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Mr. Harold (Dan) Hall
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Region Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

Subject: Request for U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Mr. Hall:

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We are inviting the BIA to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the BIA choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the BIA's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

Mr. Harold (Dan) Hall

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We look forward to your response and participation in the Project review. Please inform us of your decision by December 15, 2020, by contacting Mr. Ryan Davis at rdavis@usbr.gov or (916) 978-5083, or Ms. Melissa Dekar at mdekar@usbr.gov or (916) 978-6153. Please reach out to Mr. Davis if you have questions about the Project or would like further information.

Sincerely,

Ernest A. Conant
Regional Director

Enclosure:
Memorandum re Standardized Intra-Department Procedures



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Mr. Daniel Welsh
Deputy Field Supervisor
San Francisco Bay-Delta Fish & Wildlife Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Mr. Welsh:

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We are inviting the FWS to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the FWS choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the FWS's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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Honorable Daniel Gomez
Chairman
Colusa Indian Community Council
Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa
Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria
3730 Highway 45
Colusa, California 95932

Subject: Request for Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Chairman Gomez:

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We are inviting the Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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Honorable Charlie Wright
Chairman
Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians
P.O. Box 1630
Williams, California 95987-1630

Subject: Request for Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Chairman Wright:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We are inviting the Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians' involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

Honorable Charlie Wright

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Honorable Anthony Roberts
Chairman
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
P.O. Box 18
Brooks, California 95606-0018

Subject: Request for Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Chairman Roberts:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We are inviting the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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Mr. Chad Dibble
Deputy Director
Ecosystem Conservation Division
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
1416 9th Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Request for California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Mr. Dibble:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We invite the CDFW to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the CDFW choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the CDFW's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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Ms. Jean Prijatel
Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9 Environmental Review Branch
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, California 94105

Subject: Request for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Ms. Prijatel:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We invite the EPA to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the EPA choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the EPA's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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Ms. Cathy Marcinkevage
Acting Assistant Regional Administrator
NOAA Fisheries, Central Valley Office
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request for National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Ms. Marcinkevage:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We invite the NMFS to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the NMFS choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the NMFS's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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Mr. Michael Jewell
Division Chief
Regulatory Division SPK-RD
US Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
1325 J Street, Room 1350
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Request for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Mr. Jewell:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We invite the USACE to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should the USACE choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and the USACE's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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Ms. Sonja Anderson
Regional Manager
Western Area Power Administration
Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region
114 Parkshore Avenue
Folsom, California 95630

Subject: Request for Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Participation as a Cooperating Agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project (Project)

Dear Ms. Anderson:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Sites Project Authority are preparing a joint Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (REIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Project. The Project would add a new offstream storage facility northwest of Sacramento, California, in Glenn and Colusa counties. The Project is intended to improve water supply for multiple uses. As the Federal lead agency, Reclamation requests your participation in the NEPA process based on your jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues which should be addressed in the REIR/SEIS.

We invite WAPA to be a Cooperating Agency in this project as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1508.1(e). The responsibilities of a Cooperating Agency are described in 40 CFR 1501.8. Should WAPA choose to become a Cooperating Agency, then a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Project and WAPA's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
San Francisco Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300
Sacramento, California 95814

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Memorandum

To: Ernest A. Conant, Regional Director, Interior Region 10, California-Great Basin,
Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento, California

From: Kaylee Allen, Field Supervisor, San Francisco Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife
Office, Sacramento, California

Subject: Acceptance of Cooperating Agency Request for participation in the National
Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream
Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project

This is in response to your December 9, 2020, letter inviting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) participation as a cooperating agency pursuant to NEPA for the subject project.

The project study area may include resources for which the Service has special expertise and jurisdiction under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Accordingly, we accept your invitation to participate as a cooperating agency.

