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Call to Order

Board of Directors Workshop - Resources
Thursday, August 5, 2021

Chairperson – Director Hayes
Vice-Chair – Director Harrison

Introductions

Following the introduction of Directors and District staff, participants may use this time to state their name and agency/affiliation in order to be included in the formal record of attendees.

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Summary of Previous Meeting (Pg. 3)

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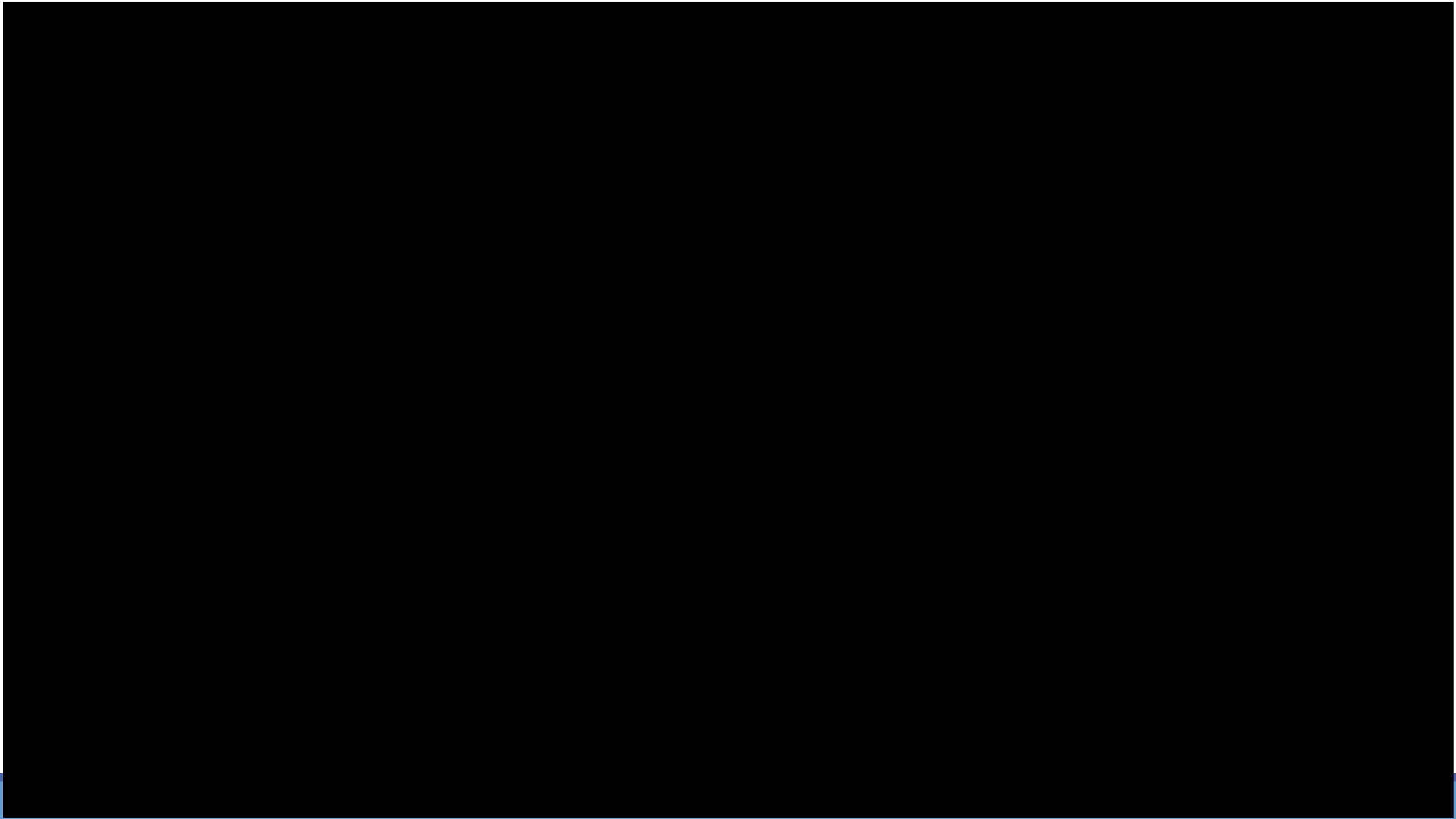
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Bob Tincher, PE, MS – Chief Water Resources Officer/Deputy GM

