

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Supplemental Benefits Fund (SBF), the result of a Settlement Agreement signed by multiple parties associated with the re-licensing of the Oroville Dam, will make available up to approximately \$61 million (in nominal dollars) over the next 30 to 50 years, depending on the term of the license. As stated by the SBF Steering Committee, "the intent of the Regional Fund Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) is to get the most economic investment return from the approved projects as well as ensuring that a decorum of fairness exists in project selection."

To assure creation and implementation of the Strategic Plan remain in sync with the intent of the SBF, the Steering Committee identified the following mission statement for the SBF:

Investing in recreational and related projects with a nexus to the Feather River to improve the quality of life and stimulate economic development in the Oroville region.

Distribution of SBF funding will take place within the context of other ongoing processes and events, and the Strategic Plan needs to be consistent with these master plans (e.g. Department of Water Resources 2006 Recreation Management Plan). In addition, consideration as to how the proposed project will interface with the following Oroville Region supporting agencies should be a part of the application:

- City of Oroville (Infrastructure, safety, neighborhood leisure parks, trails, open space and museums).
- City of Oroville Redevelopment Agency (Blight removal and economic development).
- Department of Fish and Game (Fish hatchery and environmental mitigation).
- Department of Water Resources (Lake, river and recreation management plan).
- Feather River Recreation and Parks District (Parks, trails and recreation programs).

- Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce (Tourism and economic development).

SBF-funded projects will be selected by the SBF Steering Committee, comprised of voting representatives from the Feather River Recreation and Parks District and the City of Oroville. Advisory representatives from American Rivers, the State Water Contractors, Department of Water Resources, and the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce may provide comments, but are not included in the voting decision. The City of Oroville also serves as the Fund Administrator, whose duties include ensuring performance of the SBF and overseeing administrative duties (through additional SBF staff) to operate the SBF on an ongoing basis. The State Water Contractors, in partnership with the Fund Administrator and Steering Committee, also have the additional responsibility of actively pursuing grant opportunities beyond SBF funding.

SBF monies will be made available through a combination of lump-sum and annual payments. The Strategic Plan's operational plan is based on a multiple-year budgeting process designed to assure allocation of revenue and selection of projects in a manner consistent with the Settlement Agreement. During each year, the Steering Committee will appropriate SBF funds on an annual basis, as certain adjustments may be required owing the variability in annual payments for any given year.

At the start of each budget cycle, the Steering Committee will distribute anticipated funding into the following categories:

- Administration
- SBF Projects
 - Large Award
 - Revolving Loan Fund
- Marketing and Community Benefit
- Contingency
- Total

The SBF will then elicit proposals for SBF projects, and build an SBF Project Program based on a project selection process that includes an initial application, technical scoring exercise designed to rank candidate projects, and final selection by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee will meet at least four times during each fiscal year to oversee the administration and implementation of the SBF, while SBF staff

carries out the day-to-day implementation and execution of the Strategic Plan. Each year, the SBF Staff will be responsible for releasing notices of fund availability, eliciting project applications, reviewing and screening applications, and conducting project auditing for SBF-funded projects. In turn, the Steering Committee will be responsible for developing a multiyear project budget and program, overseeing the annual budget and making any needed adjustments, and reviewing annual reporting information on SBF-funded projects.

As SBF monies will be made available over a considerably long time period, the Strategic Plan itself will be periodically reviewed and updated as needed over time to properly reflect changes in funding opportunities and the external environment in which the SBF continues to operate.