Our lead for coordination under NEPA, FWCA, and ESA is Steven Schoenberg of my staff, who may be contacted at (916) 930-5672 or at Steven_Schoenberg@fws.gov.

cc:

Ryan Davis, Reclamation, Sacramento, CA



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Sierra Nevada Region
114 Parkshore Drive
Folsom, CA 95630-4710
December 11, 2020

Sent Via E-Mail

Mr. Ernest Conant
Regional Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825-1898

Dear Mr. Conant:

The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is has received your letter requesting WAPA participate as a cooperating agency in the National Environmental Policy Act process for the North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS)/Sites Reservoir Project. I know you have requested an official response by December 15, 2020, but unfortunately WAPA will not be able to meet that deadline. WAPA is interested in participating as a cooperating agency, however WAPA's internal determination process will take some time and requires a signature from WAPA's Administrator, Mr. Mark Gabriel, to be able to provide an official response to your invitation. We would like to find out more about the project and WAPA's role. Ms. LaTisha Saare is WAPA's Sierra Nevada Region Environmental Manager and will be leading this effort for WAPA. Her contact information is (916) 847-3608, or saare@wapa.gov. Ms. Saare will contact Mr. Ryan Davis or Ms. Melissa Dekar to arrange a conference call.

Sincerely,

Sonja A. Anderson
Senior Vice President and
Sierra Nevada Regional Manager

cc:
Mr. Ryan Davis
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
2800 Cottage Way
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

December 14, 2020

Regulatory Division (SPK-2001-00055)

Bureau of Reclamation
Attn: Mr. Ryan Davis
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825
rdavis@usbr.gov

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are responding to your December 9, 2020, request for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to participate as a cooperating agency under the National Environmental Policy Act for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North of Delta Off Stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Project. The project site is located near Stone Corral Creek, Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Meridian Survey, Latitude 39.31148°, Longitude -122.34162°, Colusa County, California.

Our jurisdiction over the proposed action is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In accordance with Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 1501.6, we agree to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. Our involvement in the EIS process will be limited to those areas within our statutory authority. We will work with your office to develop a cooperating agency agreement that outlines our role and responsibilities as well as the coordination procedures for preparation of the EIS.

In addition, we recommend that you conduct early coordination with us to identify the action area and permit area for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Section 305(b)(4)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) pursuant to 50 CFR Part 402.07, 50 CFR 600.920(b) and 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2). Provided early coordination results in our concurrence that the action area and permit area adequately cover those areas under our regulatory authority, we can formally designate your agency to act on our behalf for compliance with ESA, MSFCMA and NHPA.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2001-00055 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Roberts at

310 Hemsted Drive, Suite 310 Redding CA, 96002, by telephone at (530) 223-9538, or by email at *Matthew.J.Roberts@usace.army.mil*. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at *www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx*.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Jewell
Chief, Regulatory Division

cc:

Ms. Melissa Dekar, Bureau of Reclamation, mdekar@usbr.gov



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
West Coast Region
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100
Sacramento, California 95814-4700

December 15, 2020

Ernest A. Conant
California-Great Basin Regional Director
Bureau of Reclamation
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825-1898

Dear Mr. Conant:

Thank you for inviting the National Marine Fisheries Service to participate as a cooperating agency in the development of a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the North-of-the-Delta Off stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Project. We accept your invitation and offer to assist with the National Environmental Policy Act development tasks by assisting in the development of the SEIS, increasing efficiency and providing input for those actions that might otherwise have unavoidable impacts on threatened and endangered species and critical habitat designated under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), marine mammals protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and essential fish habitat identified under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1855(b)).

The lead contact for this process will be Stephen Maurano at (916) 930-3710 and stephen.maurano@noaa.gov. According to your letter, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Project and NMFS's involvement in more detail, and a memorandum of understanding may be established. Please provide background materials and a schedule for development milestones when available, and prior to public scoping. We look forward to working with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on this important project.

