

FISCAL YEAR 2019

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (RECLAMATION)

Renewed Federal State Partnership

CALFED Program Management, Oversight, and Coordination

Authority: P.L. 108-361, Title I, Section 103 (f)(4)

FY 2019 Budget Request: \$1,700,000

Project Description: Activities include Program support; program-wide tracking of schedules, finances, and performance; agency oversight and coordination of Program activities to ensure program balance and integration; development of agency crosscut budget; coordination of public outreach and involvement, including tribal, environmental justice, and public advisory activities; and Reclamation’s administration of the storage, conveyance, water use efficiency, ecosystem restoration, science, and water transfer programs.

Smarter Water Supply & Use

Water Conservation

Authority: P.L. 97-293 Section 210, P.L. 102-575, Section 3405 (e), P.L. 111-11

FY 2019 Budget Request: \$2,250,000

Project Description: The Mid-Pacific Regional Office’s Water Conservation Team (Team) administers the Central Valley Project (CVP) Water Conservation Program (Program) activities with assistance from the Area Offices. The Team performs duties required under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA) (P.L. 102-575) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA) (P.L. 97-293), which include the development and administration of various Criteria – the Standard Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans, the Regional Criteria for the Sacramento Valley, and the Criteria for Developing Refuge Water Management Plans. Section 3405 (e) of the CVPIA, P.L. 102-575, directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer an office of Central Valley water conservation best management practices that shall “. . . develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by Section 210 of the RRA, P.L. 97-293.”

In FY 2017, the Team implemented water conservation measures through two competitive, water use efficiency Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) offered to water districts, irrigation districts, resource conservation districts, urban water agencies, *etc.* that have a CALFED Bay-Delta connection. Each year, the FOAs enable Reclamation to encourage and match local funding of water conservation projects that implement Best Management Practices and the objectives of the CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program. Funded projects contribute to ecosystem restoration and increase both water supply

comments and draft responses for consideration into the Final Feasibility Report (FFR) are scheduled.

Proposed Actions for FY 2019: Funds will be used to complete most of the FFR and Supplement to the Final EIS/R for Administration review and transmittal to the Congress. The CCWD and Reclamation plan to release the FFR and Supplement by November 30, 2018.

Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation

Authority: P.L. 108-7, Section 215, Title II, Division, February 20, 2003; P.L. 108-137, Title II, Section 211, December 1, 2003

FY 2019 Budget Request: \$75,000

Project Description: Reclamation is amending and completing the Final Feasibility Study in cooperation with the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJVWIA) for the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation. The purpose of the study is to determine the type and extent of Federal interest in a multiple purpose project to provide additional storage in the upper San Joaquin River watershed. The primary planning objectives are to improve water supply reliability and enhance water temperature and flow conditions in the San Joaquin River downstream from Friant Dam, which will be beneficial for salmon and other fish. Secondary objectives include flood damage reduction, water quality, recreation, and hydropower.

Current Status: The FFR and EIS were reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior's Office in January 2017. Subsequently, the SJVWIA decided to request that a new operational alternative be added to the FR. The Amended Final Feasibility Report and EIS will be re-submitted to the Secretary in August 2018, for review. The current funding level will meet the needs to respond to questions on the Final FR/EIS and coordinate with Reclamation's cost-sharing partners as described below.

Proposed Actions for FY 2019: Consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's direction to seek cost-share partners for the storage projects prior to authorization, Reclamation has signed a cost-sharing agreement with the SJVWIA. Reclamation is working with the cost-share partner on operational refinements to meet local needs and completion of an Amended Final FR and EIS. Funding will be used to address questions and followup on the Amended Final Feasibility Report and EIS.

North of Delta Off-Stream Storage (Sites Reservoir) Investigation

Authority: P.L. 108-7, Section 215, Title II, Division, February 20, 2003; P.L. 108-137, Title II, Section 211, December 1, 2003

FY 2019 Budget Request: \$875,000

Project Description: Reclamation is conducting the investigation with Sites Joint Powers Authority (JPA) as the non-Federal cost sharing partner to determine the feasibility and extent of Federal interest in a multiple purpose project to construct and operate a 1.3 to 1.8 million acre-foot off-stream reservoir in the Sacramento Valley. The proposed project would increase water supply to help meet existing and new contract requirements, including improved water supply reliability and greater flexibility in water management for agricultural, municipal, and environmental purposes; increase the survival of