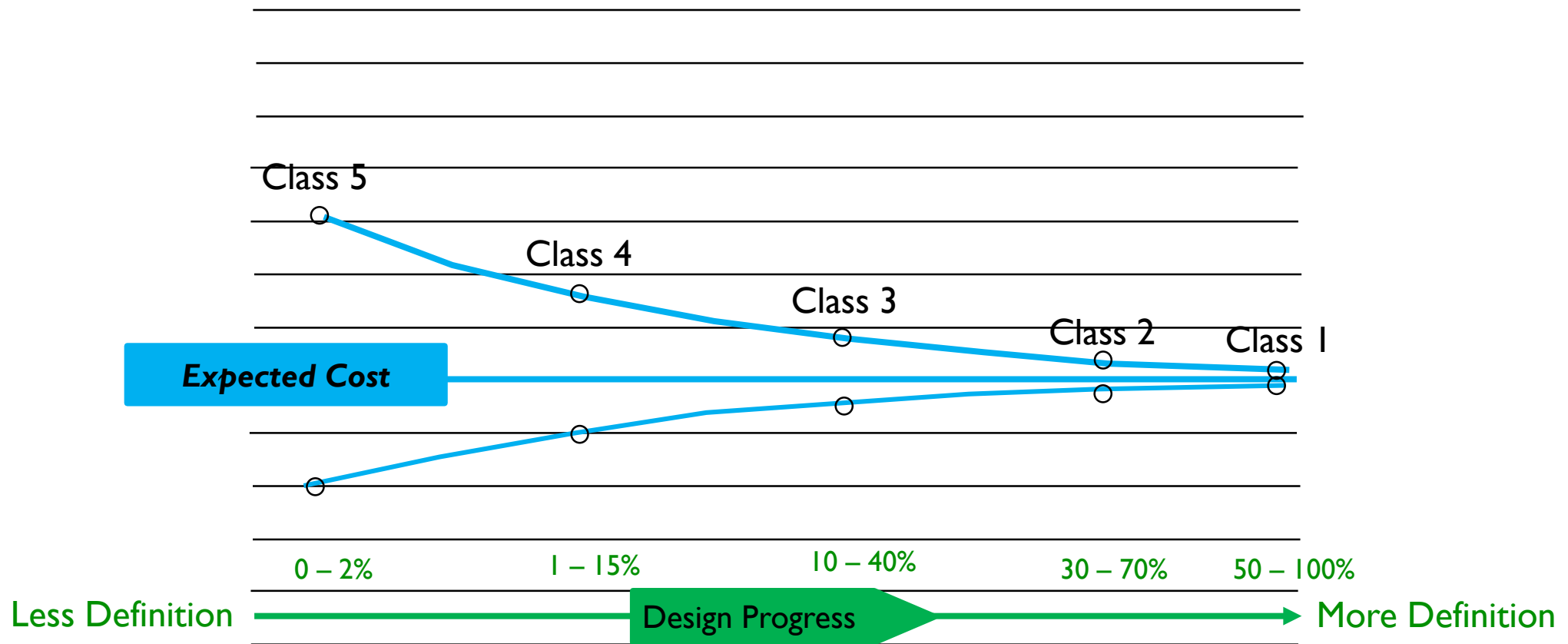
Updated Cost Estimate for Sites Reservoir

