



Topic: **Authority Board Agenda Item 3.1**

2020 August 26

Subject: **Key Comments from Conservation Organizations and Plan for Addressing Those Moving Forward**

Requested Action:

Review and comment on the approach being taken to address comments from conservation organizations on the 2017 Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the development of the Revised EIR/Supplemental EIS.

Detailed Description/Background:

Staff has begun work on preparation of the Revised EIR/Supplemental EIS. As part of this effort, staff has reviewed comments on the 2017 Draft EIR/EIS from conservation organizations and has formulated draft approaches to addressing these comments in the Revised EIR/Supplemental EIS. Key comments from conservation organizations on the 2017 Draft EIR/EIS and staff's proposed approach to addressing them are provided in the attached document.

The organization assessment (OA) findings identified the need to review key comments on the 2017 Draft EIR/EIS with the Reservoir Committee and Authority Board which this report accomplishes.

Also, by posting these materials on the website they can be referenced should there be any questions or concerns raised by conservation groups or media about the intentions of the Project to review and address these comments.

Prior Action:

April 2020: Directed staff to begin preparation of a Revised EIR to analyze the environmental effects of the options identified in the April 2020 Value Planning Report.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Sufficient funding exists in the revised work plan to address these comments in the Revised EIR/Supplemental EIS.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Key Comments from Conservation Organizations and Approach for Addressing in the Revised EIR/Supplemental EIS