Sincerely,

Cathy Marcinkevage
Assistant Regional Administrator



From: [Davis-Fadtke, Kristal@Wildlife](mailto:Davis-Fadtke,Kristal@Wildlife)
To: [Dekar, Melissa D](mailto:Dekar,Melissa.D); [Davis, Ryan A](mailto:Davis,Ryan.A); [Uttley, Paige@Wildlife](mailto:Uttley,Paige@Wildlife); [Jim Lecky \(jim.Lecky@icf.com\)](mailto:Jim.Lecky(jim.Lecky@icf.com)); [Berryman, Ellen](mailto:Berryman,Ellen); [John Spranza@hdrinc.com](mailto:John.Spranza@hdrinc.com) (John.Spranza@hdrinc.com); [Laurie Warner Herson](mailto:Laurie.Warner.Herson)
Cc: [Barker, Kelley@Wildlife](mailto:Barker,Kelley@Wildlife); [Torres, Juan@Wildlife](mailto:Torres,Juan@Wildlife); [Purdy, Colin@Wildlife](mailto:Purdy,Colin@Wildlife); [Miller, Kathleen A.@Wildlife](mailto:Miller,Kathleen.A.@Wildlife); [Grover, Joshua@Wildlife](mailto:Grover,Joshua@Wildlife)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: NODOS/Sites Reservoir Cooperating Agency Meeting Notes
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:38:59 PM

Hello Melissa,

After further consideration, the Department respectfully declines to participate as a Cooperating Agency under NEPA. The Department will provide technical expertise and review the DEIR/DEIS as a Trustee Agency for fish and wildlife resources and a Responsible Agency under CEQA.

Best,

Kristal

From: Dekar, Melissa D <mdekar@usbr.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 1:11 PM
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Good afternoon Kristal,

Reclamation would like CDFW to coordinate with USFWS and NMFS on the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report that USFWS will be developing. We would also like CDFW to review relevant chapters of the document. The Authority will take the lead in coordinating document review with you. I believe Laurie Warner Herson will be touching base with a document review schedule.

Please let me know if you have additional needs or questions.

Thanks,
Melissa

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NODOS/Sites Reservoir Cooperating Agency Meeting Notes

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Hello Melissa,

Thank you for the notes. As we are discussing internally whether or not an MOU and additional funding is needed, it would be helpful to get a better sense of what Reclamation's expectations of the Department are as a Cooperating Agency. Also, any additional details on your schedule would be appreciated as well.

Kristal

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Good morning,

Thank you all for joining our quick meeting this morning.

My notes are attached. Please let me know if there is anything I missed.

Thank you,

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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretaries
Head of Bureaus and Offices
Directors of State, Regional, and Field Offices

From: Deputy Secretary 

Subject: Standardized Intra-Department Procedures Replacing Individual Memoranda of Understanding for Bureaus Working as Cooperating Agencies

Department of the Interior (Department or DOI) Bureaus that are asked by another DOI Bureau that is the lead agency in a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review shall act as a cooperating agency based on the following parameters, and without the need for an individual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Background

The National Environment and Policy Act (NEPA),¹ through the Council on Environmental Quality,² directs lead agencies conducting environmental reviews to include other Federal or State agencies with jurisdiction, either by subject matter expertise or by law, as cooperating agencies during a NEPA analysis. Federal and State Agencies historically formalize this relationship through the use of a MOU to clarify each agency's roles and responsibilities.

Despite residing within the same department, DOI's Bureaus have also employed NEPA cooperating agency MOUs. Intra-Department MOUs were intended to coordinate Bureau efforts and direct the deployment of resources, yet they often and unnecessarily delay environmental reviews. Accordingly, the following guidance replaces the Intra-Department MOU process with standardized guidance for efficient NEPA review and Bureau collaboration.

Directive

Intra-Department Bureaus that are asked to participate in the NEPA process³, where another DOI Bureau is the lead Agency, and that qualifies as a cooperating agency under 42 U.S.C. § 4332 and 40 CFR 1501.6, shall act as a cooperating agency without developing an individual MOU. Instead, the agreements below should serve as their operating agreement.