Staff Recommendation

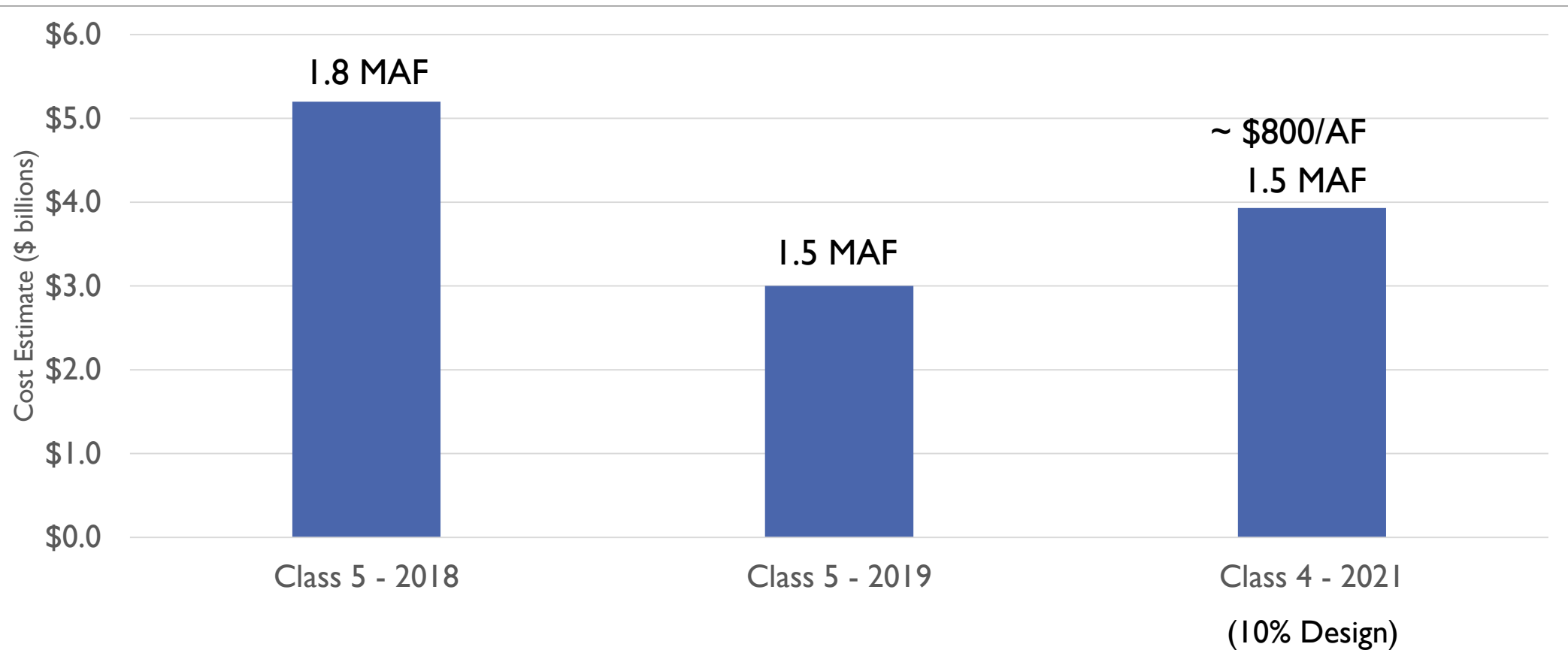
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Cost Estimate – Refinement Over Time



Sites Cost Estimate Changes, Over Time



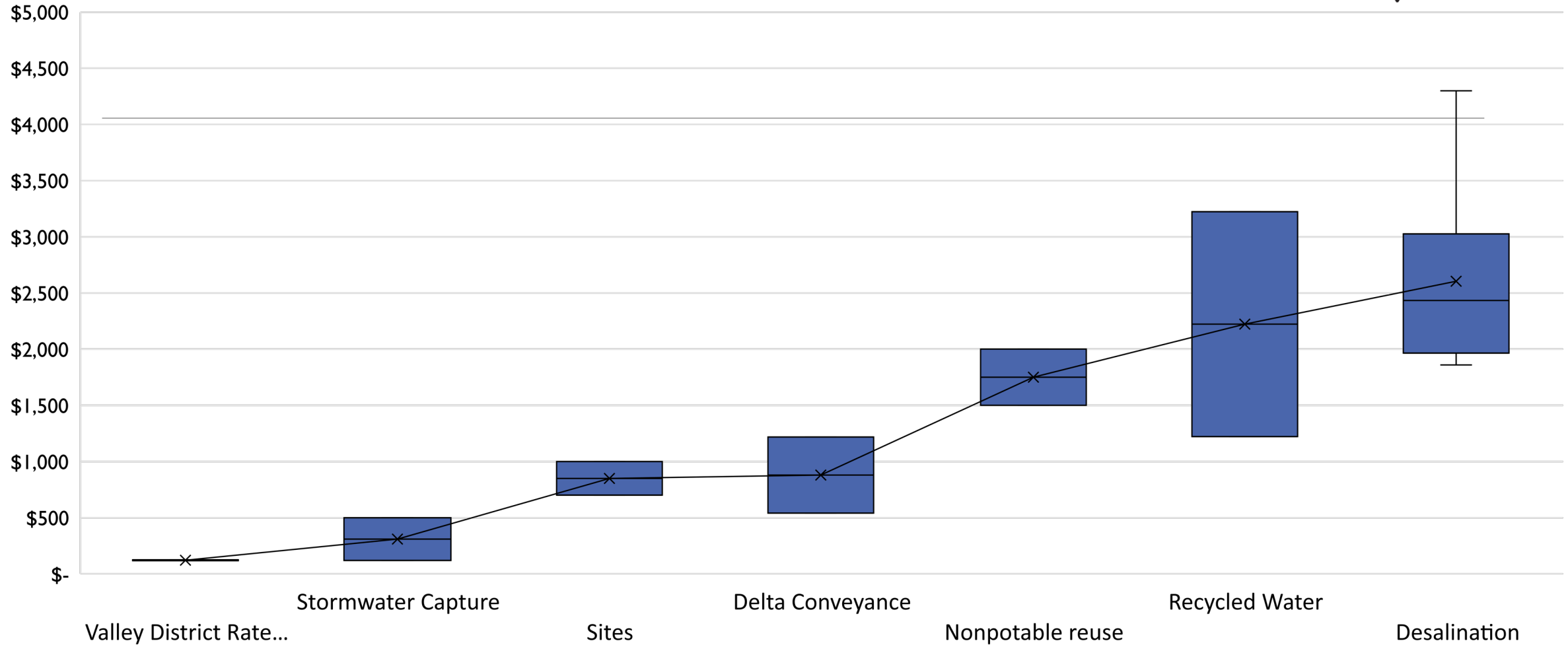
Factors Contributing to Change in Cost Estimate



