



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ernesto A. Avila, P.E.

PRESIDENT

Antonio Martinez

VICE PRESIDENT

John A. Burgh

Connstance Holdaway

Patt Young

GENERAL MANAGER

Rachel Murphy, P.E.

January 30, 2024

Submitted Electronically to CWC@water.ca.gov

Matthew Swanson, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Subject: Submittal of the Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report No. 22 for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Dear Chair Swanson:

Contra Costa Water District is pleased to submit the Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report No. 22 for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project. The report provides an update on project status following the October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 quarter.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Maureen Martin at (925) 688-8323 or mmartin@ccwater.com, or Maggie Dutton at (925) 688-8132 or mdutton@ccwater.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen Martin".

Maureen Martin, Ph.D.
LVE Program Manager

MM/MD:wec

Enclosures

Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report

The Quarterly Report is intended to document applicants' progress toward complying with regulation section 6013 and receiving final WSIP funding, including any changes in the magnitude of public benefits that could affect cost allocation. Applicants must provide a summary level update of the project status for the requirements and milestones listed below. The template may be modified as necessary to effectively communicate information. If minimal activities occurred during a reporting period, the report can be condensed.

- Note any issues or concerns that have, will, or could affect milestones or requirements.
- Identify key issues, including legal issues such as lawsuits or injunctions related to the project, that need to be resolved.
- Discuss how the actual schedule is progressing in comparison to the schedule provided in the Initial Report or the last reported schedule.
- Update the project schedule as needed.
- Note any milestones or accomplishments that occurred since submittal of the prior Quarterly Report.

Project Information

Project Name:

Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Applicant Name:

Contra Costa Water District

Date:

1/30/2024

Reporting Period:

Quarterly Report No. 22 - October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

General Update and Key Issues

Please provide a general update and describe any key issues that occurred during this reporting period. You may attach additional documents or pages if more space is needed:

No issues or concerns were been identified during the reporting period that could affect completion of program requirements.

CCWD and JPA Member Agencies continue to make progress on environmental planning and engineering feasibility efforts in alignment the tasks in the WSIP Early Funding Agreement, which expired in December 2023, and on the tasks required to schedule a final award hearing for WSIP funding for the LVE Project.

JPA Member Agencies continue to develop independent business cases for their investment, which will be informed by final permits. Draft Contracts for the Administration of Public Benefits are being developed in coordination with JPA Member Agencies and partner state agencies.

JPA Member Agencies and US Bureau of Reclamation continue work on all aspects of federal interest and investment in the Project.

Items Required Prior to Scheduling a Final Award Hearing

The following items must be provided prior to scheduling a hearing. As applicable, please describe the status, estimated completion date, and percent complete of:

1. Contracts for non-public cost share:

Status: Local cost share agreements were recently amended amongst project partners and extends into FY 2025. The Service Agreement between the JPA and the JPA Members is being developed to cover local share of project costs. The schedule for finalizing and executing the Service Agreement sets a target date for September 2024.

Estimated Completion Date: September 2024

Percent Complete: 72%

2. Contracts for administration of public benefits:

Status: Discussions continue with DWR and CDFW on individual project contract development. Drafts have been developed and negotiations expected to commence in first quarter of 2024.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2024

Percent Complete: 65%

3. Completed feasibility studies:

Status: Completed.

Estimated Completion Date: October 2021

Percent Complete: 100%

4. Final environmental documentation:

Status: Final Supplement to the Final EIS/EIR was released February 2020. CCWD Board approved in May 2020.

Estimated Completion Date: August 2020

Percent Complete: 100%

5. All required federal, state, and local approvals, certifications, and agreements:

Status: Coordination with federal, state, and local agencies is ongoing.

Estimated Completion Date: September 2024

Percent Complete: 73%

Items Required to Execute a Funding Agreement

Please provide an update, as applicable, on the following documents, which are needed to execute a funding agreement for the project:

- Applicant's audited financial statements
- Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work
- Evidence of bilateral communications
- Limited waiver of sovereign immunity (see regulations section 6013(f)(8))

Updates to information provided in the Initial Report or prior Quarterly Reports are only needed when a significant change has occurred. The Commission may request submittal of updated information prior to executing a funding agreement.

No changes pending completion of the audit. At the inception of the program, CCWD submitted two years of financial statements to the CWC along with the WSIP Financial Management Systems Questionnaire. An update to the project cost estimate was completed in July 2023 suggesting a 10% increase above the June 2022 estimate. An update to the project schedule was started in November. Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work are currently in development.

Evidence of bilateral communications was provided in the WSIP application, and further pertinent evidence will be provided as communications between responsible agencies is initiated. CCWD and the JPA are not tribes and the project is not expected to impact tribal lands; thus, acquisition of a limited waiver of sovereign immunity is not applicable.

Status Update

Provide a status update for the following, as applicable:

- Labor Compliance
- Urban Water Management Plans
- Agricultural Water Management Plans
- Groundwater Management or Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Potential effect of other conditionally eligible projects on the applicant's public benefits

Updates to information provided in the Initial Report or prior Quarterly Reports are only needed when a significant change has occurred. The Commission may request submittal of updated information prior to executing a funding agreement.

Labor compliance program is expected to begin prior to qualifying work (construction) in approximately 2025. CCWD's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan was approved by DWR May 23, 2022. CCWD's service area includes a small amount of agricultural water customers, but CCWD is not required to complete an AWMP based on the requirements described in SB X7-7. CCWD is a participant in the GSP development of the East Contra Costa Subbasin; the GSP was finalized in October 2021 and all implementing GSAs adopted the GSP. The GSP was approved by DWR in July 2023.