

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES DISTRICT 915 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD SUITE 1109 LOS ANGELES CA 90017-3409

November 05, 2024

Subject: Section 1002 of WRRDA 14 Initial 90-day Notification Cave Buttes Dam Feasibility Study Arizona CWIS 480617, P2 480617, ROV 2420

Mr. Paul Baughman, P.E. Chief Engineer and General Manager Flood Control District of Maricopa County 2801 West Durango St. Phoenix, Arizona 85009

Dear Mr. Baughman:

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. WRRDA 2014 Section 1002 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) District Engineer to provide non-Federal interests the anticipated feasibility study milestone schedules not later than 90 days after the date of execution of a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA).

The FCSA for the Flood Control District of Maricopa County for Cave Buttes Dam Feasibility Study was executed on August 13, 2024. Table 1 below provides the initial study schedule for three key milestones associated with the study (assuming an initial total study duration of no more than 3 years and a total study cost up to \$3 million).

KEY STUDY MILESTONE	INITIAL COMPLETION DATE
Release of Draft Feasibility Report	February 13, 2026
(CW250)	
District Transmittal of Final	March 13, 2027
Feasibility Report (CW160)	
Signed Chief's Report (CW270) or	August 13, 2027
Director's Report (CW269)	

A successfully Initial Scoping Meeting was conducted with you and members of your staff on 15 & 16 October. The meeting's findings are being incorporated into scope of work requirements and eventually into the study's Project Management Plan (PMP).

A draft PMP will be provided for your review and concurrence. Once the PMP is finalized and an updated schedule is approved by the study's vertical team, a letter with updated milestone dates will be provided to you in accordance with Section 1002 of WRRDA 2014.

Schedules are based on the assumption of full funding (Federal and non-Federal) over the course of the study. Up-to-date study schedules are posted and available to the public on the study website (https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/WRRDA-Water-Projects-and-Studies/). All schedules and missed deadlines, if any, will also be submitted as part of an annual report to Congress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Michael Tuttle, Los Angeles District, Phoenix Office, by email at michael.r.tuttle@usace.army.mil or by phone 602-671-5548.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Baker Colonel, U.S. Army

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