Covid
Impacts

- Current market pricing associated with prepping the reservoir footprint
- Higher unit prices for dam construction materials
- Market conditions for contractor mark-ups, contingencies and non-contract costs
- Better information about actual site conditions and materials available for dam construction
- Refinements to meet dam safety requirements
- Mitigation costs

New Water Supply Costs, \$/acre-foot



CA Water Fix vs. Alternative Supplies, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 8/10/17
 Executive Summary The Cost of Alternative Water Supply and Efficiency Options in California, Pacific Institute, October 2016

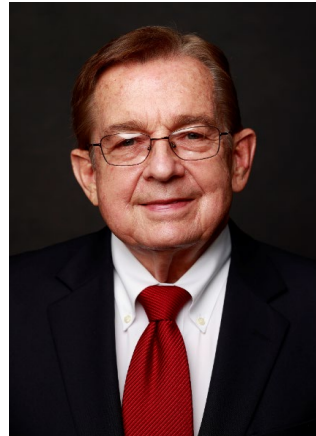
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Discussion Item 4.2 (Pg. 14)

Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR HCP Program

Presentation on 2019 Section 6 Habitat Conservation Planning Grant: Development of the Upper Santa Ana River HCP Long Term Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program

Staff Recommendation

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Upper SAR HCP Long-Term Management Plan

- Requirement of Incidental Take Permit (ITP)
- Need for robust, landscape-scale plan:
 - Planning Area (863,000 acres)
 - Multiple habitat types, species
 - Track and verify estimated impacts and conservation benefits from predictive tools (modeling)
 - Require expertise from multi-disciplinary team
- Planning Assistance funding, Section 6 Cooperative Endangered Species Act Conservation Fund.
 - Planning assistance funds – can only be used pre-HCP finalization

Comprehensive Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan (CAMMP)

- 2019 – Application for Planning Assistance Funds
- Objective:
 - Develop a long-term monitoring and adaptive management program
 - Landscape-scale, strategic approach to verify and track project effects, conservation benefits identified using predictive tools
 - Hydrology
 - Sediment transport
 - Surface – Groundwater interaction
 - Fully integrated monitoring and adaptive management: management driven by monitoring data

Comprehensive Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan (CAMMP)

- Tasks
 - Task 1: Development of Integrated Strategy
 - Task 2: Development of the Long-Term Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan ~ CAMMP
 - Task 3: Develop database and web-based reporting platform

Year	Program Component	Grant Amount	Matching Funds
2014	HCP Development	\$ 635,345.00	\$ 965,969.00
2015	Native Fishes Surveys	\$ 119,963.00	\$ 238,636.00
2017	SAR Integrated Model	\$ 996,621.00	\$ 904,783.00
2019	Long-Term Monitoring & Management Program	\$ 875,000.00	\$ 875,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,626,929.00	\$ 2,984,388.00

- Awarded grant term:
 - **August 1 2020 – August 1, 2021**

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Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan Comprehensive Adaptive Management and Monitoring Program Strategy



