

# **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:

Project Name: Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

Applicant Name:

Santa Clara Valley Water District

Date:

January 31, 2022

Reporting Period:

2021 Quarter 4 - October through December

#### **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:

Project planning activities are nearing completion for design-related subjects. Project alternatives analysis and feasibility reports are being finalized. Updates to the WSIP Feasibility Documentation were submitted for review by CWC staff prior to the December 15, 2021 CWC Hearing. At the hearing, the CWC members unanimously voted in favor of the project's continued eligibility for WSIP funding.

The draft EIR was released to the public in November 2021. The public comment period ends on February 15, 2022

The engineering team continues to perform design analyses and has started re-visiting the Basis of Design Technical Memos in consideration of alternative dam types. 30% design documents are under development. Additional investigation plans are being developed for new areas and to gather additional environmental and geotechnical data.

# **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:

- Cost sharing for the Project and its potential operation and maintenance will be established in the Operating Agreement between Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Benito County Water District, and Pacheco Pass Water District.
- SCVWD is continuing its participation with the US Bureau of Reclamation in the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project. The Final Feasibility Report and EIS/EIR have been completed with the Pacheco Reservoir expansion as the preferred alternative. This project nexus could result in federal funding opportunities for the Project.
- SCVWD is pursuing partnerships with other agencies to contribute to project funding in exchange for storage space.

Estimated Completion Date: Prior to final award hearing in 2024

Percent Complete: 35%

# 2. Contracts for administration of public benefits:

Status: SCVWD will continue meeting with agencies administering public benefits for the Project along with other state and federal regulatory agencies to provide and discuss project updates.

Estimated Completion Date: 12/15/2023

Percent Complete: 25%

#### 3. Completed feasibility studies:

Status:

Draft Updated Feasibility documentation was provided to CWC mid-November 2021.

Estimated Completion Date: 11/23/2021 - draft completed, final feasibility documentation to be updated prior to full funding eligibility determination

Percent Complete: 70%

#### 4. Final environmental documentation:

Status:

Submit Draft EIR for distribution to public 11/17/2021, completed

Submit Final EIR 8/15/2023

Estimated Completion Date: See above

Percent Complete: 50%

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

Status: SCVWD has initiated communication with many of the regulatory agencies that will require permits, approvals, certifications, and agreements. See above section 2, interagency meetings.

Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

Percent Complete: 10%

#### **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.

Project costs and schedule are undergoing updates and will be provided when the Feasibility Documentation is final.

# **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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Update to the Groundwater Management/Sustainablity Plans section: see 2020 Q4 report