueros Dam construction work. Mr. Gardner clarified that resequencing is still under discussion but was raised as a way to reduce construction cost risk and provide more cost certainty earlier in the construction phase.

# 3.3 Proposed JPA Agreement Amendments

Chair Ramirez Holmes noted this item was put on the agenda for purposes of transparency and to allow for discussion by the Board regarding the updates legal counsel will provide.

General Counsel Ciampa provided background information regarding the formation of the Authority and the effectiveness of the Authority's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (the "JPA Agreement"). He then gave an overview of the four amendments to the JPA Agreement that CCWD had proposed in its letter transmitted on October 13, 2023.

General Counsel Ciampa stated he had reported at the November 8 Board of Directors' meeting that possible Board consideration of the proposed amendments would likely occur in early 2024, with a substantive discussion to take place at the December Board meeting. However, Mr. Ciampa stated that since the November 8 Board meeting, positive discussions have occurred on the CCWD Design and Construction Agreement. Also, on Friday, December 1, the Legal Work Group met to discuss the proposed amendments. That meeting resulted in an alternative approach to address the proposed amendments – through potentially addressing adherence to the CCWD Board principles in the CCWD DCA and Facilities Usage Agreement. The Legal Work Group believed that was a workable approach and discussions also occurred regarding possible compromises on the other proposed amendments.

Mr. Ciampa stated at this point having the Legal Work Group continue to meet to discuss the proposed amendments, while negotiations of the other Project agreements proceed, seems to be the most prudent course. Then, once consensus is reached in the Legal Work Group on the form of any amendments to be presented to the Board, those amendments will be brought back to the Board for consideration in accordance with the applicable JPA Agreement provisions. Mr. Ciampa expected the next Legal Work Group call to take place in mid to late January, 2024.

Chair Ramirez Holmes called for public comments and comments from those on Zoom. None were received. She then asked for any questions or comments from Directors. Director Tognolini, Chair Ramirez Holmes and Alternate Director Ritchie stated their appreciation for the Legal Work Group's efforts and felt the process General Counsel Ciampa outlined is the right path. Vice Chair Hansen urged continued discussions and felt the Authority needs to continue to have the ability to engage in advocacy. Director Martinez stated he had sent a letter to the Executive

Director and Chair Ramirez Holmes asking that this item be postponed in order to allow the Legal Work Group to further work on resolution concerning the proposed amendments and to prioritize work on the Project agreements. Chair Ramirez Holmes stated she received that letter but that it could not be forwarded to the full Board due to Brown Act restrictions. Director Eisenberg emphasized the need to keep an open mind and she had read CCWD's initial letter concerning the proposed JPA Agreement amendments to be an opening of negotiations on those issues.

# **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

#### REPORTS

### 4.1 Directors.

Chair Ramirez Holmes advised that the Authority's open house at the ACWA Fall Conference and its meetings with Reclamation at the conference went very well.

# 4.2 Executive Director

Executive Director Ravazzini stated her written report is included in the meeting materials. She highlighted the following items:

ACWA Fall Conference Open House – The event was well attended by Members and others and attendees expressed appreciation for the event and the information provided.

Executive Management Team (EMT) Meetings Update – The Authority and CCWD Executive Management Teams met twice in November to discuss key Project agreements and to emphasize coordination and accountability on those agreements. The November meetings were used primarily to address agreement and permit scheduling issues and to jointly develop schedule adjustments that were then shared with Member agencies. These meetings have continued into December and will be a regular part of the Project coordination schedule in 2024.

Continued Coordination with US Bureau of Reclamation – The ACWA Fall Conference allowed for a couple of productive in-person meetings. The Bureau is waiting for direction from the Commissioner on starting negotiation of the Partnership Agreement between the Bureau and the Authority. Executive Director Ravazzini also clarified an earlier comment regarding the role of the Authority's federal lobbyist, who is assisting with agreement development with the Bureau and not with permitting issues.

ACWA Region 5 Meeting – Chair Ramirez Holmes presented an update on the Project at the ACWA Fall Conference Region 5 meeting on November 29.

Treasurer Sethy asked if the Executive Director could send out basic information on the Refuge Acquisitions Agreement and the Partnership Agreement. Chair Ramirez Holmes advised those agreements have not yet been developed.

# 4.3 General Counsel

General Counsel Ciampa wished the Board and staff Happy Holidays.

	4.4	Committee	Meeting	<b>Summaries</b>
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None. The Finance Committee Meeting was held on December 5, 2023, and the summary was still in development at the time of this posting. The summary will be provided in the January 2024 Board packet.

Alternate Director Wunderlich advised the CCWD Facilities Usage Agreement Ad Hoc Committee met and is preparing to send a response to CCWD. He mentioned that some of the issues that were discussed include the level of assurance of Members' ability to use CCWD's conveyance system and issues with power limitations.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.	
ATTEST:	Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair
Ellen Wehr, Secretary	<del></del>