



**LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

**[REVISED]**

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Directors participating telephonically:

Jose Gutierrez - 3130 North Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93703

Antonio Martinez – 1331 Concord Ave. Concord, California 94520

Steve Ritchie - 525 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Jonathan Wunderlich - 43885 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, California 94538

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Jose Gutierrez – Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Jonathan Wunderlich – Alameda County Water District

Antonio Martinez – Contra Costa Water District

Steve Ritchie – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1.1 February 16, 2023 Operations and Engineering Committee Meeting Summary**

**1.2 Review of Transfer Pipeline Inspection Results**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ITEM 1.1: FEBRUARY 16, 2023 OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

**RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER:**

James Ciampa, General Counsel

**DISCUSSION:**

Attached for the Committee's information is the summary prepared for the February 16, 2023 Operations and Engineering Committee meeting.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Any suggested revisions to the attached summary will be considered.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

Not applicable.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Not applicable.

**EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:**

Summary from February 16, 2023 Operations and Engineering Committee meeting



## SUMMARY OF REGULAR MEETING OF OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

February 16, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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Chair Jose Gutierrez and Committee Member Jonathan Wunderlich were present. Committee Member Antonio Martinez arrived to the meeting at approximately 10:10 a.m. due to technical difficulties. Committee member Steve Ritchie was absent.

### 1.1 December 15, 2022 Operations and Engineering Committee Meeting Summary.

The summary from the December 15, 2022 Operations and Engineering Committee meeting was presented. The draft summary was accepted with no revisions.

### 1.2 Review of Transfer-Bethany Pipeline Status.

Taryn Ravazzini, Executive Director, introduced Bryan Perkins, CCWD staff, who provided the Committee with a review of the current status of the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline, including an overview of that pipeline, a review of the proposed alternative alignments, including the preferred alignment, and discussion of the status of the land acquisition plan for that pipeline.

Committee Member Wunderlich noted he is in favor of the preferred alignment. Chair Gutierrez asked, in connection with right-of-way acquisition from private landowners, that if eminent domain will be necessary to acquire any of the right-of-way lands. Mr. Perkins stated eminent domain will be used if necessary.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Review Transfer Pipeline inspection results
- Discuss Right-of-Way Acquisition Policy
- Updated Schedule
- Vendors for pipe acquisition for the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline
- Update of revised costs for construction and water supplies for the Project

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

*James D. Ciampa*

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General Counsel

**ITEM 1.2: REVIEW OF TRANSFER PIPELINE INSPECTION RESULTS**

**RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER:**

Taryn Ravazzini, Executive Director

**DISCUSSION:**

The existing Transfer Pipeline (TPL) is used to fill and draw water from the Los Vaqueros (LV) Reservoir. The pipeline will continue to be relied upon following construction of the expanded Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and it will be operated under higher pressure with the increased LV Reservoir water level. CCWD conducted an inspection of the TPL to determine whether the pipeline has sufficient pressure capacity to reliably operate under the future higher-pressure condition. The purpose of this inspection report is to describe CCWD's approach to pipeline assessment and inspection, and to provide a report of the findings of the inspection.

Bryan Perkins, Senior Engineer on CCWD's Los Vaqueros Project team, will review of the results from the recent inspection of the TPL.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

For information only

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

Not applicable

**ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Not applicable

**EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:**

Slide deck regarding Transfer Pipeline Inspection Results

The logo for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project. It features the text "LOS VAQUEROS" in blue, "RESERVOIR EXPANSION" in green, and "PROJECT" in green. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of a dam or reservoir structure, composed of several horizontal bars of varying heights, colored in shades of blue and green.

**LOS  
VAQUEROS**  
RESERVOIR  
EXPANSION  
PROJECT

An aerial photograph of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir. The reservoir is a large body of blue water surrounded by green hills. In the background, several wind turbines are visible on the hills. The foreground shows a dirt road and some trees.

