

California Water Commission Meeting
WSIP: LVE Project Update
June 16, 2021

#### **Existing LV Reservoir**

- Los Vaqueros (LV) Reservoir is an off-stream reservoir in Contra Costa County with a capacity of 160 TAF
- Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) operates LV in conjunction with four Delta intakes and an intertie with the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
- Benefits:
  - Water quality improvement
  - Drought supply reliability
  - Emergency supply
  - Delta fishery protection







#### 160 TAF LV Dam Raise in Construction





#### **LVE Project Components**









#### **Storage**

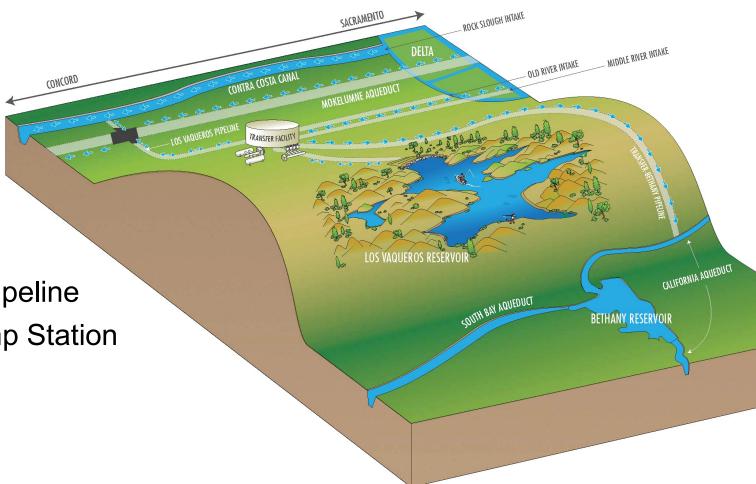
- Expand
   Reservoir from
   160 to 275 TAF
- Upgrade Transfer Facility

#### **Conveyance**

- Transfer-Bethany Pipeline
- Neroly High-lift Pump Station

#### Recreation

- Trails
- Interpretive Center
- Marina



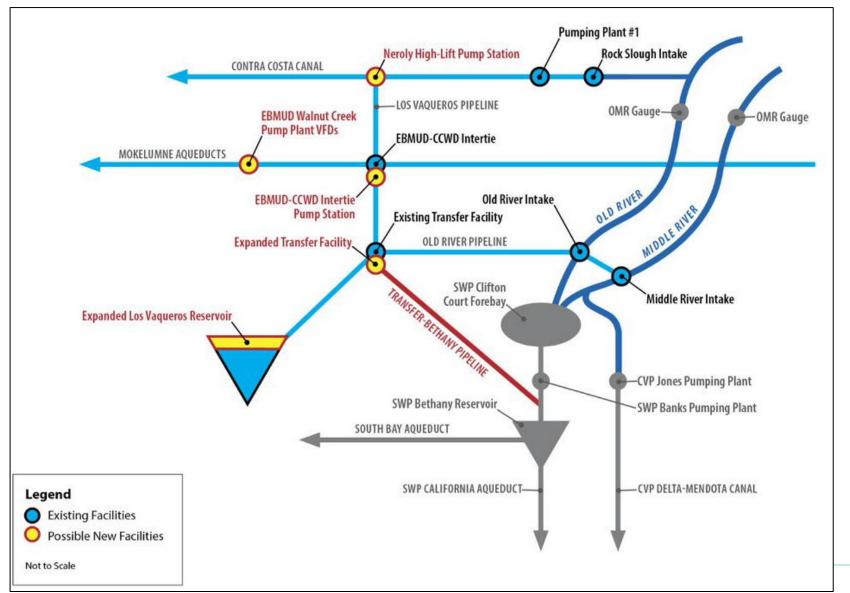
#### **Existing and New Facilities**











#### **WSIP Public Benefits**











- Increased water supply for San Joaquin Valley wildlife refuges
- Improved survival of salmonids migrating through Delta