¹ 42 U.S.C. §4332.

² 40 CFR 1501.6.

³ The direction in this Memorandum applies to Environmental Impact Statements, Environmental Assessments, Categorical Exclusions, and any other form of analysis under NEPA.

Agreements

Intra-Department cooperating agency relationships shall be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.5 and 1501.6 and this section, which sets forth the Bureaus' cooperative roles in the NEPA review process:

Determination of Lead Agencies

When a project proponent or agency proposes an action as defined by the Administrative Procedure Act §704 or by 40 CFR §1508.18, lead and cooperating agencies shall be determined as soon as practicable according to 40 CFR 1501.5 and 1501.6. The lead and cooperating agency shall immediately designate a Point of Contact (POC) to represent each Bureau in Intra-Departmental consultations regarding that project or action.⁴

In executing this process, Lead Agencies shall:

- a. request the participation of each cooperating agency in the NEPA process at the earliest practicable time;
- b. use the environmental analysis and proposals of cooperating agencies with jurisdiction, by law or special expertise, to the maximum extent possible, consistent with its responsibility as the lead agency;
- c. to the extent possible:⁵
 1. Recover costs from project proponents; and
 2. Fund major activities or analyses it requests from cooperating agencies, and include such funding requirements for NEPA analysis in project budget requests, to the extent that project proponents are not already paying for the analysis.
- d. organize the NEPA review for a proposed project or action, including assigning a Senior Executive Service (SES) official to lead the NEPA review process and identifying a primary POC at each cooperating or participating agency;
- e. meet with a cooperating agency at that Bureau's request;
- f. prepare and coordinate Federal Register notices and filing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with EPA;
- g. prepare the sole NEPA analysis for the project in coordination with the cooperating agencies. All NEPA analyses should include an adequate level of detail to inform decision makers regarding the environmental impacts of a proposed project or action while maintaining the Department's document and timeline standards;
- h. inform cooperating agencies of new material information and changes related to the project or action;
- i. review and consider comments submitted by cooperating agencies;

⁴ In instances where Bureaus are co-lead agencies, it is incumbent upon them to determine which acts as the administrative lead agency with final responsibility responsible for completion of the tasks within the Lead Agency section of this Memorandum. However, co-lead agencies shall work together to complete these responsibilities.

⁵ The terms in this paragraph apply to both intra and inter Departmental NEPA analysis.

- j. if required, develop the NEPA document's purpose and need, identify the range of alternatives to be analyzed, identify the preferred alternative(s), and determine whether to develop the preferred alternative to a higher level of detail;
- k. provide cooperating agencies the opportunity to review and contribute to all relevant and substantive phases of the NEPA analysis and its preparation;
- l. if required by One Federal Decision (OFD), prepare and publish a single Record of Decision (ROD) for all cooperating agencies responsible for the project or action to support any necessary authorization decisions. The ROD will incorporate the decisions of each such agency; and
- m. maintain a contemporaneous Decision File of the information assembled and utilized by the cooperating agencies as the basis for their NEPA review.

In executing this process, Cooperating Agencies shall:

- a. participate in the NEPA process beginning at the earliest practicable time;
- b. participate in the scoping process, attend regularly scheduled meetings, and engage in any other activity necessary to efficiently conduct a project's NEPA analysis;
- c. upon the request of the lead agency, assume responsibility for developing information and preparing environmental analyses, including portions of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or EIS with which that Bureau has special expertise;
- d. review and submit comments to the lead agency on the environmental analysis performed by the lead and other cooperating agencies within the specified timeframe;
- e. if required by OFD, participate in the preparation of a single ROD by providing technical drafting assistance and comments that support the underlying authorization decision;
- f. compile a contemporaneous Decision File composed of all documents and communications that inform the cooperating agency's analysis, and systematically provide those documents to the lead agency; and
- g. make staff support available at the lead agency's request, within the Bureau's available resources.