**JPA O&E Committee**  
**Transfer Pipeline**  
**Inspection Results**

**March 16, 2023**



## Objectives and Messages

Objective: Present the results of the inspection of the Transfer Pipeline

Message:

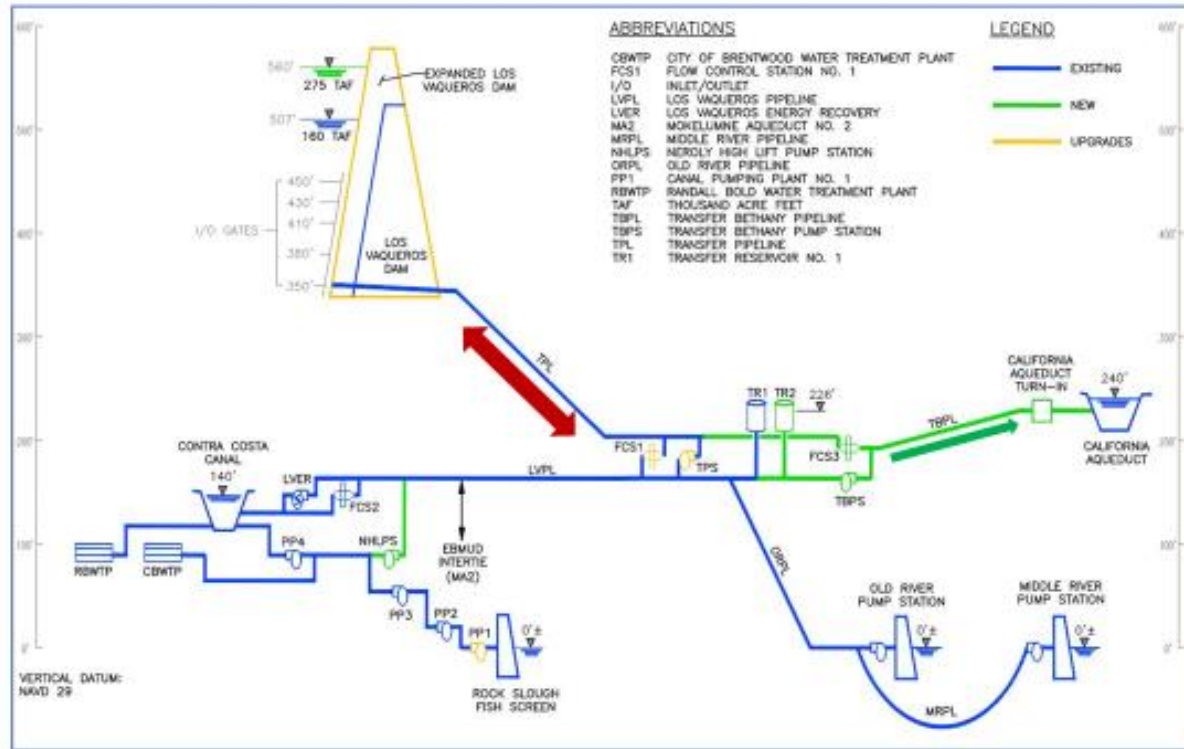
- The pipeline will experience higher pressures after reservoir expansion
- Evaluations were completed to determine whether modifications may be needed
- Pipeline is good condition and does not require significant repairs or replacement

## Background

- Transfer Pipeline is a 72-inch, 4-mile pipeline
- Used to fill and release water from LV Reservoir
- Constructed in 1996 as part of the LV Project
- Water is pumped through the Transfer Pump Station to fill at up to 200 CFS
- Releases are currently controlled by Flow Control Station #1 to deliver water to CCWD
- LVE will enable future releases to the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline at up to 300 CFS



# LVE Hydraulic Profile





# TPL Alignment





## Background (cont.)

- Increased LV reservoir water level will increase Transfer Pipeline pressure by 23 psi
- Structural integrity analysis evaluated the ability of the TPL to handle increased pressure
  - Reviewed as-built drawings and construction submittals
  - Calculated installed pipeline strength
  - If in good condition, the pipeline strength exceeds the future required pressure capacity
  - Recommended inspections to confirm condition assumptions
  - Future assessment of Flow Control Station #1 sleeve valves to meet flow and pressure requirements



## Inspection Objectives

- Determine whether conditions indicate the steel strength meets or exceeds assumptions
  - Primary indicator is the condition of the pipeline lining
  - No evidence of excessive ovality
- Confirm flanges, valves, and other minor facilities are rated for the higher pressure
- Identify whether improvements are needed prior to operating the expanded reservoir
- Establish a baseline pipeline condition for future assessments

