



SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FUND

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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FIRST A FEW HELPFUL ACRONYMS

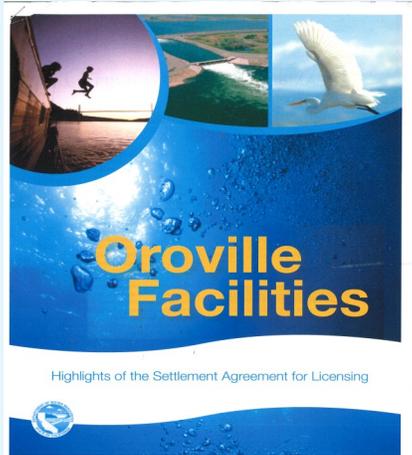
- ◆ DWR California Department of Water Resources
- ◆ FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- ◆ FRCP Feather River Conceptual Plan
- ◆ FRRPD Feather River Recreation & Park District
- ◆ Parties Local Municipalities, Groups, Agencies & Water Districts
- ◆ SA Settlement Agreement
- ◆ SBF Supplemental Benefits Fund
- ◆ SWC State Water Contractors
- ◆ SWP State Water Project



TIME-TABLE OF EVENTS

- ◆ 1935 Central Valley Project
- ◆ 1951 Feather River Project
- ◆ 1957 State Water Project
- ◆ 1957 Construction on the Oroville Dam begins
- ◆ 1957 Series of meetings with local representatives & multiple “promises” are made for recreation and economic improvements to the Oroville Community with many not kept
- ◆ 1957 FERC issues a fifty year operating license to DWR
- ◆ 1961 Oroville Dam dedicated, water begins a controlled flow south through a series of channels to benefit agriculture and the explosive growth of Southern California
- ◆ 2001 prior to the FERC license coming up for renewal a series of public meetings are held crafting what would be called the “Settlement Agreement”
- ◆ 2006 the Settlement Agreement is signed by over fifty stakeholders
- ◆ 2006 “Appendix B” of the SA is created to provide financial assistance beyond the boundaries of the FERC license to the Oroville Community
- ◆ 2007 the SBF is officially formed & holds it’s first meeting
- ◆ 2007—2025 DWR continues to operate on an interim license as the FERC long term license has not been approved

The SBF, depending on the FERC license term, may provide up to \$61,270,000 to the local community. To date, \$11,270,000, in up-front, good faith funds has been provided to the local community by DWR pending the final license approval. Additionally, DWR has committed to over One Billion Dollars to run and improve the Oroville Facilities within the FERCE boundaries over the length of the final approved license term.



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WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

Over fifty (50) stakeholders, after meeting and negotiating for about six years, entered in the Settlement Agreement for the purpose of resolving all issues that have or could have been raised by the parties in connection with FERC's order issuing a New Project License for the Oroville Facilities. While recognizing that several regulatory and statutory processes are not yet completed, it was the Parties' intention that the Settlement Agreement also resolves all issues that may arise in the issuance of all permits and approvals associated with the issuance of the New Project License, including but not limited to ESA Section 7 Biological Opinions, CWA Section 401 Certification, NEPA and CEQA. The Settlement agreement also enhances the mutual benefits of the Project for the Licensee, Project beneficiaries, local community, and all other parties. The State Water Contractors have also agreed to additionally fund a half-time Grant Writer, for up to 45 years, (1) to develop a grant assistance program aimed at securing funding in an amount equal or greater than the amount needed to keep pace with inflation.

The Settlement Agreement was made with the understanding that it constitutes a negotiated resolution of issues relating to the New Project License, operation of the Projects, and local community concerns related to the Project. (excerpts taken from the Settlement Agreement approved March 2006. The entire Settlement Agreement including a list of all stakeholders is available at: http://www.water.ca.gov/orovillere Licensing/docs/settlement_agreement/Settlement%20Agreement.pdf

(1) assumes 50 year license

WHO IS THE SBF FUND ADMINISTRATOR?

The City of Oroville was designated as and assumed the duties of Fund Administrator on the effective date of the Settlement Agreement. The Fund Administrator in essence acts as the "bank" for the SBF. The funds received from DWR are not the City's funds and are allocated based on the SBF Steering Committee's approval & direction.

WHERE DO THE SBF FUNDS COME FROM?

The funding for the SBF is from an assessment to individual water users of the State Water Project, these funds are not tax money, but rate payer money. Funding is transferred from the State Water Contractors to the DWR who then provides funding to the SBF.