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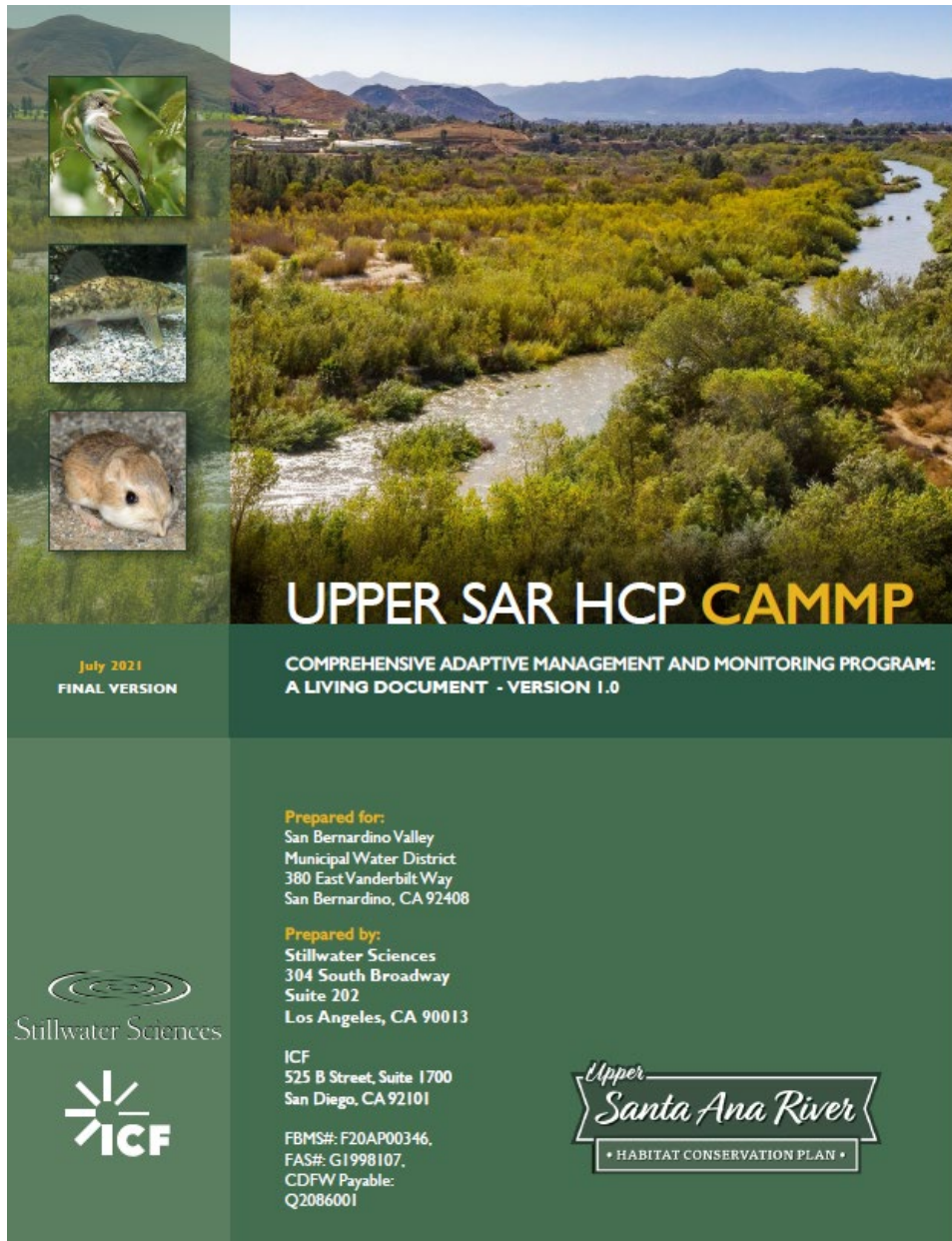


CAMMP TEAM

- Stillwater Sciences
- ICF
- Balleau Groundwater
- Blue Octal
- California Botanic Garden
- Geoscience
- San Diego Zoo
- SAWA
- UC Riverside
- USGS
- Western Foundation of Vertebrate Biology

CAMMP

- Preserve stewardship, monitoring, management
- Physical processes monitoring and management
- Habitat monitoring and management
- Species monitoring and management
- Covered Activity consistency



The cover features a large aerial photograph of the Upper Santa Ana River with lush green vegetation. On the left side, there are three smaller inset images: a bird, a frog, and a rabbit. The title 'UPPER SAR HCP CAMMP' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, it states 'COMPREHENSIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PROGRAM: A LIVING DOCUMENT - VERSION 1.0'. The date 'July 2021' and 'FINAL VERSION' are noted in the bottom left. The bottom section contains contact information for the client (San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District) and the preparer (Stillwater Sciences), along with ICF contact details and project identifiers (FBMS#, FAS#, CDFW Payable). A logo for 'Upper Santa Ana River' with the text 'HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN' is located in the bottom right.