## Inspection Approach

- Evaluated a wide variety of technologies, considering:
  - Ability to determine liner condition and ovality
  - Limited shutdown window available
  - Safety
  - Cost
- Considered multiple technology options and associated outage requirements





## Selected Inspection Approach

- 3D LiDAR to measure pipeline deflection
- Track-mounted HD CCTV camera to visually inspect the interior
  - Identify mortar lining deterioration, cracking, spalling, or other signs of deformation or corrosion
- Visual inspection of above ground facilities, including vaults, blowoffs and air release valves

## Outage Requirements

- Pipeline inspection required shutting down and draining the Transfer Pipeline
  - Drained TPL by gravity and temporary pumping
  - Closed the LV Interpretive Center
  - Provided a temporary water system to the LV Watershed Office to maintain CCWD operations
  - Provided temporary piping to continue supplies to LV mitigation ponds
- Received blending water from East Bay Municipal Utility District to maintain CCWD water quality
  - This represented the first long-term test of this operation
  - Similar operation will be critical to mitigating CCWD water quality impacts during the reservoir outage



## Interior Inspection Results

- Inspection was completed in fall 2022
- Pipeline deflections found to be below the 3%; within allowable limits
- The lining is in good condition with few cracks, no delamination or signs of corrosion
- Pipeline is in good shape, no areas of concern inside



## Interior Inspection Results



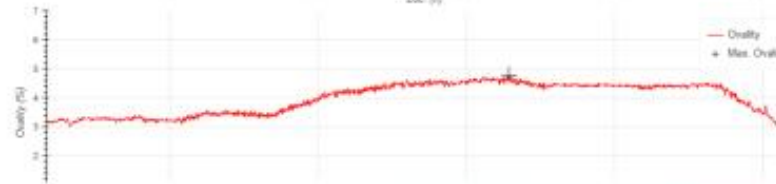
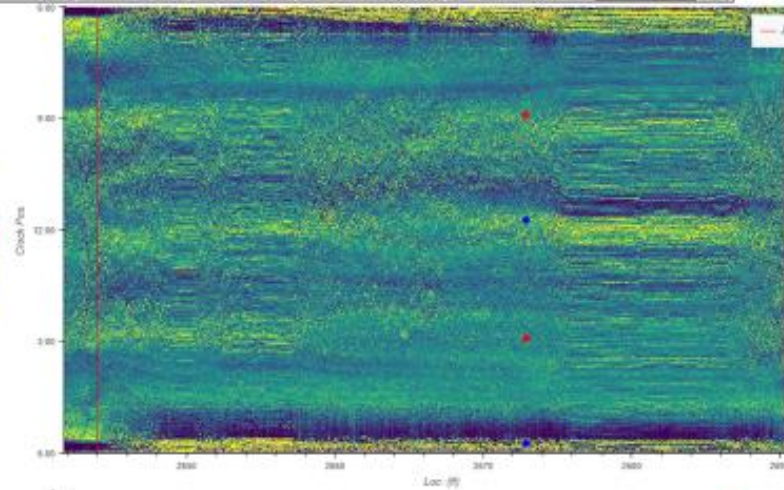
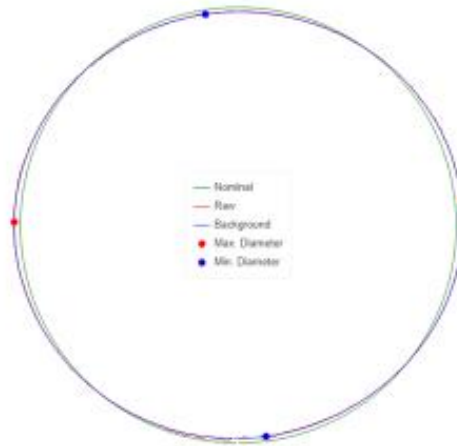
## Interior Inspection Results



# Interior Inspection Results

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## Next Steps

- Appurtenance improvements will be included in a future design contract
- Modifications will be included in the Dam Expansion or Transfer PS Improvements contract
- Assess FCS1 sleeve valves
  - Conduct surge modeling to determine sleeve valve characteristics and operating times
  - Determine whether replacement or upgrades are needed
- The District is in the process of developing conceptual costs for these improvements
- Costs for upgrades to meet the higher pressure will be included in the LVE Project cost estimate