SBF VISION STATEMENT

“Reconnecting the beauty and diversity of the Feather River with the community will be the primary component of projects approved by the SBF Steering Committee. The approved projects will provide additional recreational opportunities and economic benefits that enhance the lifestyle of the Oroville Region.”

How has the \$11,270,000 “upfront” funding been used?

2002	Riverbend Park Phase 1	(27%)	3,000,000.00
2002	Riverbend Park Phase 2	(20%)	2,200,000.00
2006 –2024	Large Projects / 20 funded	(33%)	3,771,998.00
2006 - 2024	Small Projects / 12 funded (12 funded)	(1%)	111,668.00
2006 - 2024	Economic Development (Chamber of Commerce & Event Coordinator)	(5%)	540,772.00
2006 - 2024	Studies (Required & optional)	(3%)	302,814.00
2006—2025	Administration	(11%)	1,315,837.00



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE ...

FEATHER RIVER CONCEPTUAL PLAN (FRCP)

“A vision for the future of the low flow channel of the Feather River”

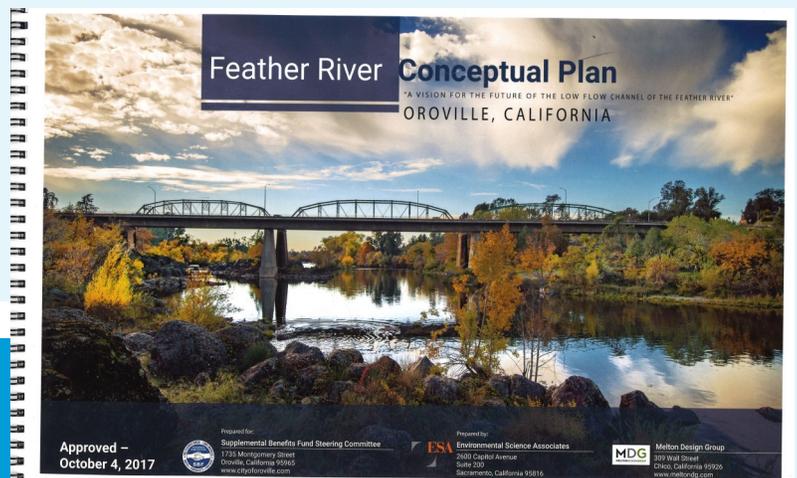
The FRCP was envisioned by the Supplemental Funds Steering Committee as a way to ...

“ consolidate into a single document all the best ideas from existing Oroville plans and possible future related projects, that might best improve the quality of life and stimulate economic development in the greater Oroville Region.”

Many projects might be collaboratively and synergistically implemented in coordination with the Department of Water Resources when the Oroville Project No 2100 is finally approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The FRCP is divided into six (6) “reaches” each identifying unique areas and possibilities:

- Reach 1: Diversion Pool
- Reach 2: Fish Barrier Pool
- Reach 3: Historic Downtown District
- Reach 4: Riverbend Park
- Reach 5: Oroville Wildlife Area
- Reach 6: Thermalito Forebay



SBF STEERING COMMITTEE

The SBF Steering Committee shall be the sole decision-maker, through majority vote of its voting members, for purposes of adopting the Regional Fund Strategic Plan, selecting proposed projects for funding and determining the level of funding appropriate for such projects. If the majority vote on any given measure, or action, results solely from the votes of a single agency, a majority plus one will be required for approval of the measure or action.

VOTING MEMBERS

City of Oroville (3 votes)

(City of Oroville Council Members appointed annually by the Mayor)

Feather River Recreation & Park District (2 votes)

(FRRPD Board Members appointed annually by the FRRPD Board Chairperson)

NON-VOTING/ADVISORY MEMBERS

Appointed by their respective agency with no set term limit.

- Department of Water Resources (1)
- State Water Contractors (1)
- California State Parks (1)
- Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce (1)
- American Rivers (1)
- California State Parks (1)

All public meetings are held starting at 2:00 P.M. in the City of Oroville Council Chambers. A special meeting (public) may be held any day or time with proper public notice. Public meetings were previously held quarterly, but changed to semi-annual in 2024 pending the FERC license approval for the Oroville Project NO 2100.



CURRENT REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 3rd Wednesday of January
- 3rd Wednesday of July

HELPFUL RESOURCE SITES

- City of Oroville
- Feather River Recreation & Park District
- Department of Water Resources
- State Water Contractors
- Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce
- American Rivers
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- California State Parks & Recreation
- California Department of Fish & Wildlife

- www.cityoforoville.org
- www.frrpd.com
- www.water.ca.gov
- www.swc.org
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- www.parks.ca.gov
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