Dispute Resolution

- a. Any disputes arising among lead and cooperating agencies in the NEPA review process shall be promptly brought to the attention of the appropriate first line SES members with authority over the project, or the office responsible for the NEPA review, and be resolved by them;
- b. In the event that first line SES members are unable to resolve such disputes, the issue shall be raised to the appropriate Bureau directors for resolution;
- c. In the event that Bureau directors are unable to resolve such disputes, the issue shall be raised to the appropriate Assistant Secretaries for resolution; and
- d. In the event that Assistant Secretaries are unable to resolve such disputes, the issue shall be raised to the Office of the Deputy Secretary for resolution.

NEPA Timelines, Schedules, and Document Page Count

- a. When conducting a NEPA analysis, Intra-Departmental cooperating agencies shall strive to meet the page count and timelines set forth in Secretarial Order 3355 by agreeing upon a timeline or schedule of milestones;
- b. If a proposed project or agency action qualifies as a Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act or OFD action, then Intra-Departmental Bureaus will comply with the timelines set forth in the OFD Memorandum of Understanding;
- c. To comply with agreed upon timelines, Intra-Departmental agencies shall cooperate, communicate, share information, and resolve conflicts that could prevent timely completion of the NEPA review; and
Each agreed upon project or action schedule shall be uploaded to the NEPA and Permit Database by the lead agency, and where appropriate, the Federal Permitting Dashboard, as soon as is practicable based upon the timely filing of the project or action's Notice of Intent (NOI).

Communication

Intra-Department cooperating agencies shall proactively participate in environmental reviews by communicating with one another, as well as project proponents and stakeholders, in an effective and structured manner that starts early and continues throughout the review process. Active communication will provide all cooperating agencies with the opportunity to identify concerns, raise potential issues early in the review process, and identify solutions.

Concurrent Reviews

Cooperating agencies shall carry out their obligations with respect to NEPA concurrent to the review performed by the lead agency.⁶ Intra-Department NEPA reviews shall also be conducted according to the guidelines within Secretary Order 3355.

Additional Provisions

- a. Nothing contained in this Memorandum is intended to or should be construed to limit or affect the authority or legal responsibilities of the Department's Bureaus, nor bind Bureaus to perform actions beyond their respective authorities;
- b. This Memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations;
- c. Specific activities that involve the transfer of money, services, or property between or among the Bureaus may require execution of separate agreements or contracts that occur as a matter of course;
- d. This Memorandum does not preclude the utilization of NEPA compliance agreements between Bureaus that were in place prior to its effective date; and

⁶ Concurrent review includes but is not limited to Section 7 review under the Endangered Species Act, Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act, and other permitting activities such as coordinating Right-of-Way authorizations.

- e. This Memorandum is not intended to and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Effective Date

This Memorandum is effective immediately upon distribution and shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the Deputy Secretary.

The Heads of Bureaus and Offices are responsible for transmitting this Memorandum to the appropriate staff in the State, regional, and field offices.

NODOS/Sites Project
Cooperating Agency Coordination Meeting
12/15/2020
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Teams

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Cordova, USBR | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Dekar, USBR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Schoeberg, FWS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Davis, USBR | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Agenda

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the USFWS' involvement as a cooperating agency on the Sites Project.

Meeting Summary

Ryan Davis provided presentation of project history/background.

USFWS has accepted Reclamation's invitation to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Sites Reservoir Supplemental EIS.

USFWS has special expertise and jurisdiction under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).

USFWS involvement in the project will include:

- Reviewing Supplemental EIS chapters relevant to USFWS jurisdiction, as discussed (see attached spreadsheet)
- Modeling review/input
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report
 - o An MOU was under development for FWS to develop FWCAR but its current status needs investigation. Steve to follow up.