July 2021
FINAL VERSION

UPPER SAR HCP CAMMP
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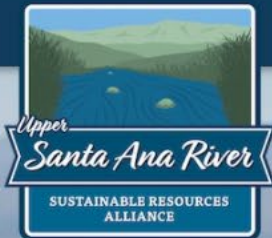
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Welcome to the Habitat Conservation Program of the Upper Santa Ana River Sustainable Resources Alliance.

This program is a coordinated conservation strategy addressing species and aquatic resources conservation and management through implementation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), an Aquatic Resources Programmatic Permitting strategy, and a Comprehensive Adaptive Management and Monitoring Program (CAMMP). This conservation program is guided by the recognized need for responsible management of water supply resources and sustainable stewardship of species, habitats, and aquatic resources across the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed.

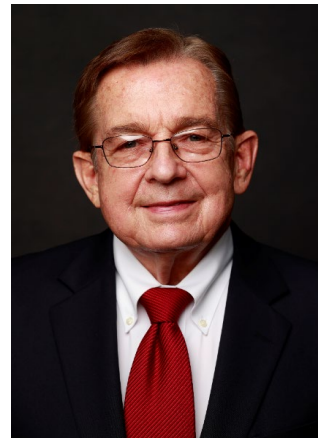
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Staff Recommendation

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Discussion Item 4.3 (Pg. 14)

Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR HCP Program

Consider Technical Assistance Agreement with United States Geological Survey Western Ecological Research Center for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board direct staff to place the proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with the USGS Western Ecological Research Center for FY 2021-2022 on a future Board of Director's meeting for consideration.



Technical Assistance Agreement United States Geological Survey Western Ecological Research Center FY21-22

TAA with UGSG WERC, FY 21-22

- Studies and scientific review to support Upper SAR HCP (and CAMMP)

Tasks:

1. Updated population survey for Santa Ana speckled dace
 - Expand on efforts conducted in 2020
2. Mountain yellow-legged frog conservation actions in SAR watershed (specifically SBNF)
 - Provide support to efforts in SBNF, within Upper HCP Planning Area
3. Technical support: HCP and CAMMP

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TAA with UGSG WERC, FY 20-21

Tasks:

1. Santa Ana Sucker Genetics
2. Draft Santa Ana Sucker Genetics Management Plan
3. Mountain yellow-legged Frog Translocation in SAR Watershed
4. Mountain Yellow-legged Frog eDNA Monitoring Technique Study
5. Western Spadefoot: Updated Population Survey within Upper SAR HCP Planning Area
6. Santa Ana Speckled Dace: Updated Population Survey within Upper SAR HCP Planning Area
7. Western Pond Turtle: Updated Population Survey within the Upper SAR HCP Planning Area

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Task I. Updated population survey for Santa Ana Speckled Dace

- Current and historic distribution maps
- Define local distribution
 - Establish presence/absence
 - Demographics
 - Suitable habitat
 - Genetic samples
 - Threat assessment

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Task 2. Mountain Yellow-legged Frog Conservation Actions

- Critically endangered
- Declined from 99% of historic range
- Nine populations in Southern California, one within HCP Planning Area
- Reintroduction from captive breeding program
- 2020 survey results:
 - Positive results: 1st year tadpoles, subadults, adults

- Survey types:
 - Monitoring
 - Habitat suitability assessments
 - MYLF releases
 - One location in Upper SAR HCP Plan Area
 - Demographics
 - Distribution
 - Population size
- Additional Data Collection:
 - Disease, water quality, habitat parameters, site disturbances
 - Assessment of additional sites for potential release



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Task 3. Technical Support

- HCP and CAMMP
 - Peer review of monitoring, adaptive management
 - Species profiles
 - Short- and long-term monitoring techniques and methodologies
 - Data Analysis
 - Management actions
- Regional Integration
 - Leverage existing knowledge

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Fiscal Impact:

- Total Cost: \$186,093
 - USGS: \$84,000 (34%)
 - Valley District: \$122,093 (66%)
 - HCP Partners: \$73,256 (60%)
 - Valley District: **\$48,837 (40%)**

- Included in approved FY 21/22 budget (Line Item 6350 – United States Geological Survey)

FY20-22

Total Cost: \$527,485

- USGS: \$247,815; Valley District: \$279,670
- HCP Partners: \$167,802; Valley District: \$111,868

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Future Business



Adjournment
