

## Water Supply and Roadmap Update

**BOARD MEETING** 

March 21, 2023



#### Water Supply and Roadmap Update: Overview

- Water Supply Conditions
- Water Supply Forecast
- Integrated Roadmap Update
- Next Steps

#### **Cumulative Precipitation**

Lake Lagunitas Rain Gauge





#### Water Supply and Roadmap Update: Water Lake Sonoma Storage Supply Conditions

- Supplemental water this fiscal year = 2,900 AF
- Fiscal year Take or Pay minimum = 5,300 AF
- During reservoir spill reduce supplemental water
- Spill volume this year ~ 60TAF
- Increase supplemental water in last 3-4 months of fiscal year to achieve 5,300 AF



<sup>•</sup> Current storage 127% of average

Average storage for this time of year ~220 TAF



# Roadmap Update

#### Water Supply Roadmap: Goals & Milestones

Roadmap selection - February 2023

Begin forming consulting teams to work on project selected from the roadmap - March 2023

- >Begin "no-regrets" projects implementation March 2023:
  - Conservation actions
  - Soulajule Electrification
  - Phoenix to Bon Tempe

Develop detailed approach and schedule for individual projects and overall roadmap - August 2023

## **Main Elements of Integrated Strategy**

#### Water Conservation and Flexible Drought Measures

- Expand long-term water conservation program
- Continue implementation of Water Shortage Contingency Plan measures for drought conservation
- AMI
- Water Loss

#### Improve Operability and Flexibility of Storage Facilities

- Electrify pump station at Soulajule
- Connect Phoenix Lake and Bon Tempe Reservoir
- More strategic implementation of Temporary Urgency Change Permits
- Stream release automation

#### Maximize Use of Sonoma Water Supplies

- Operational strategy to maximize supplemental water
- Develop dedicated conveyance to storage
- Increase Local Storage
  - Develop an additional 20 KAF of storage (including smaller volume by raising spillways)

#### Develop New Local Supplies

- Petaluma brackish desalination
- Expand recycled water distribution (with grant cost share)
- Regional Water Bank
  - Explore participation in regional groundwater bank

## **Roadmap for Integrated Strategy**



- Soulajule Electrification ~\$6M / 420 AFY
  - Met with PG&E 3/15/21 to discuss options and develop schedule
    - PGE to conduct Large Load Study ~ \$75k
    - PGE to develop self generation options for comparison
    - Next meeting early April (TBD)
  - Funding strategy Combine \$2M of WRDA with CIP (or potentially PGE 0% financing up to \$4M)

- Phoenix to Bon Tempe ~\$5M / 260 AFY
  - MOU with County of Marin to explore project funding / partnership
  - Investigating water rights to transfer Phoenix Lake water to Bon Tempe
  - CEQA work and Engineering design in process
  - Funding strategy Explore flood control funding from County and combine with \$2M WRDA funding and CIP

- Develop strategy for maximizing supplemental water (Water cost / 2,000 AFY)
  - Current front loading strategy maximum flow July ~ Nov, then continue or adjust flow based on local reservoir levels, Sonoma reservoir levels, & NOAA seasonal forecast
  - Goal Identify what conditions (reservoir level, forecast, availability of water) are the best trigger for the purchase of additional water that minimizes local reservoir spills and maximizes reservoir storage level.
  - Dynamic modelling of system supply and demand over a wide range of conditions and over longer time period to understand tradeoffs that will lead to a selection of a strategy that most closely meets the goal.
  - Funding strategy CIP funds for modelling effort, operating budget and reserves (for purchase of water above take or pay minimum).