#### **Emergency Response**

- Catastrophic emergency
- Drought emergency

#### Recreation

 Enhance recreation at LV Reservoir & Watershed



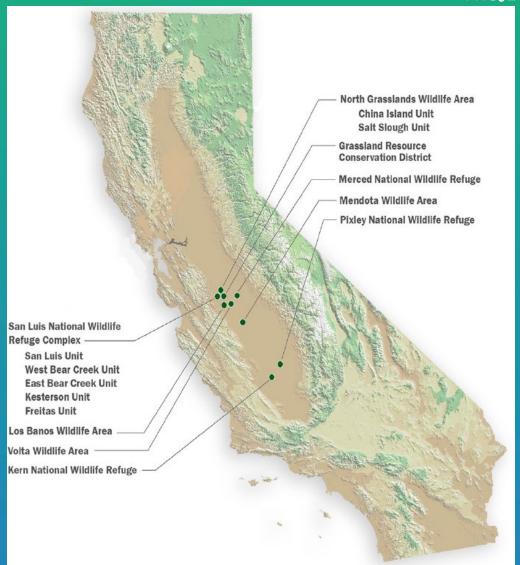






## Federal Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)

- Enacted in 1992
- Identifies full demand of wildlife refuges (Level 2 + Incremental Level 4)
- Guarantees a portion of CVP water to meet a portion of refuge demand each year (Level 2)
- Does not guarantee delivery to meet full Incremental Level 4 demand



# Net Environmental Benefits Provided to South-of-Delta Wildlife Refuges





- Incremental Level 4 CVPIA refuge water (46,000 AF/year on average)
- Flexible short-term storage
- Access to Delta surplus

#### **Increased Water Reliability**

- Reduce reliance on spot market purchases
- Maximize benefits from available federal funding
- Improved operational flexibility





#### **Non-Public Benefits**





- Bay Area Municipal & Industrial
- South-of-Delta CVP Agricultural

## **Improved Drinking Water Quality**

Enhanced Regional Collaboration

- Leverage Existing Facilities
- Facilitate Transfers
- Diversify Regional Supplies
- Improve Climate Change Resiliency

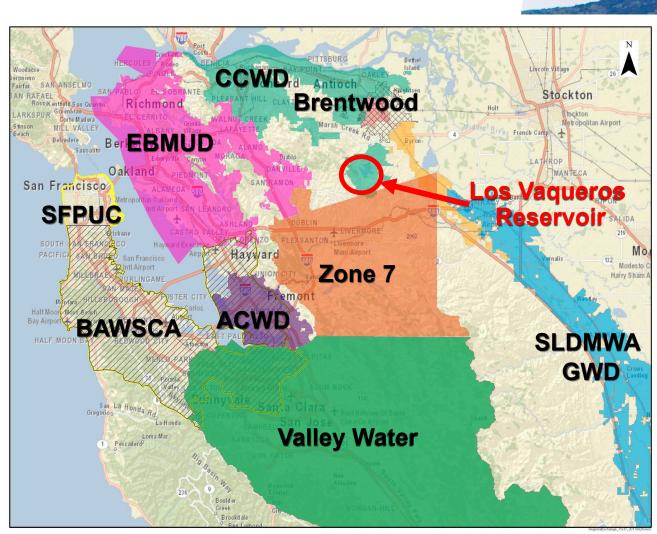






#### **Local Agency Partners**

- Alameda County Water District (ACWD)
- Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)
  - · City of Brentwood
- East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
- Grassland Water District (GWD)
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
  - Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA)
  - Byron-Bethany Irrigation District
  - Del Puerto Water District
  - Panoche Water District
  - Westlands Water District
- Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
- Zone 7 Water Agency





# Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority Formation

- CCWD and Local Agency Partners are forming new JPA
- JPA Role
  - Enter into contracts for administration of public benefits
  - Enter into final funding agreement with CWC
  - Finance Local Agency Partner share of construction costs
  - Coordinate partner requests for service
  - Monitoring and reporting
- CCWD will continue to operate LVE system and provide additional services to JPA as required









#### **CEQA/NEPA** Compliance















2010 Final EIS/EIR for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion

- Analyzed alternatives up to 275 TAF
- CCWD selected alternative for 160-TAF Phase 1 Expansion
- Evaluated timing and impacts of Phase 2 Expansion

2011 Reclamation Approved Phase 1 LVE ROD

2017 Draft Supplement to Final EIS/EIR

- Refined project facilities
- Reflects changed Delta conditions and requirements
- Incorporated updated partner operations

