



**REVISED  
ACTION ITEM**  
January 16, 2019

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Planning & Operations Committee**  
(Directors Osborne, Tamaribuchi, Yoo Schneider)

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**  
Staff Contact: Karl Seckel/Charles Busslinger

**SUBJECT: Receive and File Final Report: 2018 Orange County Water Reliability Study**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Planning & Operations Committee recommends the Board receive and file the FINAL report for the 2018 Orange County Water Reliability Study. Two comments were received over the past month as outlined below. Upon action by the Board, staff will incorporate these and any other non-substantive changes and publish the final report. (Because the changes were deemed minor, the version being considered is the same as was posted in December – copies are available at the District office and are posted on the District website; if individual copies are desired, please let Karl Seckel know). The report link is below:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/0ksjez3sam5hdvz/2018%20OC%20Study%20Report\\_Final%20Draft%20with%20Appendices\\_12-12-2018.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/0ksjez3sam5hdvz/2018%20OC%20Study%20Report_Final%20Draft%20with%20Appendices_12-12-2018.pdf?dl=0)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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The P&O Committee discussed this item at length. Staff noted that while the Committee report stated that two comments had been received on the Final Draft of the OC Water Reliability Study, that a third comment had been submitted by OCWD that morning (a copy of the OCWD letter was provided at the meeting). This third letter, which repeated many of the comments already provided by OCWD in two prior letters and which were considered by the Board. New requests by OCWD were that (1) the study should include at least one scenario that does not assume the WaterFix is completed, (2) a request to remove the pump-in project to the EOCF#2 from the study as a project because the OCWD Board has

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not taken action on such project, (3) remove the statement that other potential projects OCWD is considering include the Cadiz Project and the Chino Basin Water Bank, and (4) remove the finding regarding the OC Basin. Staff does not concur with the requests in the letter presented by the OCWD General Manager and believes the study is more complete as drafted than it would be in compliance with the letter recommendations. The latest OCWD letter will be included as a comment received on the report. The Committee noted that the Study is a “living breathing” document and will always be open for comment. The Committee recommended that the Board Action on January 16 be that the Board receive and file the Final 2018 OC Water Reliability Study and that the study serve as the basis for future policy discussions and decisions by the MWDOC Board.

## **SUMMARY**

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The report was sent to the member agencies in December; the Board took action to receive and file the final DRAFT Report and allow comments until the January 14 P&O Committee. A reminder was sent to the member agencies in early January. Two comments were received; these were:

1. Include in the report a list of people that worked on the report.
2. EOCWD requested that their Peters Canyon Treatment Plant Project be noted in the study as “not being included in the evaluations”, in a manner that certain OCWD projects were noted as not being included. Staff has requested EOCWD to provide detailed information on their project prior to the end of the January. Staff agreed to use the information to compare the cost and reliability of the emergency supplies provided by the Peters Canyon Treatment Plant being delivered to SOC with other options. The Peters Canyon Treatment Plant source water is untreated MET water from the Santiago Lateral and the Baker Pipeline. The water would be treated, conveyed to and pumped into the East Orange County Feeder No. 2 by EOCWD, and delivered to agencies in SOC. The cost and reliability of the Peters Canyon emergency supplies would be compared to the emergency supplies from the IRWD South County Regional Interconnection and to a direct pump-in of the EOCF#2 (work currently underway between MWDOC, OCWD and IRWD).

Both of these comments can be easily incorporated into the Final Report and the emergency evaluation can be included in the work underway.