



MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Board Members and Alternates

FROM: Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director

DATE: December 07, 2020

RE: Water Resources Committee to Consider Recommendation to Board of Directors Regarding Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022 Objectives

Background

In December 2019, the Authority Board adopted Legislative and Policy Objectives to guide its state and federal legislative advocacy and outreach program in Fiscal Year 2021 (March 2020 – February 2021). This memorandum provides a recap of Fiscal Year 2021 Objectives and proposes objectives to guide Fiscal Year 2022.

Fiscal Year 2022 Objectives were crafted with the following in mind: 1)The next calendar year will have significant changes in the state and federal policy arena, with a new federal Administration, a new California Senator, increased state legislative engagement on common interest areas and a potential natural resources/climate resilience bond; and 2)Staff anticipates decreased state and federal budget outlays over the long-term, but potential economic stimulus investment in the near-term, which necessitates increased engagement, particularly at the state level.

Fiscal Year 2021 Objectives Recap

Core Objective – To restore Central Valley Project water supplies to levels that meet reasonable demands within member agency boundaries and improve the reliability of those water supplies through the development and advocacy of sound water resource management and environmental policy.

Objective #2 – Restore Central Valley Project Water Supply for Member Agencies

Summary of Needs

South-of-Delta Central Valley Project (CVP) water supply reliability from the CVP has decreased over time due to a broad number of factors.

Authority's Approach

Seek administrative, legislative, legal, and regulatory solutions to restore CVP water supplies to meet demands within member agency boundaries and improve the reliability of contracted water supplies to south-of-Delta CVP contractors.

Objective #3 – Improve Water Infrastructure Affecting Authority Member Agencies

Summary of Needs

Aging infrastructure, combined with increased demands on CVP facilities and other environmental factors and subsidence have resulted in decreased water delivery reliability to south-of-Delta CVP contractors.

Authority's Approach

Support water infrastructure authorization and appropriations legislation and engage in administrative and legal processes that will enable Authority to operate facilities at optimal levels in the most cost effective, efficient manner. Specifically pursue legislation that would authorize funding to advance the following projects:

- Jones Pumping Plant Unit Rewinds
- Restoration of Conveyance Capacity of Delta-Mendota Canal
- Expansion of San Luis Reservoir

Objective #4 - Improve Outreach and Education

Summary of Needs

The Authority and its member agencies make positive and responsible investments in environmental stewardship and increasing the scientific body of knowledge that are unknown to legislators, regulatory agencies and the public.

Authority's Approach

Tell targeted policymakers, and the public generally, the story of Authority and member agencies' positive and responsible investments in environmental stewardship and advancement of scientific knowledge.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Objectives

Proposed Core Objective – To restore Central Valley Project water supplies to levels that meet reasonable demands within member agency boundaries and improve the reliability of those water supplies through the development and advocacy of sound water resource management and environmental policy.

Proposed Objective #2 – Restore Central Valley Project Water Supply for Member Agencies

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Proposed Objective #3 – Improve Water Infrastructure Affecting Authority Member Agencies

Summary of Needs

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Authority's Approach

Support water infrastructure authorization and appropriations legislation and engage in administrative and legal processes that will enable Authority to operate facilities at optimal levels in the most cost effective, efficient manner. Specifically pursue state and federal legislation that would authorize funding to advance key projects, including but not limited to:

- Jones Pumping Plant Unit Rewinds
- Restoration of Conveyance Capacity of Delta-Mendota Canal
- Expansion of San Luis Reservoir
- San Luis Transmission Project

Proposed Objective #4 - Improve Outreach and Education

Summary of Needs

The Authority and its member agencies make positive and responsible investments in environmental stewardship and increasing the scientific body of knowledge that are unknown to legislators, regulatory agencies and the public.

Authority's Approach

Tell targeted local, state, and federal policymakers, and the public generally, the story of Authority and member agencies' positive and responsible investments in environmental stewardship and advancement of scientific knowledge. Adopt and implement annual Communications Plan to advance Goal 6 of the Authority Strategic Plan: Effective Communication and Engagement with Key Parties. Key priorities this year will include establishing relationships with new federal and state policymakers, further developing relationships with existing federal

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and state policymakers, and coalition building between the Authority, its member agencies, and local, state and national organizations with common interests.