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Subject: Submittal of the Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report No. 11 for

the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project

Dear Chair Alvarado:

Contra Costa Water District is pleased to submit Quarterly Report No. 11 for the subject project. The report provides an update on project status following the January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 quarter.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at (925) 688-8018 or <a href="mailto:mpatil@ccwater.com">mpatil@ccwater.com</a>, or Maggie Dutton at (925) 688-8132 or <a href="mailto:mdutton@ccwater.com">mdutton@ccwater.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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**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:

4/30/2021

Reporting Period:

Quarterly Report No. 11 - January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

## **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 have been identified during the reporting period that could affect completion of milestones or requirements. CCWD and Local Agency Partners continue to make progress on Environmental Planning and Engineering Feasibility tasks through the WSIP Early Funding Agreement, and on the tasks required to schedule a final award hearing for WSIP funding for the LVE 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: Develop a cost share agreement with potential Local Agency Partners to cover local share of project costs.

Estimated Completion Date: December 2021

Percent Complete: 52%

#### 2. Contracts for administration of public benefits:

Status: Met with DWR and DFW to continue discussions.

Estimated Completion Date: January 2022

Percent Complete: 10%

## 3. Completed feasibility studies:

Status: Final Federal Feasibility Report was completed in February 2020 and was approved by the Secretary of the Interior and submitted to Congress in August 2020. CCWD is coordinating with staff from CWC and DWR to ensure the Final Federal Feasibility report meets the CWC requirements.

Estimated Completion Date: May 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 and the Secretary of the Interior submitted to Congress in August 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: December 2021

Percent Complete: 45%

## **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. At the inception of the program, CCWD submitted two years of financial statements to the CWC along with the WSIP Financial Management Systems Questionnaire. Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work are currently in development. Evidence of bilaterial communications was provided in the WSIP application, and further pertinent evidence will be provided as communications between responsible agencies is initiated. CCWD is not a tribe 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

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Labor compliance program is expected to begin prior to qualifying work (construction) in approximately 2022. CCWD's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan was submitted and approved by DWR. CCWD's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan is under development. 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 development is in progress and is being funded by a grant from DWR under the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.