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DATE: May 8, 2019
TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Ernest Klock, Operations Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM E-1: 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 complete and included, among others: Biological Surveys, Cultural Resource Studies, Radio Frequency Hazards Analyses, and Aesthetic Resources Analyses. Consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria has concluded, and the results will be outlined in the Draft SEIR.

The project team has conducted informational presentations with stakeholder groups including the City of Mill Valley, the Tomales Design Review Board, the Skyview Terrace neighborhood, the Marin County Office of Education for the Coyote Peak site and the Muir Beach community. Additional outreach has also been conducted with National Park Service staff related to potential project impacts adjacent to Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands, as well as Marin County Parks and Open Space for similar concerns. Both agencies have indicated support for the Next Gen Project.

The Draft SEIR is expected to be completed and open for public review in mid-2019. Several chapters of the Draft SEIR are undergoing final edits and are expected to be under project team review in the coming weeks. Updates to the overall project schedule will be provided as we move closer to the close of the CEQA process.