2020 Final Supplement to Final EIS/EIR

CCWD certified, and no CEQA challenges

Phase 2 LVE ROD anticipated by end of year 2021

#### **Final Feasibility Report**











- Published in August 2020
- Secretary of Interior determined LVE Project is feasible and recommended for implementation
- Project authorization provides for federal cost sharing up to 25%
- FY21 Federal Appropriations:
  - \$10 million for preconstruction activities
  - \$ 4.1 million for construction











- Consultations/Applications Status
  - Completed
    - Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report
  - Initiated/Submitted
    - January 2021 Section 404/401 Clean Water Act
    - March 2021 Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act
    - April 2021 Section 7 Endangered Species Act Terrestrial
    - April 2021 Section 783.2 CA Incidental Take Terrestrial
  - In Progress
    - Section 1600 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement
    - Section 7 Endangered Species Act Aquatic











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#### LV Dam Expansion

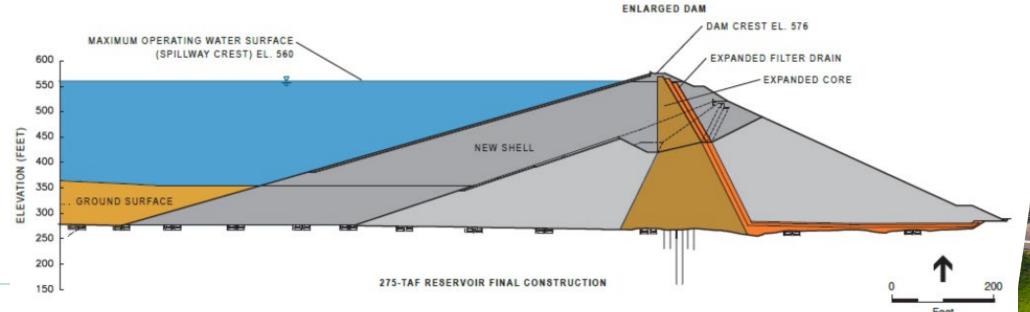
50% Design submitted for DSOD review

#### Contra Costa Canal Pumping Plant No. 1 Replacement

Completed Preliminary Design

#### Transfer-Bethany Pipeline

Final Design in progress











#### **Preconstruction Schedule**





Summer 2021

JPA Formation

September 2021

Meet all requirements for Prop 1 Jan 1,

2022 deadline

Spring 2022

Complete Permits

Spring 2022

Contracts for Administration Public Benefits

Summer 2022

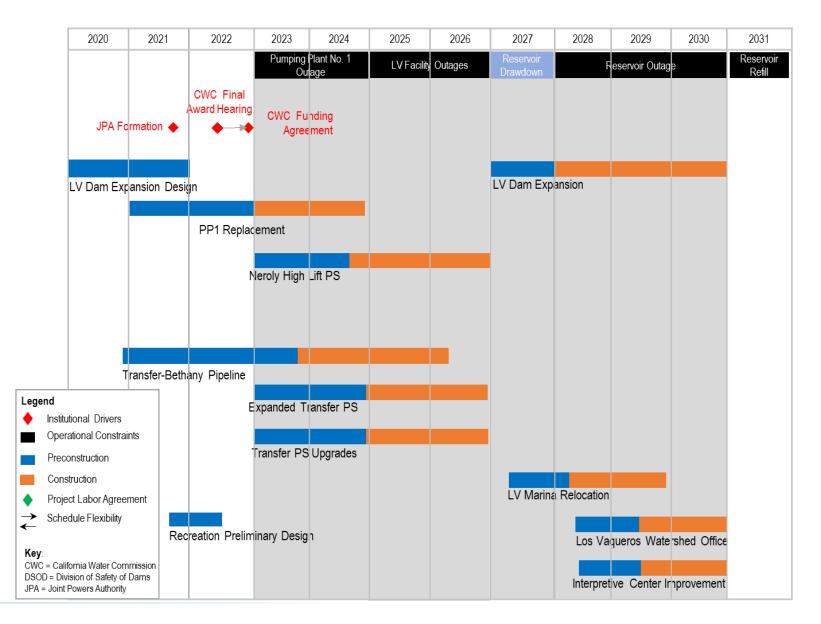
**CWC Final Award Hearing** 

Fall 2022

**Execute CWC Final Funding Agreement** 



#### **Construction Schedule**













#### **Thank You**



#### **Questions?**

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