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DATE: October 24, 2018
TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Ernest Klock, Operations Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM C-7: CEQA Process and Schedule Update – Next Gen Project

Recommended Action: Accept this report on the status of the CEQA process and schedule for the MERA Next Gen Project.

With the close of the public comment period on June 18, 2018 for the scoping portion of Next Gen Project Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), the project team has been working diligently on the development of the Draft SEIR. Special studies and investigations to inform the development of the Draft SEIR are ongoing and include, but are not limited to: Biological Surveys, Cultural Resource Studies, Radio Frequency Hazards Analyses, and Aesthetic Resources Analyses. Consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria have been initiated and we are working to address any concerns they may have with regard to the Next Gen System Project.

Additionally, the project team has been conducting informational presentations with stakeholder groups including the City of Mill Valley, the Tomales Design Review Board, and the Skyview Terrace neighborhood. Future stakeholder group informational meetings are scheduled for October or November with the Muir Beach community and the Marin County Office of Education for the Coyote Peak site. Additional outreach has also been conducted with National Park Service staff related to potential project impacts adjacent to Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands. The Draft SEIR is expected to be completed and open for public review at the end of 2018. Updates to the overall project schedule will be provided as we move closer to the close of the CEQA process.