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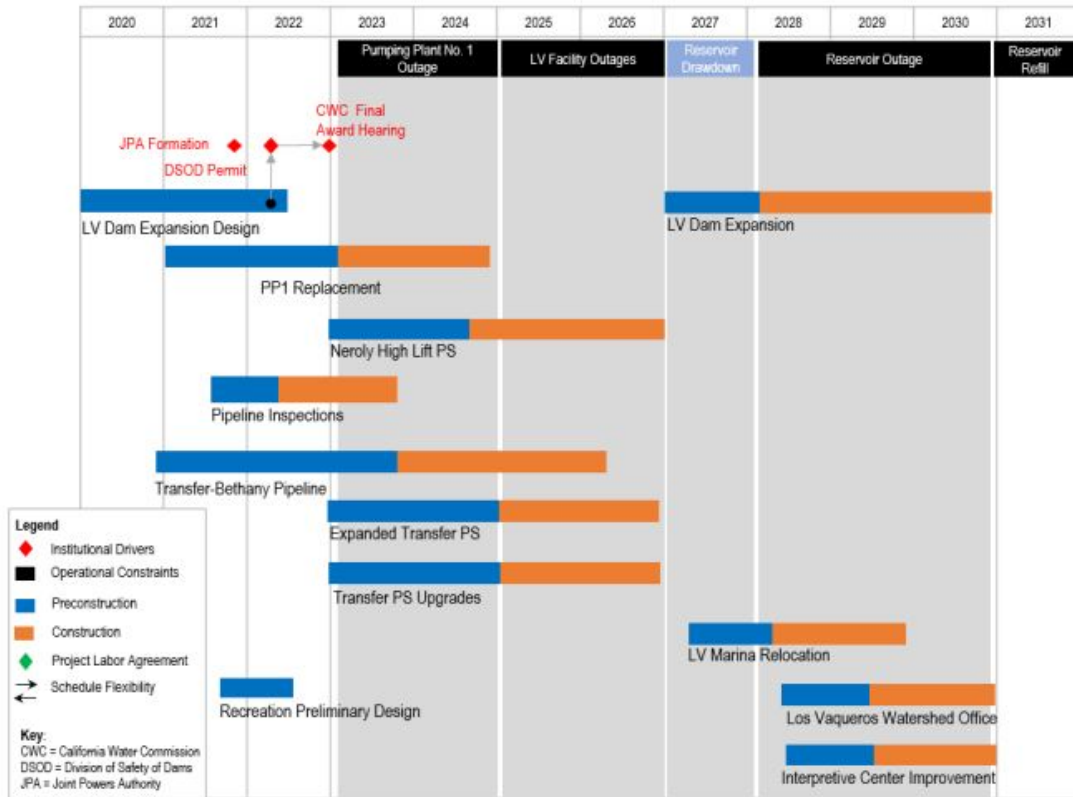
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Subject: Re: Las Vaqueros Reservoir 275,000 acre-feet - CCWD Board to flounder in Closed Session
Attachments: 04 - LVRE 275 TAF Project Facilities.pdf; 02.03.21-4 Backstop MOU with EBMUD.pdf

Dear Commissioners, Staff and the Public,

I see item 9 is still on the agenda for your meeting this morning so as you vote I want you to have the attached latest Los Vaqueros schedule and Backstop MOU. Lisa Borba has not coordinated or gotten sign off from incidental take fish in the draining Los Vaqueros and Comanche reservoirs, migrating Sacramento and Mokelumne river salmon, steelhead, fisherwomen and fishermen, EBMUD and CCWD customers who will be impacted by the schedule, Backstop MOU and reservoir refill.

I have a lot of Department of Water Resources (DWR) public records requests to type in and queue up this morning so I will miss your meeting but I will watch the recorded video when you publish it.