- Stream Release automation \$100k / ~1,000 AFY
  - Improve control using existing infrastructure to more closely match streamflow requirements MMWD Controls group to capture USGS stream gage data and write control algorithm for release valve
  - Meet with consultant to understand if additional infrastructure (i.e. stream gage or other flow monitoring equipment) will improve control performance
  - Funding strategy Operations budget & CIP
- Conservation
  - Ramping up incentive activities in time for summer
  - Evaluating impacts of soonest viable full AMI deployment
  - Developing Scope of work for Water Loss team
  - Funding strategy Request for \$1M in earmark funding from EPA for ~2,200 AMI meters to replace meters in disadvantaged communities, \$2.5M AMI funding in CIP

## **Petaluma Brackish Desalination**

- Develop a regional coalition to investigate feasibility
  - MOU With Petaluma & North Marin May 2023
- Feasibility study to confirm a number of assumptions that were made in developing the project concept:
  - Confirm groundwater yield (pumping capacity)
  - Explore open intake as a viable backup to groundwater well intake
  - Confirm source water quality TDS and trace compounds
  - Develop finished water quality specification (establishes complexity of treatment & affects both CIP and O&M cost)
  - Review brine disposal options and identify gaps for studies to support brine disposal options
  - Develop revised feasibility, cost and schedule report
- Feasibility Schedule
  - Develop scope of work for feasibility April/May 2023
  - Request For Proposals June 2023
  - Begin Feasibility August 2023
- Funding strategy Request for \$200k in USBR grant funding with \$250k in match from Roadmap Implementation/pre-design funds

# Marin Sonoma Option: Conveyance of Supplemental Water to Storage

- Construction of conveyance improvements between the SCWA system and Marin Water \$111M -\$150M / 4,000-6,000 AFY
- Pre-design work to further develop:
  - Understanding relative cost-benefits of dedicated conveyance to storage to allow selection between options
  - Determine optimum capacity/sizing of selected conveyance option
  - Hydraulic analysis for pump station sizing and siting, recommend pipeline alignment, ROW needs, permits, cost estimate and schedule
  - Design to support CEQA/NEPA
- Parallel task for staff to work with Sonoma and contractors to engage, inform and build support for this effort
- Schedule:
  - Develop scope of work ~April 2023
  - Request For Proposals ~May/June 2023
  - Begin pre-design ~August 2023
- Funding strategy Roadmap Implementation/pre-design funding

## **Local Storage**

- Develop an additional 20 TAF of storage (including potential smaller volume increases by raising spillways)
- Pre-Design work to:
  - Review hydrology, geotech and selection of reservoir (KENT/NICASIO/SOULAJULE) and scale of enlargement
  - Model and analyze stream flows and impacts/benefits to creek/fishery of various options
  - Discussion with State Water Resources Control Board, National Marin Fishery Service, CDFW and other resource agencies/stakeholders
  - Design to support CEQA/NEPA
- Schedule
  - Develop Scope of Work April/May 2023
  - Request For Proposals June/July 2023
  - Begin Feasibility August 2023
- Funding strategy Grant application to DWR for \$5M to offset cost of predesign work, additional potential for USBR WaterSmart grant, and Roadmap Implementation / Pre-design budget

## **Summary Table – Preliminary Funding Schedule**

	\$[Millions]				
	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Soulajule Electrification	\$0.5	\$3.5	\$3.5	-	\$7.2
Phoenix to Bon Tempe	\$0.5	\$1.7	\$2	\$1	\$5.2
Optimize SCWA*	\$0.3	-	-	-	\$0.3
Stream Flow Automation*	\$0.1	-	-	-	\$0.1
Water Loss*	\$0.1	-	-	-	\$0.1
Conservation	\$1.7	\$1.7	\$1.7	\$1.7	\$6.8
AMI	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2.5	\$2.5
Petaluma Brackish Desal	\$0.25	\$1	\$0.5	-	\$1.75
Marin – Sonoma Options	\$.5	\$1	\$2	\$1	\$4.5
Increase Storage	\$1	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$6

\* Not a line item in budget

#### **Next Steps**

- Continue implementation of Early Action projects Soulajule electrification, Phoenix to BT, Stream release automation and water conservation
- Develop scopes of work and schedule for RFPs for Marin Sonoma Options and increasing storage
- Develop scope of work for Petaluma Brackish Desalination Feasibility
- Continue to track and pursue grants to support roadmap implementation