Steve Schoenberg will be the USFWS point of contact for cooperating agency purposes.
Melissa Dekar will be the Reclamation point of contact for Steve.

Action items and timeline

- Steve to follow up on scope of work and funding for Coordination Act Report
 - o 12/15/2020 PM - Steve confirmed by email that there is a new agreement for all USBR projects for 2021-2025 that would include sites that is pending signature.

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- Melissa will send project description when available, possibly vegetation cover information from 404 process to inform the FWCAR
- Melissa will send chapters for review when they are available

NODOS/Sites Project
Cooperating Agency Meeting
12/17/2020/2020
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

WebEx

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Spranza | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Haley, USACE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Dekar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Roberts, USACE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Davis | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss USACE involvement as a cooperating agency in the Sites Reservoir Project.

Discussion Summary:

- USACE has accepted Reclamation's invitation to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Sites Reservoir Supplemental EIS.
- USACE's jurisdiction over the project is under the authority of Section 404 for the Clean Water Act.
- USACE involvement in the project will include:
 - o Continued coordination through the 404 permitting process.
 - o Reviewing Supplemental EIS chapters relevant to USACE jurisdiction (see attached spreadsheet)

Action Items and timelines:

- Melissa will send Chapters 1-4 to USACE in March 2021 for a **one-month review** period.
- Melissa will send the remaining chapters/appendices when are ready in mid to late-April. This review period will be **approximately 2 weeks**.
- Melissa will communicate any changes to the anticipated schedule.
- John Spranza will provide estimated timing of 404(b)(1) alternatives analysis.

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[Sites DSEIS-USACE.xlsx](#)

Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you all for a productive call this morning.

I've attached my meeting summary notes and a cleaned up version of the spreadsheet used during our call. Please let me know if I've missed anything that should have been captured in the meeting notes.

Thank you,

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Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 9:10:26 AM
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[20201215 Reclamation USFWS Coop Ag Meeting.docx](#)

Hi Laurie,

USFWS cooperating agency meeting notes attached.

Melissa

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Subject: Sites Reservoir - USFWS Cooperating Agency Meeting Summary

Good morning,

Thank you all for a productive meeting on Tuesday.

I attached my meeting notes summary and a spreadsheet with the chapters and appendices that we identified as ones we'd like USFWS to review. The spreadsheet also includes the anticipated release dates for review and the estimated length of the review period. Please let me know if I missed anything or if you have recommended revisions.

Steve, do you have an existing contact at CDFW who you work with on FWCARs? If not, I will reach out to the Authority to see who they have been working with and could put you in touch.

Thanks,

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Cooperating Agency Meeting Sites Reservoir Project



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RECLAMATION

December 22, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Purpose: Initial coordination meeting to discuss NMFS involvement as a NEPA cooperating agency

Attendees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Davis, Reclamation | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Lecky, ICF | <input type="checkbox"/> John Sparanza, Sites Integration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Dekar, Reclamation | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Maurano, NMFS | <input type="checkbox"/> Elif Wilkins, NMFS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Hassrick, ICF | | |

Agenda:

Discussion Topic	Topic Leader	Time Allotted
1. Introductions	All	5 min
2. Background of Project		5 min
3. NMFS Jurisdiction and Involvement		15 min
a. ESA, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act		
b. FWCA Report		
c. Continued Input on Diversion Criteria		
4. EIR/EIS Chapters and Appendices		10 min
5. Schedule		10 min
6. Funding & MOU		10 min
7. Review of Action Items		5 min

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December 30, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Purpose: Initial coordination meeting to discuss CDFW involvement as a NEPA cooperating agency

Attendees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Davis, Reclamation | <input type="checkbox"/> Laurie Warner Herson, Sites Integration | <input type="checkbox"/> John Sparanza, Sites Integration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kristal Davis-Fadtke, CDFW | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Lecky, ICF | |

Agenda:

Discussion Topic	Topic Leader	Time Allotted
1. Introductions	All	5 min
2. Background of Project	Ryan	5 min
3. CDFW Jurisdiction and Involvement	Melissa	15 min
4. EIR/EIS Chapters and Appendices	Melissa	10 min
5. Schedule	Melissa	10 min
6. Funding & Optional MOU	Melissa/Ryan	10 min
7. Review of Action Items	All	5 min

Cooperating Agency Meeting Sites Reservoir Project



— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION

December 30, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Purpose: Initial coordination meeting to discuss CDFW involvement as a NEPA cooperating agency

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristal Davis-Fadtke, CDFW | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Lecky, ICF | |

Agenda:

Discussion Topic	Topic Leader	Time Allotted
1. Introductions	All	5 min
2. Background of Project	Ryan	5 min
3. CDFW Jurisdiction and Involvement MD: Meeting goals: make connection between CDFW and Reclamation staff and to establish a point of contact for Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report purposes. CDFW Point of Contact: Kristal Davis-Fadtke KDF – how will effort support the Sites benefits under WSIP? JS – Ali F. will be sending info soon. KDF – benefits identified in WSIP application have impact associated with them. CDFW needs a way to make a determination that Sites is providing a net benefit. CDFW will rely on environmental review, ITP permits, water rights, etc. Want to make sure there is a connection there and providing the level of info needed on WSIP side.	Melissa	15 min
4. EIR/EIS Chapters and Appendices Reclamation acknowledges the ongoing coordination between the Authority and CDFW regarding diversion criteria and document review and anticipates the Authority will continue those coordination efforts.	Melissa	10 min

5. Schedule Melissa 10 min

MD - Anticipate sending Chapters for review in March – April 2021 timeframe, schedule still undergoing refinement.
LWH - Appendices for modeling, etc may be available before March.
LWH and MD to follow up.

6. Funding & Optional MOU Melissa/Ryan 10 min

RD – does CDFW need funding to provide support?
KDF – CDFW has universal agreement and put in time for review of the document. Current funding should be adequate but will follow up if needed. MOU probably not necessary because roles are clear but will follow up if needed. Clarification/ refinement of schedule requested.

7. Review of Action Items All 5 min

MD will put USFWS/NMFS contacts in touch with KDF for FWCA Report.
MD and LWH will coordinate on providing schedule updates to KDF.
KDF will follow up regarding MOU/funding, if needed.

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Subject: NODOS/Sites Reservoir Cooperating Agency Meeting Notes
Date: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 10:08:48 AM
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Good morning,

Thank you all for joining our quick meeting this morning.

My notes are attached. Please let me know if there is anything I missed.

Thank you,

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Cooperating Agency Meeting Sites Reservoir Project



— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION

January 5, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Purpose: Initial coordination meeting to discuss USEPA involvement as a NEPA cooperating agency

Attendees:

- Stephanie Skophammer Gordon, USEPA Melissa Dekar, Reclamation Joseph Morgan, USEPA
 Ryan Davis, Reclamation Laurie Warner Herson, Sites Integration

Agenda:

Discussion Topic	Topic Leader	Time Allotted
1. Introductions	All	5 min
2. Background of Project RD provided project background/status update.	Ryan	5 min
3. USEPA Jurisdiction and Involvement Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, EO 12898 - Environmental Justice, Noise Control Act, NEPA Joseph and Stephanie will attend 404 pre-application meeting on February 4.	Melissa	15 min
4. EIR/EIS Chapters and Appendices MD reviewed the chapters that we would like EPA to review in advance of release of the public draft (refer to spreadsheet for chapters list and anticipated release dates)	Melissa	10 min
5. Schedule MD – will have a rolling review - March – April timeframe	Melissa	10 min
6. Funding & Optional MOU SG – no MOU or funding needed.	Melissa/Ryan	10 min
7. Review of Action Items MD to send meeting notes and spreadsheet.	All	5 min