Leland



LVE Project Schedule

Exhibit B



AGENDA DOCKET FORM

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BACKSTOP WATER SERVICE DURING LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

SUMMARY: Implementation of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (Project) includes increasing the existing reservoir capacity from 160,000 acre-feet up to 275,000 acre-feet. In order to facilitate construction of modifications to the dam and associated facilities, the Los Vaqueros Reservoir will need to be drawn down completely for up to three years. The Contra Costa Water District (District) is evaluating options for securing supplemental water conveyance and/or water supplies during the reservoir outage period to ensure there are no water quality or water supply impacts to the District’s customers as a result of Project construction.

One of the most feasible options for supplemental water conveyance is through use of the existing untreated water intertie with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). This intertie connects the District’s Los Vaqueros Pipeline to EBMUD’s Mokelumne Aqueduct No. 2 and has a capacity of 155 cubic feet per second. The intertie has been successfully operated to convey water to the District’s Transfer Facility and to the Contra Costa Canal.

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FISCAL IMPACT: The current FY21-22 Project budget includes adequate funding for District staff and consultant support for implementation of the MOU. EBMUD is currently providing in-kind services for the Project through the existing Multi-Party Funding Agreement. EBMUD will ultimately seek reimbursement for the costs it incurs to provide Backstop Water Service. It is anticipated that EBMUD’s costs would be reimbursed by the future Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and the terms for provision of Backstop Water Service and reimbursement would be included in a future Backstop Water Service Agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the East Bay Municipal Utility District and the Contra Costa Water District for development of Backstop Water Service during Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project construction.

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On Sat, Oct 16, 2021 at 6:09 PM Leland Frayseth <leland.frayseth@gmail.com> wrote:
Subject: Las Vaqueros Reservoir 275,000 acre-feet - CCWD Board to flounder in Closed Session

Dear Commissioners, Staff and the Public,

This is my 42nd letter to the California Water Commission please add this comment to the 20 Oct 2021 meeting agenda item 9 Water Storage Investment Program: Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Continuing Eligibility and Feasibility Determination (Action Item). I am a 37 year Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) ratepayer of Los Vaqueros Reservoir 100,000 and 160,000 acre-feet that gives me poor water quality, has a longitudinal crack in its crest and never was filled to 160,000 acre-feet after being raised in 2012.

I think this item should be pulled from the agenda. There is no way Staff could have determined Los Vaqueros is feasible or "will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta."

Every major reservoir in the West is almost empty; there are millions of acre-feet unused surface storage capacity in the Colorado and Sacramento River Basins. There is no water to fill them because you changed the climate by burning fossil fuels to pump water to the Central Valley and up the Tehachapi Mountains. That dumped tons of Carbon into the atmosphere. Last Spring I told you to embrace the Next California Project to move Central Valley farming the Mississippi Delta where there is abundant water.

You will dump tons more Carbon into the atmosphere burning diesel fuel for construction and earthmoving equipment to tear down the 160,000 acre-feet dam built in 2012 further exacerbating climate change.

I think Lisa Borba and her CCWD Board know the fish are winning in Court that is why they have to meet in Closed session. There will be water for fish but no 275,000 acre-feet reservoir. My tap water has been particularly nasty this year while they try to drain that stagnant pool through my kitchen faucet and shower head.

The 275,000 acre-feet schedule has slipped 5 years since what was on their Prop 1 application. CCWD's Board approved a plan to buy water from East Bay Municipal District (EBMUD) during the 5 year construction. EBMUD has no water to spare Comanche Reservoir and the Mokelumne River are dangerously low pulse flows for salmon are a trickle of what they should be from the California Data Exchange Format queries I pull.

The Federal Infrastructure Bill has not passed and its prospects look grim, there will be no more federal money for Los Vaqueros 275,000 acre-feet.

Please Commissioners if this item does not get pulled from the agenda and you do vote on it, vote it down. I know these people at CCWD very well, I have been their customer for 37 years. The 275,000 acre-feet Los Vaqueros project should be canceled, the project team terminated and migrating salmon should get the water.

Leland Frayseth